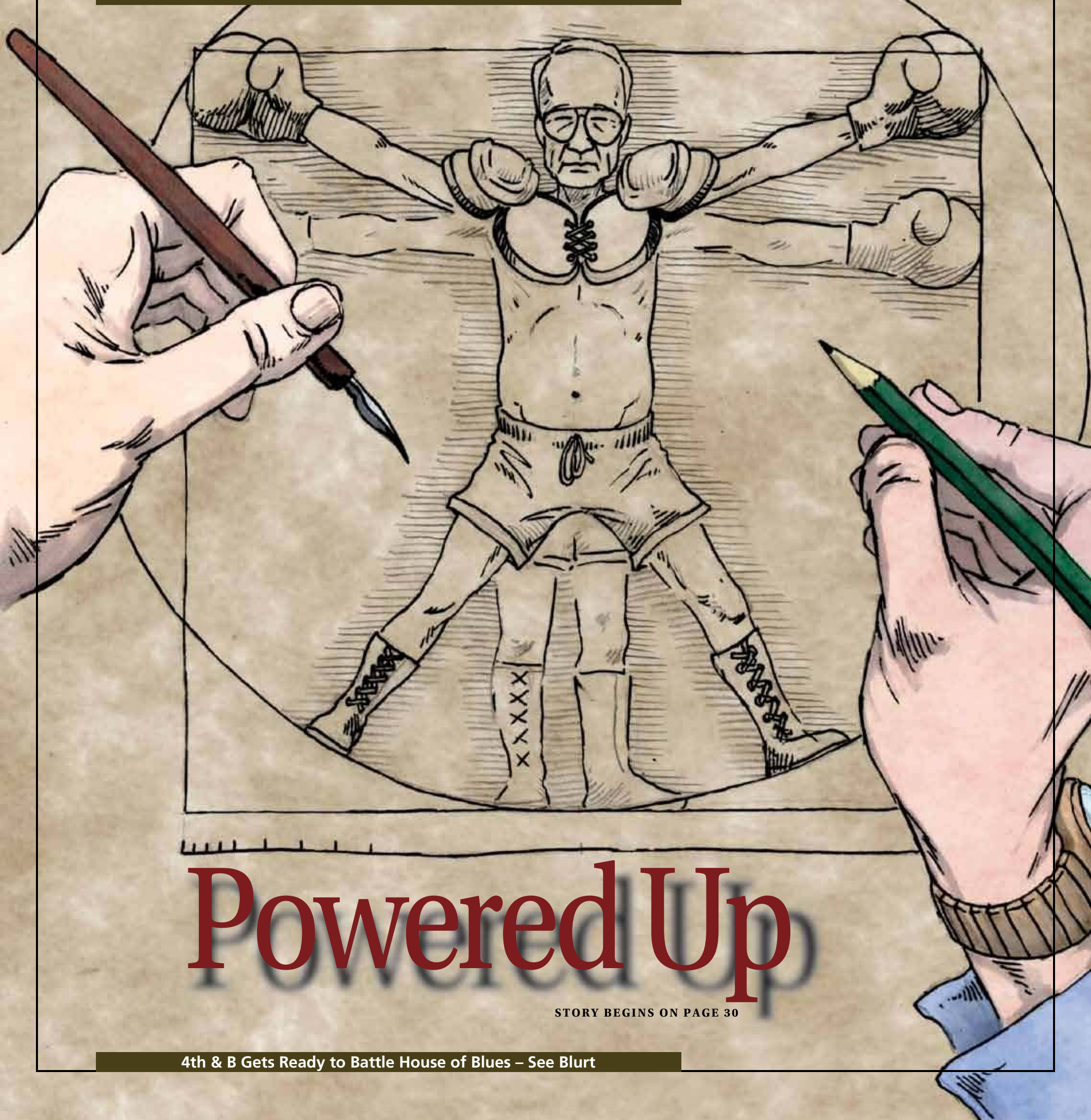


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Poetry Sharer

Thank you so much for publishing Kenneth Koch's poem "To Jewishness" and the review of Deborah Moore's *GI Jews* ("Poetry" and "Reading," January 20). I will share them with my friends and keep the poem in my PDF folder.

Lori Wyman
via e-mail

Crasher Defense

I'm here to defend Josh Board and once again praise his "Crasher" column. Regarding the "Crasher Anger" letter published January 20, the first thing I have to say is that if Ms. Snider's friend was visiting from the DC area, then of course he wouldn't pick up the *Reader* anymore. As for the fact that he became physically angry, well, I hope he didn't hurt anyone. All my friends enjoy Josh's column, as well as my 63-year-old father, retired lieutenant colonel, USMC. I think Mr. Board's use of the English language is entertaining. Keep up the good work, Josh. You have plenty of fans.

Krista Bruce
La Mesa

Anti-Homeless Jihad

Thank you for publishing the wonderful article by Joe Deegan on the Salvation Army and its conflicts with the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) over their programs to aid homeless people ("Why Not Allow Us to Help the Homeless?" "City Lights," January 20).

Deegan is to be congratulated for defying the hateful stereotypes ceaselessly invoked by city officials to justify their jihad against the homeless people downtown. In a city whose former mayor Susan Golding stated flat-out before the San Diego City Council that *all* homeless

people were either alcoholics, drug addicts, or mentally ill, we need more reporting like Deegan's to remind us that homelessness is something that can happen to anybody.

The idea that a city would make it illegal for a private organization to feed starving people on its own property is utterly outrageous and offensive to morals and common decency. The Salvation Army members have every right to follow the teaching of the founder of their religion and reach out to those in want, and it is high time the government and the rich, powerful downtown property owners got out of their way and allowed them to practice the social service their religious commitment demands.

Mark Gabrish Conlan
North Park

Daily Frustrations

I wish to congratulate Suzanne Deal on her interesting article entitled "I Had to Stop Drinking Liquids" ("City Lights," January 6). Although we know that a teacher's first responsibility is teaching children, not many of us know the problems and frustrations that many teachers go through on a daily basis.

She is to be congratulated for writing such an interesting and informative article.

As former teachers (retired), my husband and I are well aware of the situations that teachers encounter on a regular basis.

Colleen Crowson
Ocean Beach

Conspicuous Absence

It's been months since I've dined at Americana (Restaurant Review, January 13). A friend of my niece worked there for some time, and his behind-the-scenes take on how the restaurant was run left me a little unnerved. But I was eager to give the popular Del Mar eatery another shot after reading Ambrose Martin's detailed review. Martin ably and honestly captured what I consider to be the enjoyable aspects of Americana: deliciously ambitious food, a charming staff, and a welcoming, homey atmosphere in Del Mar. However, conspicuously absent from the review was the nature of the owner, who is

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Family jewels In November, UCSD announced that 56-year-old **Judith L. Swain** had been named the first director of the College of Integrated Life Sciences (COILS) at a reported starting salary of \$275,000. According to a university news release, the new college features "an innovative multidisciplinary program designed to facilitate the translation of biomedical research into new drugs and technologies." Loosely translated, that means molecular cardiologist Swain, who has an identical twin, **Julie** — also a physician and college prof — is in charge of helping university researchers collect big bucks by licensing their patents to drug companies. Critics are concerned that all that emphasis on making money may hurt pure research efforts and tempt the university to go easy on violators of scientific ethics, but UCSD says not to worry. "All the research and discovery happening in the labs at UCSD doesn't do any good if it can't get out to the public," **Ed Holmes**, the university's health sciences vice chancellor and dean of medicine, told the *Union-Tribune* when COILS was first unveiled back in September 2003. "It isn't enough to just cure cancer in the mouse anymore. We want to move the science into the clinic and cure it in humans."

Swain, a 1974 UCSD med-school grad, is a former professor and chair of the department of medicine at Stanford and is expected to use her connections to land lucrative grants from the state's \$3 billion taxpayer-financed stem-cell research operation. The stem-cell ballot measure passed by voters in November has already triggered a gold rush of researchers heading for UCSD and other California campuses. But Swain's arrival here, which went unheralded in the *Union-Tribune*, has already prompted some in-house grumbling at UCSD. Though the university release didn't say so in its announcement, it turns out Swain has been married for 25 years to vice chancellor Holmes, who arrived at UCSD in the summer of 2000. (At that time, a UCSD press release about Holmes noted his marriage to Swain.) When he first came aboard, Holmes was given a base salary of \$300,000, along with another \$135,000 as a member of the school's "health science compensation plan" for a total of \$450,000. He was also provided with a \$75,000 relocation allowance and made eligible for "additional non-base building incentive pay of up to 20 percent of annual base salary to be awarded annually based on meeting performance objectives." And shortly after his wife took her new post, Holmes was named to the "Independent Citizens Oversight Committee" that will oversee how the state's stem-cell research money will be spent.

Overtime pay A recent public records act request to the City of San Diego by the Performance



Carl DeMaio

Institute's **Carl DeMaio** has unearthed a wealth of information on what city workers are really getting paid versus what the city budget says they are supposed to make. Ex-city manager **Mike Ueberuaga** topped the list at \$225,734, followed close behind by an

unidentified fire captain who made \$111,189 plus another \$81,288 in overtime for a total of \$192,478. Though the city salary schedule lists outgoing mayoral honcho **John Kern** as making \$169,225, the records, dated June 9 of last year, have him in third place, picking up a whopping \$191,592. An unidentified fire battalion chief



Bruce Herring

combined \$121,000 in salary with \$66,234 in overtime to place fourth with a total of \$187,252. Fifth came another soon-to-leave worker, the ever-loyal deputy city manager **Bruce Herring**, at \$183,269. Ex-city attorney **Casey Gwinn** was next with \$180,365 ... Watch for De-



Arnold Schwarzenegger

Maio to sponsor a series of ballot measures in the coming months designed to force the city council into cleaning up its financial act. They could appear on an October special-election ballot that may also feature those reapportionment and budget-reform measures being pushed by Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. Chamber of

commerce political operatives are also said to be mulling their own ballot options, and recall talk is in the wind, no matter who ultimately winds up as mayor ... San Diego has shown up on a long Brookings Institution list of cities with convention centers that "have been effectively insulated from the vagaries of city politics and much public input."

American way California attorney general **Bill Lockyer** wants San Diego developer **Irving Okovita** to stop suing three forest-service workers and an environmentalist who have stymied his efforts to build luxury condos in a bald-eagle habitat near Big Bear. In December, Okovita sued the four — two forest-service scientists, a supervisor, and a neighborhood resident — charging that they had used an environmental group, the "Friends of Fawnskin," as a "racketeering enterprise" in an illegal conspiracy to block his proposed 132-unit Marina Point development. The forest service says that the property includes a stand of pine trees that serves as winter habitat for the eagles, but Okovita maintains his property rights are being illegally taken away. Democrat Lockyer weighed in earlier this month by sending a letter to Okovita asserting that the federal anti-racketeering law that the case was filed under was being used by powerful interests against private citizens to suppress "legitimate First Amendment activity." If he doesn't withdraw it, Lockyer threatened to file a friend-of-court brief against him. Okovita did not return calls.

— Matt Potter

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EEEEK!

By Don Bauder

San Diego's "EEEEK" shriek was *not*, unfortunately, the "EEEEK" heard round the world or the country or county

or city or even city hall, where it should have set off a cry, "The Red Ink Is Coming!" Nobody acted on the economic warning — even Mayor Dick Murphy, with his undergraduate degree in economics, his master's in business administration from

when San Diego began making bad decisions that ultimately led to the current pension crisis.

In 2001, San Diego had a rule: if its pension system fell below an 82.3 percent funded ratio, the city would have to plunk hundreds of millions

sioned last year.

On October 11, 2001, Terri Webster, then assistant to auditor Ed Ryan and now acting auditor and comptroller, lamented in an e-mail to another city official that portfolio earnings as of August 31 were "\$15 million compared to \$53 million same time 2000...a 71 percent drop! BEFORE 9-11-01!" (Stocks had taken another big hit after 9/11, but those results had not been reported to her yet.) She went on to say that the pension fund had "to build its equity and halt cost increases to ride through the

In an e-mail from Terri Webster to Deputy City Manager Cathy Lexin, dated October 11, 2001 and cogently titled "EEEEK," Ms. Webster stated to her fellow SDCERS Board member:

YTD SDCERS earnings as of August 31, 2001 in the SDCERS Trust fund is about \$15m compared to \$53M same time 2000... a 71% drop! BEFORE 9-11-01! It will be tight to even meet the base undistributed earnings distributions for FY 02 (i.e., 13th Check, Corbett, etc.). I hope meet and confer negotiations result in returning as much of the \$100 million as possible to employer reserves because the Trust Fund really need[s] to build its equity and halt cost increases to ride through the next few years and keep a fiscally sound funding ratio.²⁴⁹

From Vinson & Elkins report

Harvard, and his Stanford law degree. Now the city is beset with a \$2 billion pension/health-care deficit and is under federal and local investigation for concealing it. The city can't sell bonds, so its infrastructure continues to rot.

"EEEEK." The word was first e-mailed in October of 2001 but, in fact, should have been shouted as early as 1990,

of dollars into the workers' pot. That pot was in jeopardy: the stock market had been in a downspiral since early 2000. "By late 2001, city officials began to fear that these plummeting [investment] returns were likely to pull [the pension system's] funded ratio below the 82.3 percent floor," says the Vinson & Elkins report, which the city commis-

next few years."

The title of her e-mail: "EEEEK."

Ryan — who abruptly resigned early last year — and Webster were "conduits to Murphy," says Mike Aguirre,

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Neal Obermeyer



A Lot of People Get Electrocuted

By Ernie Grimm

Fifteen or 20 miles east of downtown Tijuana, on the toll road to Tecate, neighborhoods of roughly paved streets and concrete houses give way to dirt roads running amid shacks made of pallets, plywood, and old garage doors. Giant advertising banners cover many of these shacks, transforming them into inadvertent roadside billboards for Budweiser and Tecate beers. It's an odd sight. Even odder — to American eyes, at least — is the sight of dozens of red, green, black, and white electrical wires lying in the grass or suspended

from makeshift wooden supports tied to fence posts. As children play and goats graze nearby, these wires, illegally strung by the local residents, carry electricity from government power lines — sometimes hundred of yards away — to the surrounding hovels. The electrocutions that these wires have caused in the past have earned them the nickname *diablitos* — little devils — from the locals who live among them.



Javier Larios Castañeda

Officials in the Tijuana zone of the Federal Commission of Electricity find themselves playing the role of Sisyphus when it comes to combating this illegal consumption of electricity in the city's outlying settlements. "Right now," says Javier Larios Castañeda, superintendent of the zone, "we have something like 50,000 illegal connections, despite the fact that we are constantly performing operations to take away these connections. As soon as we finish disconnecting the wires, the people are out there climbing the power poles, connecting new lines, and rolling the wire to wherever their houses are."

Larios, a tall, rugged-looking man with thinning hair and a graying mustache, leans forward from his seat on the leather couch in his 15- x20-foot office. He's sharply dressed in a black shirt over pressed charcoal slacks and black loafers sporting shiny buckles. "One day," he continues with an ironic chuckle, "we confiscated nearly ten tons of wire. In hours, they were back up."

Though it's the usual method, climbing poles and splicing into live power lines isn't the only way electricity is stolen in Tijuana. "The other way," Larios explains,



Illegal power connections, eastern area of Tijuana

"is done by people with whom we have a contract to provide electricity. But they redirect the wires to take the power before it gets to the meter. It's easier to catch people doing this. We have a permanent program checking the services and the meters of all the users. And if we detect any kind of irregularity, their service is cut. And then we report them for prosecution."

He adds, "They are damaging a means of communication — that's the term we use — which is a federal crime."

The Tijuana zone of the Federal Commission of Electricity — known as the CFE in Mexico — would love to

put an end to illicit consumption of electricity for a few reasons. One is the effect that it has on the quality of service. "Sometimes," Larios, an electrical engineer, explains, "the circuit breakers in nearby houses of our paying customers who have legal connections will pop because of dips and surges in the power caused by illegal connections. So the electrical systems of our paying customers get damaged by all these other people when they hook on or hook off illegally."

Illegal consumption, Larios says, affects more than the quality of power for paying customers. It affects the cost. "We know how much power

we get from our wholesalers. And we know how much we bill our customers for. There's a 12 percent differential. The Federal Commission of Electricity has to absorb that loss. That's why we're doing these operations: to try to stop illicit taking of electricity."

But the biggest reason, Larios says, is the risk of electrocution. He points to the windows of his office, which the January rain pelts from the outside. "Particularly in weather like this, a lot of people get electrocuted — young children, older people, and animals too."

Larios explains, "A lot of these wires are laid in places where cars are driving over them all of the time. When the ground is dry, it's bad enough. But when it's wet, the cover on the wire starts to come loose and they peel. Then you have a lot of kids playing on the ground in puddles. They are barefoot and they make contact with the peeled cables, and that is how they can get electrocuted."

Every year, Larios says, five to ten such accidents are reported, though he suspects there are more that never get reported. He also points out that stepping on the wires isn't the only way to get electrocuted. "Our high-tension wires carry 13,800 volts. Then there are transformers, which lower that to between 120 and 140 volts. That's what the low-tension wires carry. It's after the transformer that these people connect their wires. But some people don't understand that, and they try to connect to the high-tension



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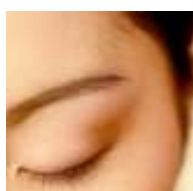
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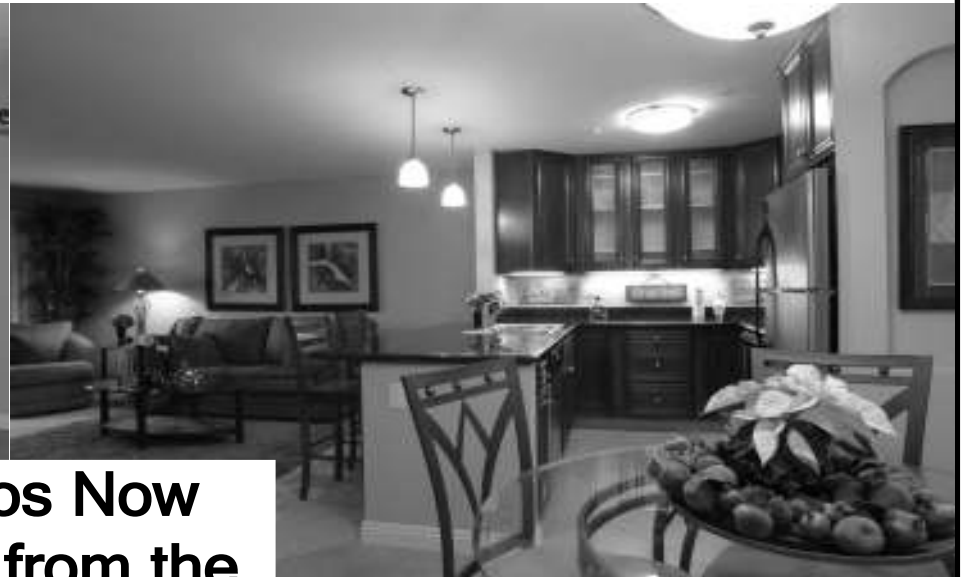
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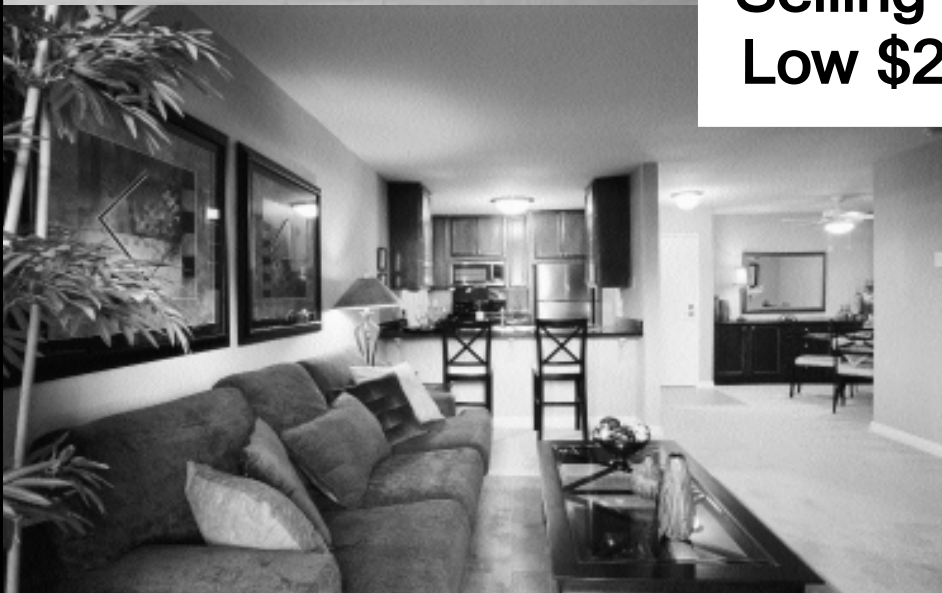
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city attorney. "Ryan and Webster were both staffing the blue-ribbon commission," which was preparing a paper on city finances for the mayor. On February 12, 2002,

the actuary reported officially that the system had been only 89.9 percent funded in mid-2001. But more than two weeks later, on February 27, the blue-ribbon commission said in a report to a city-council committee that the

system was 97 percent funded. On April 15, 2002, the full city council got the report, which stated the 97 percent figure.

It was not credible. The stock market had continued dropping after the "EEEEK"

memo six months earlier. The folks with the blue ribbons seemed oblivious. "The commission doesn't say anything about the contents of the 'EEEEK' memo," notes Aguirre.

He has unearthed other

documents showing that in mid-February of 2002, people connected with the pension system were concerned that the pot was getting down close to that 82.3 percent trigger.

There was something else

going on that suggests that city officials weren't simply blind or in denial about the pension deficit: they were deliberately distorting information. The ballpark bonds were coming out. From conception forward, ballpark discussions and projections had been marked by institutional dishonesty. The ballpark bond prospectus came out on February 14, 2002, two weeks before the blue-ribbon commission report.

The Vinson & Elkins study notes that Ryan had provided some information on pension woes to the blue-ribbon commission. "The ballpark official statement, however, dated February 14, 2002, overlapped with Mr. Ryan's work on behalf of the blue-ribbon commission, yet makes no mention of these issues," says the report.

The blue-ribbon commission report warned of underfunding in general terms but used rosy numbers that were out of date. "Why didn't the commission warn of an impending trigger?" asks attorney Michael Conger, who successfully sued the city over the pension issue in a suit settled last year. "It's like having your house inspected, and the inspector doesn't notice that you don't have a roof."

In spring of 2002, armed with rosy, outdated information, the city concluded labor negotiations with three of its municipal unions. The basic retirement benefit would zoom 25 percent over two years. Pension-board member Diann Shipione warned that the city was headed over the cliff. The auditor was nervous about the underfunding. But in November of 2002, 13 months after the "EEEEK" memo, with the stock market still cratering, both the council and pension board approved the measure boosting the benefits while continuing the underfunding and eliminating the balloon payment that would have to be made when the trigger was hit. Shipione and another pension-board member opposed it. Councilmember Donna Frye was the sole opponent in council chambers.

"Did the auditor keep the information from Murphy?" asks Aguirre. I would ask some further questions: was Murphy even aware that the second-worst bear market

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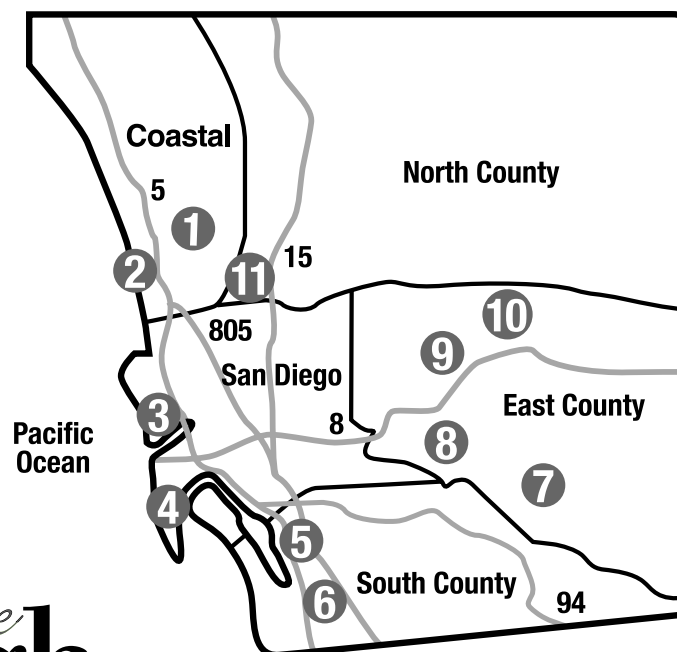
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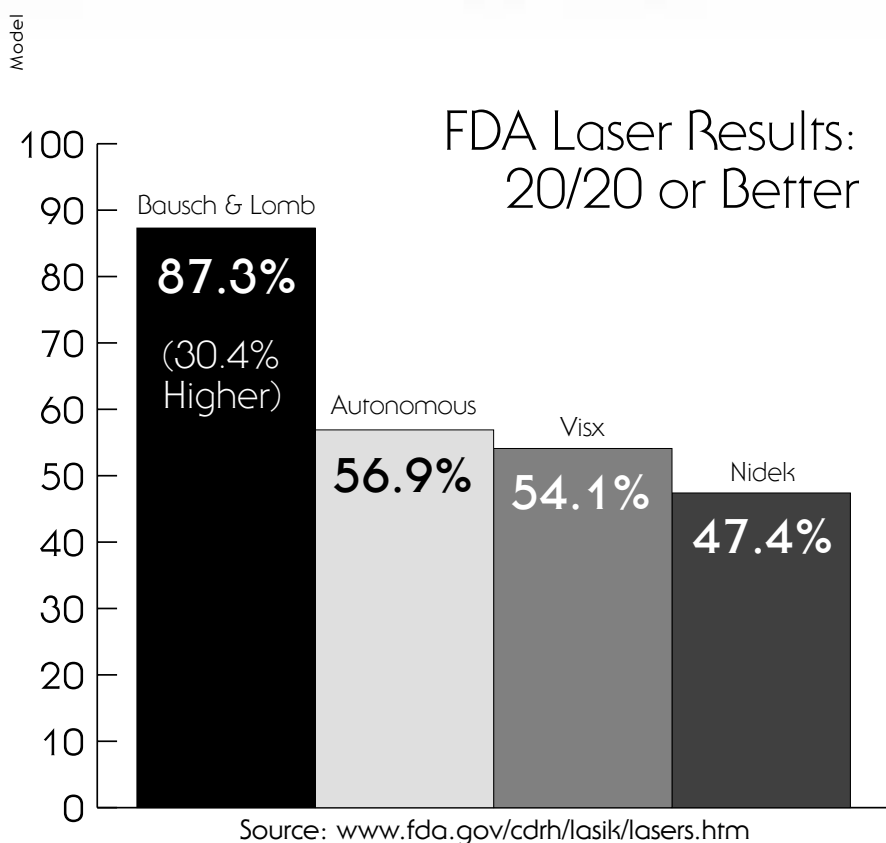
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since the Great Depression was going on? And short of a miraculous turnaround, that it would certainly push the funding ratio below 82.3 percent? And the city would have to chip in \$500 million in 2004 and 2005? And that this money was nowhere in sight? Was he afraid that revelation of these matters would burst the ballpark euphoria or turn off ballpark-bond buyers? Did anyone teach him at Harvard Business School that higher payouts and lower pay-ins can lead to deficits?

While stocks and the pension system's funded ratio plummeted, did anyone take Murphy aside and shout, "EEEEK"? If not, why not? With his educational background in business and economics, did he really have to be told? Aguirre and federal investigators are probing the key question: who knew what when?

Actually, somebody should have been shouting "EEEEK" 15 years ago. As Shipione explains, the system was funded by local taxes un-

til Prop. 13 came along in 1978. The city then shifted gears and by 1981 had a new, more tightfisted pension plan. But by 1990, "All the employees who had been hired under the 1981 plan had been rolled into the older, more generous plan. That created a larger deficit," she explains.

So in the early 1990s, the books were cooked. In calculating contributions, the city shifted from the conservative Entry Age Normal plan to the permissive Projected Unit Credit method. The latter plan, seldom used by other municipalities, "bumps the funded ratio up and artificially reduces employers' and employees' contributions," says Shipione. In subsequent years, the pension system kept saying it wanted to return to Entry Age Normal but never did. Hence, realistically, the funded ratios were even lower than reported. Last Friday, the actuary reported that in 2004, the funded ratio plunged to 65.8 percent. Under Entry Age Normal, it would have been 62.3 percent.

Throughout the 1990s, employees got fatter benefits. One was the Purchase Service Credit program. Employees could buy five years' worth of retirement benefits. Trouble is, they bought the benefits at steep discounts — for example, councilmembers were paying less than one-third of the cost that would have been actuarially neutral. "It was a gift of public funds," says Dave Wood, one of the plaintiffs in the pension suit against the city settled last year. The pension system lost \$56 million after this windfall was enacted in 1996, according to Vinson & Elkins. Last year, the city actuary reported that 2983 city employees had purchased 13,302 years of "permissive" service since the program began.

In 1997 came the so-called "temporary" adoption of the quintessential double-dipping program: the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, in which employees get double their pay in their last five years and then can retire with both a lump sum and a monthly paycheck. (Try asking for that in the private sec-

tor.) It was made permanent in 2002, retroactive to 2000.

City employees, on average, make more than \$50,000 a year. The average civilian San Diegan (including government workers) makes less than \$40,000. City workers have civil-service protection and get early and generous retirements. There are not adequate funds to pay for such munificence, but the politically powerful workers' unions will fight to retain these benefits. EEEK. ■

Electrocuted

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sion wires. And they get electrocuted."

Electrocution isn't the only way the *diablos* can kill. "They cause fires," Larios says. "The majority of the homes are made out of old wooden garage doors and whatever wood they can find. And they simply put the cables directly through the wall — no conduit or anything. When there is any kind of wind or breeze, it moves the cables, and the covers slowly wear off, and that provokes the fire."

After a thoughtful pause, Larios adds, "We want people to stop taking these risks."

Though his agency employs a full-time crew to disconnect and confiscate the illegal connections, Larios says they'll never be able to stop it. "It's a social problem," he says. "The three levels of government — federal, state, and municipal — simply don't have the capacity to provide the service to cover the demand that all these people have. A recent report that the state and the municipal government did said the city grows, regularly and irregularly, an average of about ten acres a day."

Why does Larios bother sending a crew to disconnect the illegal connections? "Because we have to take video evidence that we're trying to do something about it," he explains. "Because if somebody dies, they could accuse CFE of homicide. So we take video of ourselves removing these illicit connections. It's a way to fight any kind of lawsuit claiming that we are responsible for someone getting electrocuted."

Because he believes the problem is social, Larios believes the solution should be social. "One of the possible options being considered," he says, "is, because the problem is caused by all the migration by people from Sinaloa, Zacatecas, Jalisco, that maybe Baja California could possibly get money from those states to help out and cover the losses. Because these are people that are from those states."

But even in the unlikely event that those states send money along with their migrants, the Federal Commission of Electricity would have trouble spending it on electrifying the outlying neighborhoods; the land they occupy is usually owned by somebody else, and determining just who that somebody is can be a decades-long legal process. "One *colonia* called Maclovio Rojas," Larios says, "has been established for ten years. But they're still arguing about who owns it. Until an owner is legally established, we can't provide the electrical service. We can't bring power to squatters." ■



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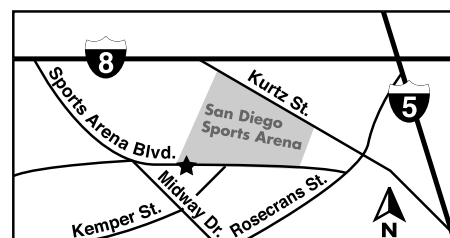
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Local Boy Makes Good II

Continuing with Conway Bowman, professional fisherman, owner of Bowman Bluewater Guide Service, cohost of ESPN2's *In Search of Fly Water*, and longtime San Diego City Lakes employee, now harvesting his paycheck at Lake Hodges.

For readers who have no idea what San Diego City Lakes is, the agency tree goes like this: City of San Diego/Water Department/City Lakes and Recreation. City Lakes is the optimistic term for the nine reservoirs that store San Diego's water. Introducing, for your educational enrichment, lakes Barrett, El Capitan, San Vicente, Hodges, Miramar, Murray, Lower Otay, Upper Otay, and Sutherland.

Bowman, 38, was born and brought up in San Diego. His father was a teacher, back in the days when teaching was a good job. Dad had the wit to hie his family to Idaho every summer, where Conway, from the age of six, learned the craft of fishing. This led to fly-fishing for bass in San Diego City Lakes, which led to fly-fishing for mako sharks in the Pacific.

Mako sharks got him on TV. Bowman was doing something new. Saltwater fly-fishing was perfect for this *extreme sports* moment in sports entertainment. "Mako shark is an extreme, crazy fish," Bowman says. "There's the potential that fish will kill you. They run anywhere from 50 to 250 pounds. They're super fast and jump out of the water, which makes them great for fly-fishing."

Somebody wrote an article about Bowman and mako sharks in *Men's Journal*. Months later, two ESPN producers, "I think they were drunk," Bowman says, were "flying back from somewhere" and saw the piece. They happened to be producers for an on-air ESPN fly-fishing show, *Cabela's Sportsman's Quest*, and decided to do a show featuring Conway and his mako sharks. Turned out, Conway was the guide for the show's regular host. Turned out, a big-deal ESPN executive saw the show and said, "Jeez, why don't we get *that guy* to host a show for us."

I should tell you that Conway's career path is typical. In fact, this is *exactly* how civilians make their way into TV and movies. I called, we talked, I wanted to know if his one appearance as guide was enough to secure a job.

"I shot another show with them," Conway says, "fly-fishing for trout in Idaho. Idaho's where I learned how to fly-fish. I knew the water and the fish. I shined. At the end of each day I sat down with the producer and recapped the experience: 'Okay, I had to make a 50-foot cast, the fish came up, I

missed him. Then, another cast, he hit, but I lost him. Finally, on the third cast, boom, he was there.' I got the job."

It was written long ago.

"I'm not kidding you," Conway laughs. "And my boss at City Lakes is supportive; he's a big fly-fisherman, a big outdoorsman. He said, 'That's great, go for it.' So I built up my annual leave and used furlough time. ESPN was accommodating, respecting my job. They said, 'Okay, cool,' and worked out a schedule. To this day, I work for the city."

Daddy Bowman didn't raise a fool. Let's see, what else? "I have a broadcast schedule of your shows and a location where each one was shot. As far as locations, I see two Seychelles Flats, three Belizes, two Argentinas, one Louisiana, one Bahamas, and two Quebecs. Which ones are you in?"

"I went to Belize," Bowman says, "didn't go to Argentina. After that, Wyoming, I believe."

"Don't see Wyoming." I look over the sheet again. "I see Argentina, Louisiana... Hold it. Louisiana. Is that where you caught the 41-pounder?"

"That's where I caught the world-record redfish."

"On TV?" He's going to say yes.

"They worked it into a show later on."

This is a man on one king-hell of a roll. "Do they pay you much, or is it, 'We're giving you all this publicity, be happy.'?"

"Let's put it this way: I keep my day gig. They fly you all over the world and put you up in great places. There's a day fee, but I'm not making a ton per day. The publicity is great. Unfortunately, the show is shown at four o'clock in the morning on the West Coast. On the East Coast, when I go back, people kind of know who I am. Out here, people don't know what I do or who I am, which is nice."

"Two years on TV is a good run. When will you hear about a third year?"

"I don't know what the status is with the third year," Bowman says. "I came in as a replacement for the original host. I think he pulled the rock-star attitude, wanted more money." Silence. "It's funny, people think they're big movie stars, they'll walk around like they want to sign autographs. They don't understand it's just fishing."

"You don't have your own director's chair?"

"Shit, no. I can fish, I can talk, I get along with the crew."

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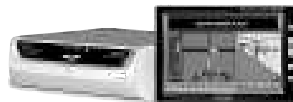
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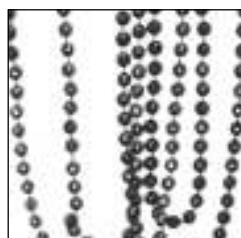
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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Lutheran

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Founded locally: 1946

Pastor: Interim senior pastor Paul Thomton

Congregation size: 750 members

Staff size: 5 full-time, 3 part-time

Sunday school enrollment: 15

Annual budget: \$700,000

Weekly giving: \$13,500

Singles program: third Sunday of the month

Dress: business-casual to dressy

Diversity: white

Sunday worship: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Length of reviewed service: 1 hour

Website: www.christpb.org

"Pacific Beach is a mission field. It is a difficult place to do ministry. The majority of people here are college-aged or post-college. Many are in rebellion against parents, government, and church. Their interests are surfing and partying; they don't have time for church," Pastor Paul Thomton told me.

I asked Pastor Thomton how his church reached out to PB. "We are building a community center for seniors," Thomton replied. "We have an event five to six times a year called 'Music Mosaics.' These are concerts with high-class music, such as a choir and organist. We have also talked about having an open gym." Thomton said the church had attracted some of the younger crowd. "The previous pastor was 30 years old; he surfed and brought in a younger crowd," said Thomton. That pastor left in early 2004, when he moved to Bend, Oregon, to pastor a church.

Outside, a white banner hangs on the white stucco walls of Christ Lutheran Church. The banner welcomes "Saints, Sinners, and Surfers." "Lutheran's basic focus is on salvation by grace through faith. We teach a lot on God's unconditional love," remarked Thomton. "In contrast to this, Catholics believe that you participate in your salvation by your activities."

Inside the church building, white walls rise up to the arched ceiling. Five stained-glass windows, two-feet-by-six-feet tall, illustrate events in Jesus' ministry. Events include Jesus being baptized, teaching, and His gathering children to Him. Below the arches, on either side, brick walls with stained-glass windows depict moments in church history. The images include that of Luther in 1517 posting his 95 Theses on the church doors in Wittenberg. On each arch, one-foot candles in glass sconces line the walls.

At the 9 a.m. service, 100 people sat on the cushioned wood pews. A few families attended. Two-thirds of the congregation was elderly.

The organist played Bach's "Tocatta, Adagio and Fugue in C Major" as the prelude to service. After a welcome, responsive reading, and

time of confession, the congregation sang "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" in preparation for the sermon.

Pastor Thomton's 15-minute sermon, "Healings, Cures, and Remedies," spoke about God's desire to heal people. "Jesus preached about how much God loved [humanity]. Jesus healed, cast out demons, and raised people from the dead. Jesus wants all of us to be healed," said Thomton. The sermon discussed physical, emotional, and spiritual sickness. "God has given enough people in this church the gift of healing. How much suffering has gone on that we could have healed if we had used these gifts?" Thomton concluded by inviting people to come forward to receive healing oil during communion, "You may not be physically healed, but ultimately we have the cure of Jesus forgiving our sins. We will live healthy lives forever. Isn't that a miracle?"

After the sermon, the offering was collected while the congregation sang "Healer of Our Every Ill." The Apostle's Creed was recited. Next, the lights were dimmed for communion. Two lines formed for people to partake of communion. A man, mumbling to himself, entered the building. This man appeared homeless. The man got in line for communion after two people encouraged him to participate.

After service, people gathered around a fountain on a palm-tree-lined patio. Congregants socialized as they drank coffee and juice. A table held a sign-up sheet for an interfaith shelter the church participates in. I spoke to a woman named Jennifer, who served as part of the church council. Jennifer told me the church council consisted of 12 members representing every age group. Jennifer spoke about her involvement in providing a weekly liturgy booklet for service. "We wanted to

make the service more accessible. A lot of people don't know the reasons why we have the liturgy we do. This booklet explains each step of our service."

Pastor Paul Thomton serves as the interim pastor. I asked what his congregation would look for in a pastor. "Someone with 4 years of college, 4 years of seminary, and 15 years' experience in other churches," said Thomton. Thomton told me the process of finding and naming a new pastor takes about one year.

I ended my conversation with Pastor Thomton by asking, "What happens after a person dies?" "[The Lutheran denomination] believes that all believers in Jesus Christ that are baptized will go to heaven. Those who do not want to be with God will not be in heaven," explained Thomton. "As for my beliefs, I believe God loves us all and only those who choose not to be with Him or Her will not be in heaven. I know I am going to heaven through Jesus, but I'm not going to say that a Buddhist or Muslim won't be there either. I believe God is a loving god."

— Drew E. Goodmansson



PASTOR PAUL THOMTON

**Christ Lutheran Church
Pacific Beach**

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Sermon

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delivery.....★^{1/2}

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.....★★

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Dear Saffron,

I'm 26 and have dated a lot. I've never met anybody I was serious about until now. She's 24, smart, funny, considerate, sensitive, and pretty — an admirable person whose company I love. So far there's nothing about her I don't like...except one habit that spooks me. The first time I was at her house, I noticed stuffed animals on her bed. I thought this odd but didn't say anything. I didn't know her that well. We've been seeing each other for three months now, so I finally asked, "What's with the stuffed animals?" She blushed and said she likes to sleep with them. When I'm not there, apparently, she sleeps hugging a stuffed cat, elephant, or bear. She seems together and grown up in every other way, and has an interesting, responsible job, but isn't sleeping with stuffed animals too juvenile for a person of her age? Does this mean she has underlying psychological problems? Maybe because she saw me looking freaked out, she said, "I know it's silly and babyish, but it doesn't hurt anybody, and I find it comforting. It's my little secret." Both her parents died when she was a kid and an aunt and uncle raised her with their two children as part of their family. Do you think that might have something to do with it? Am I falling for a nutcase? Should I cut this off before I get too attached to this woman who may still be a little girl at heart?

WORRIED EL CAJON ROMEO

Dear Romeo,

I don't think you should end this relationship or think less of Ms. Dreamboat just because she has a few furry friends. We all have idiosyncrasies. Is there nothing you do behind closed doors that someone else might find odd? Take it slow and get to know each other better. If you continue to love and respect this woman, and a soft spot for stuffed pandas turns out to be her worst character flaw, consider yourself a lucky guy.

Dear Saffron,

My father-in-law is a sweet, decent man. I feel fortunate that I usually get along with him well. But he keeps trying to strong-arm my husband and I into attending more family events than we can manage. My husband and I are in law school. We both have heavy class loads and the amount of studying required is staggering. We also both hold down part-time jobs. My husband's dad is the patriarch of a large, close family. He doesn't seem to "get" that while my husband and I try not to miss major events like birthdays and Christmas, we may not be able to attend every single lunch, brunch, tea, recital, and basketball game that he and some of the rest

of the clan have time to go to. Whenever my husband and I tell him we'll have to miss some family gathering, he gets on our case, relentlessly sending us e-mails harping on our impending absence. We politely explain we have a class or have to study, but this seems to be meaningless to him. He feels, I guess, that family rates so high above every other obligation that we should cut class or whatever in order to conform to the family schedule. He gets so bossy about this I can hardly stand it. My husband agrees with me, but would rather die than hurt or rile his dad so he never tells him to lighten up. My patience is waning. Is there any way I can get my father-in-law to quit hassling us when we say we have to miss some family soirée?

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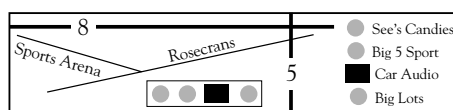
Dads get accustomed to being obeyed. Now the tables have turned, as they inevitably do, and this dad has to realize that his grown kids and kids-in-law have full lives and are not always able to oblige him. You're going to have to wear him down. This will take time and more patience, I'm afraid. Be gentle, firm, and consistent. Let dad know that you regret your unavoidable absences. Of course you want to be with him and the rest of the family, but sometimes you have to bow out of Aunt Tillie's supper so you don't flunk out of school. Help him understand that by working your butts off in law school you're making a serious investment in your future security — something you know he'd approve of. Tell him you'd appreciate his support for your efforts at this stressful time in your lives...meaning you'd like him to cheer you guys on, not grouse endlessly every time you have to study or work.

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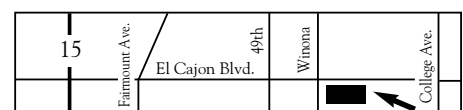
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SINGLES SCENE by Andrea McGinty, founder of It's Just Lunch

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The ideal date, she decided, was a lunch date. The company's premise is simple: a dating service based on personalized screening and a painless meeting with her to determine whether she had the type of people the client would like to meet. The dating service caters to an upscale audience, Ms. McGinty explained. Nearly 95% have college degrees; many are lawyers, doctors, bankers, teachers, entrepreneurs and business executives.

After a client calls for information, a one-hour meeting is set up with a Director to discuss the type of person they'd like to meet. A wide array of topics are covered: age, education, background, hobbies, interests, people they've dated in the past and their goals. Within 48 hours, the company calls to tell the client all about their first date. The service handles all of the information in a confidential manner — while both people will know a lot about each other, last names and phone numbers are not given. It's up to the clients to do so after they have met—and most of them do exchange phone numbers and make plans to get together again. Then, they check in with the company and give feedback on the date. Ms. McGinty smiles and confesses to being a romantic at heart. "It's an absolute blast," she says. "And I believe there's absolutely somebody for everyone."



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The upscale service arranges lunch dates for well-educated professionals in a civilized and discreet manner. "When I first heard of the company, I thought, this makes logical sense," Mr. Dolan said. "Working at a law firm or investment bank and being totally focused on the partner track, who has time to date? It makes sense to hire someone to do all the work."

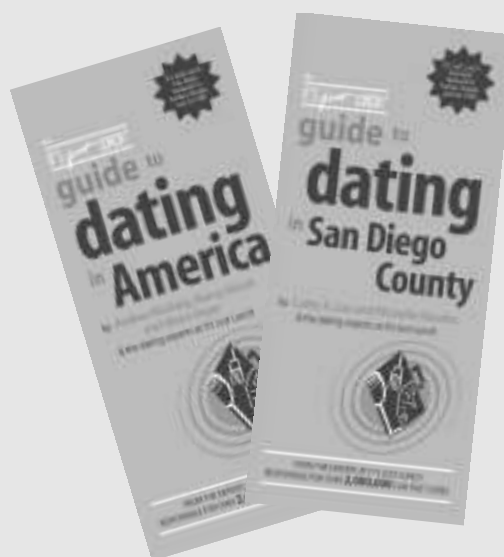
Many It's Just Lunch clients are lawyers or business people — busy, successful men and women who want to be in relationships but don't have time to meet people. Mr. Dolan became convinced It's Just Lunch was the opportunity he was looking for when he discovered that many of his co-workers and clients had been using the service for years. He looks like he is having a blast. "Yes, my friends are all jealous," he laughs.

47% of singles would not be interested in accepting a first date on Valentine's Day.

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Even when I score a victory in the bulge battle, age and children do their work — a stretch mark on the hips, a sag in the belly. My best gal pal Bernice and I commiserate. Maybe that's why she asked me to help with her Valentine's Day project. She wanted to give saucy photos to her husband Frank, and she asked me to work the camera. I care far too much about her to let her suffer my clumsy snapshots. So I offered to find a pro, someone who would know how to work with a shy woman who'd lived a bit past the first bloom of youth.

"It's a gift that takes...I won't say guts, but confidence on a woman's part," said Barbara Steinberg of Intimate Photography (858-272-0552). "She's showing her body, and not all women are a size two. I get every body type." Nor are they all 25. "The average age of our clients is from 25 to 35, but I've had women in their 70s."

Steinberg has a few methods for getting shy women to relax. First, "We talk on the phone." Second, the studio is in a relatively private setting, as opposed to a mall or shopping center. Third, "There are no men here." The staff is female, and if a man wants to come to the studio, even to pick up pictures, his visit is scheduled so that no women customers will be present when he arrives. Fourth, "People say that I'm like them — I'm not 20 and really thin." Finally, "We talk to the client, get them to talk about themselves and their guys."

Around 90 percent of clients get their hair and makeup done on-site for the shoot. "Our makeup artists are trained and licensed. We believe in a more natural look — so do the guys — but some women want a really dramatic look with heavy eyeliner, and we give them that choice. Then we do wardrobe. They don't have to bring anything, but they can if they want to. Clients have brought in golf clubs, surfboards, guitars, trumpets, and fishing poles. But I have lots to choose from, in sizes up to 4X. I like to use thongs, because it shows the bottom, and they can kind of do a side-view thing to show that curve. We have a lot of military stuff. Women will wear a bra-and-panty set under a military jacket. They'll bring their guy's hat, and sometimes they'll use it for nudes, just to cover the breast." Steinberg took me through the costumes. "We have a little San Diego police outfit, a sailor, a cigarette girl, a flapper... I think the nurse outfit is the most popular."

Steinberg carries oodles of jewelry and, of course, there are shoes. "I have every shoe size, in black, white, clear, and red. The higher the better — guys really like high shoes. They make the legs look better, and the women only have to walk about three feet in them. Sometimes, that's all they can walk. I have every

*"I have to show cleavage; that's
what guys like."*

kind of boot you can think of...this is a thigh-high. But legs are usually good features, even on heavy women, so I don't like to cover them unless I have to. The more skin you can show without showing something you don't want to show, the better. Plus, we have a little secret — these pantyhose. There are no seams, except at the waist, and the thong will hide that. They hold you in, and they hide cellulite and scars. They're our little miracle workers; we order them by the hundred in all colors, so I can match a woman's skin tone."

Once the woman is prepped and dressed (or undressed), Steinberg goes to work, careful to highlight the good and minimize the less than ideal. "We call it camouflaging. It's easier when they're a size 6, but the average woman is a size 14 now." A directional light helps accentuate the positive. "Most women have a problem with their stomachs. I have a bedpost that is great for posing. I put her arms in a certain way to cover things, and she can lean up against the post to cover her stomach. But you can still see the bottom, the legs, and the breasts. I have to show cleavage; that's what guys like. Guys really like their bottoms, too."

Besides the bedpost, camouflage comes courtesy of feather boas. "And I also have this incredible leather jacket. It shows cleavage, but you can cinch it at the waist — the larger woman can have a waistline." A jacket will also cover droopy flesh around the armpit, even when it's been pulled down to reveal the shoulders. "I still like to use bra-and-panty sets for heavy women, but I have a variety of robes that can be draped certain ways. Boas are great for that, too."

Waifish girls generally get built up. "If they have even a little bit in the chest, I can bring it out. I can use water bras to give them volume, and make sure the hair is a little fuller. They don't usually do nudes."

I knew Bernice wouldn't want to do a nude, and Steinberg said that most women feel the same way, at least about full nudes. "Most of them want to do topless." Even full nudes often get the silhouette treatment through a sheer blind. A nude shot that Steinberg favors (and one that still leaves something to the imagination) is set up like this: "Lay on your back and put your feet up on the headboard of the bed. Take your arms and push your breasts up from the side. Your stomach is falling down, and your hands can cover it a bit. You're nude, but since I'm shooting from the side, nothing shows."

Photos are shot on film, and sessions start at \$120, with an additional \$70 for makeup and hair. Each session includes three changes; nudes count as a change. Photo packages, which may include products such as albums or calendars, range from \$190 to \$700, and there is no obligation to purchase the photos. Retouching is available.

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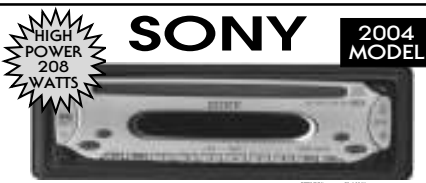
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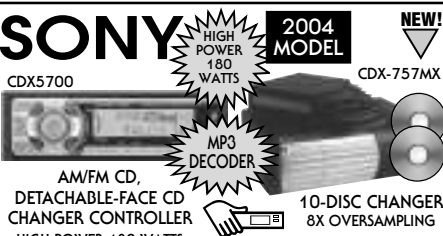
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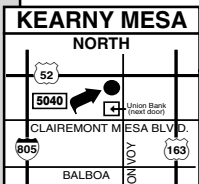
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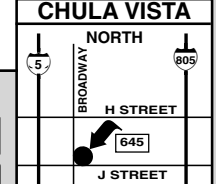
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

My estranged wife Dot and I, along with our two young sons David and Andy, boarded her old Chevy station wagon at 2:30 a.m. one cold January morning to see the famous publisher Malcolm Forbes and a balloon physicist start on their balloon voyage aboard the *Windborne*. They hoped it would become the first free air balloon to carry men across the Atlantic Ocean.

It was before 3 a.m. as we passed Oceanside, and the hot water warning light glowed its customary but unloved glow in friendly contrast to the Southern California cold. "What time are they supposed to lift off?" Dot asked, pretending not to notice that the warning light was on.

— **"MORE THAN HOT AIR,"** George Grider, January 30, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Harlan peels a banana in the reserved, reticent way he addresses all things. He chews it thoughtfully and thoroughly and folds the peel into a plastic bag. As he eats, he speaks in a calm and even voice, and he talks about what he loves most in the world. It is rock climbing.

"Twice," he says, "I have completed a difficult pitch and stood up finally at the top and stretched out my arms and shouted for joy." It is difficult to imagine.

— **"CLIMBING,"** Amy Chu, January 31, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

You look at a picture of two teenage girls lying dead, murdered, by the side of a road in El Salvador, and the image butts against the mind. Something in this picture prevents its filing. Maybe it is the positioning of the corpses, or the way the sunlight splashes down on the leaves beside the bodies, or perhaps the knowledge that the photographer, John Hoagland, moved around in front of his own lens and became a corpse himself.

— **"PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WAR ZONES,"** Neal Matthews, January 31, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Something near a "controversy" seems to be breaking out around Michael Moore's *Roger and Me*: around, in particular, his rearranging and compressing of some events therein without telling us that that's what he is up to. Is this any way for a documentary to behave?

The only regrettable thing about this latest go-round in the old argument (never mind whether or not *Roger and Me* gets its Oscar nomination in the segregated and *déclassé* category of Documentary Feature) is that it has egged Moore into defending himself with stuff about



San Diego Reader, January 30, 1975

"advancing the form," just as though the form had been securely in the hands of the fact-people until he came along to liberate it.

— FILM: **"WHATNOT,"** Duncan Shepherd, February 1, 1990

Ten Years Ago

This Sunday, 26 lucky San Diego public officials, including Mayor Susan Golding and assorted city council members and aides, will be in Miami for the Super Bowl.

But unlike most San Diegans who managed to buy their way into Joe Robbie Stadium, these city officials did not have to endure long lines and lotteries. Nor did they have to fork over \$1000 or more per ticket from black-market scalpers.

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— **"GOLDING AND OTHER FRIENDLY POLS REAP A SUPER THANKS FROM SPANOS,"** Thomas K. Arnold, January 26, 1995

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— T.G.I.F., John Brizzolara, January 27, 2000

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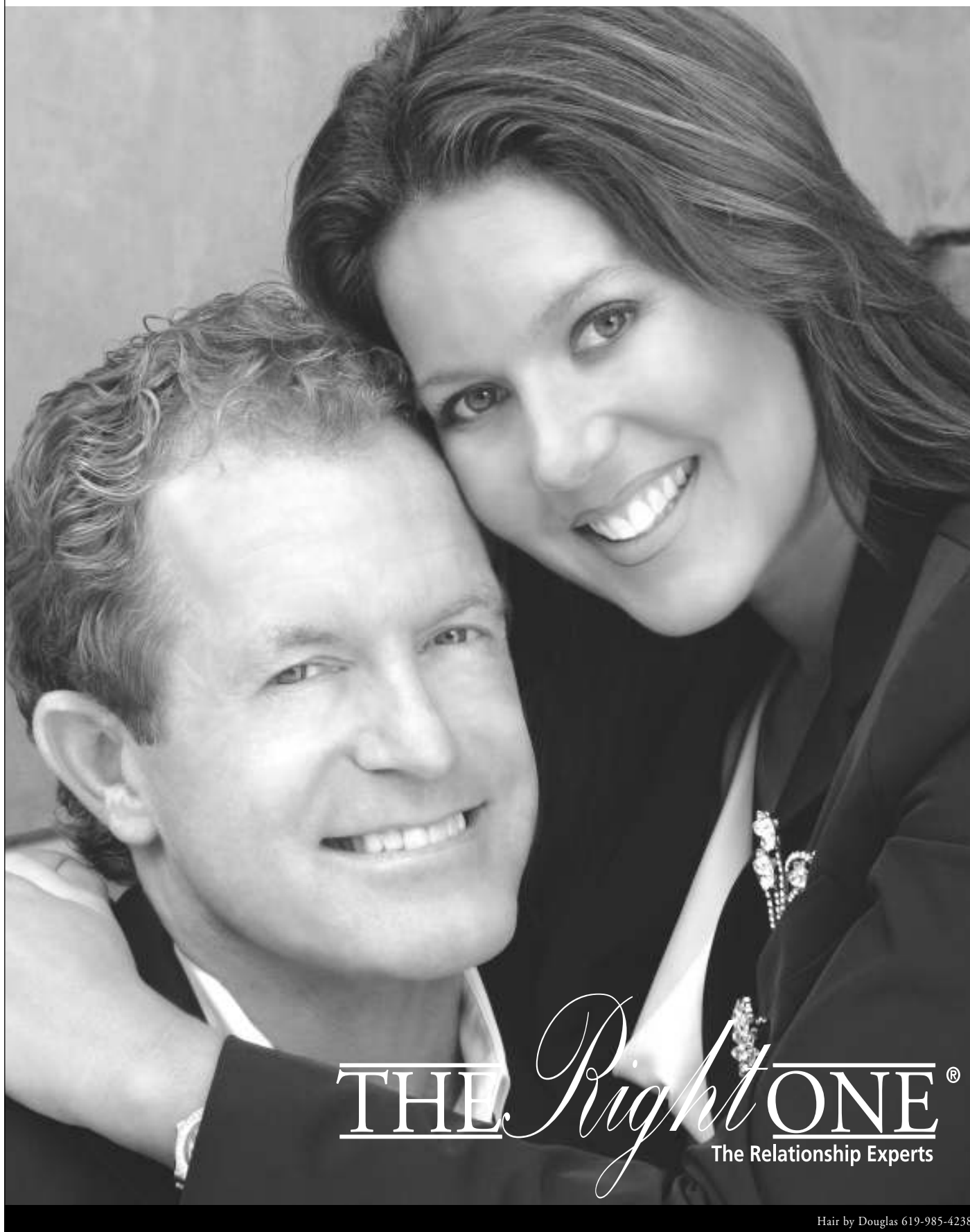
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WAITING FOR THE BALL TO DROP

by Josh Board

When New Year's Eve rolled around, I was surprised to not be inundated with party invites. I did get one from a woman named Sally, whom I'd known back in my junior-high days. Then on December 31 I got a call from my friend Roxanne. She was having a party that started at 9:00 p.m. Since the forecast called for rain, I didn't want to drive from Del Mar to Santee in pouring rain. I told Rox I couldn't make it and gave her a hard time for inviting me at the last minute (and I wonder, if I didn't write this column, would she have invited me at all?).

When I showed up at Sally's place, she gave me a tour of their house. When I mentioned something about Santee, she told me they actually live in Fletcher Hills.

She had a collection of cows. That seemed odd. I've met women who collected horses, elephants, and owls. Even unicorns. But cows? It just isn't a cute animal. About the only two places cows look good are on milk cartons and Pink Floyd albums.

Sally's sister Julie was at the computer, laughing. Her daughter had sent Aunt Sally an e-mail pleading for a cell phone. It was funny reading the words of a 13-year-old trying to convince someone that she's old enough



and really needs a cell phone. I don't think she realized her aunt would show the e-mail to her mom — or a roomful of partygoers.

The TV had Music Choice on, and it was set to "party favorites." Sometimes they had great songs. I heard "Louie Louie" and "Tequila" by the Champs. But sometimes they were playing songs that had everyone groaning, like "The Macarena." I did glance at the TV from time to time, because they had interesting facts about the



Top: David O' Neal on right, girls from Humboldt State on left; bottom right: Julie Nelson (foreground); bottom left: Sally and Brian Hedges and daughter

ference. The blonde girl looked to be a teenager, and the guy (who looked like Clint Howard) was balding and looked to be in his late 30s. She turned out to be in her 20s, but I never found out his age. She told me she was a dancer,

talking. We couldn't stop laughing. She said she thought a friend of his was in the Russian mafia. When she asked him about that he said, "Don't ask me this question. You are not to ask this kinds of things! Never ask again."

She said he also had a demonic cat. But I learned early on in this column not to get women started talking about their cats.

Sally, being the perfect host, walked me to the bar to get me a drink. There were lots of bottles, and I opted for the Sour Apple Pucker. It's the perfect drink if you don't like the taste of alcohol. It's like drinking candied apples. But after about five of

These damn time differences, and this alcohol, made everything so confusing.

band that was playing. Eventually I realized it wasn't very social to stare at a TV while a party was going on.

So I started talking to the couple right next to me. They looked to have a large age dif-

ference. The blonde girl looked to be a teenager, and the guy (who looked like Clint Howard) was balding and looked to be in his late 30s. She turned out to be in her 20s, but I never found out his age. She told me she was a dancer,

and she once dated a man from Russia with whom she used to ballroom dance. "He was crazy. And he got pissed if you said he had an accent. And the fucker still has my wet suit!"

She did an impression of him

them, you can get buzzed.

Sally would then bring me a shot of something. I asked why and she said every hour they were doing a shot for the new year. Someone else explained that, since it was 9:00 p.m., that it was the new year in New York. I got confused when Sally told me they had started the shots at 7:30, since that was Greenwich Mean Time. I had no idea what that was.

One guy drinking a Coke told me he doesn't drink alcohol. He said, "I just hate the taste of it. I don't like beer or hard alcohol. So I end up being the guy at the party that drinks Coke and watches everyone get drunk. And people always come up to me and say, 'Try this drink, you'll like this one.' I end up having sips of all these different fruity drinks people think I'll like."

Since Dick Clark wasn't going to be in New York, I thought I would show my support by wearing a denim jacket I have that says "Dick Clark Productions." I meant to see what kind of job former San Diego talk-show host Regis Philbin did filling in. But every time I saw him on-screen, the volume was down. I could only hear music and the talking of everyone at the party.

When a woman commented on my jacket, she said something about Clark looking so young, and

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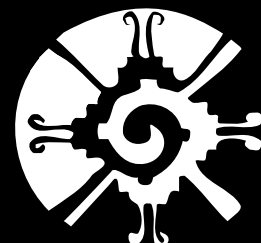
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finally starting to look his age. I thought it might be in bad taste to say, "And he's finally acting his age." He had just had a stroke.

I said, "I read in an interview that he never dyed his hair." She responded, "He didn't. His hairstylist did."

I recognized one guy, and when Sally introduced me to Brian Hedges, I realized I knew his brother Kevin in high school. (He's now a teacher.) I told Brian that when he worked at Taco Bell next to our high school, he fired my friend Dave. He remembered that and told me how Dave was always taking food and eating it in the walk-in refrigerator. (Ah, the joys of working at fast-food joints.)

He had his baby daughter at the party, and I was surprised that she never seemed to cry or make a fuss.

When I finally met Sally's live-in boyfriend, Mike, I laughed. She's a short Caucasian (5'1"), and he's a tall Asian (6'3"). They met in a Friday-night bowling league when she was coming out of a ten-year marriage. Her average is 180 and his is 203. I was surprised to learn he hadn't been bowling that long. My friend Mike Cowles used to bowl in elementary school. He has bowled a number of 300 games — the highest score you can get, which is 13 straight strikes. But for somebody who just started bowling as an adult, 203 is a high average.

Sally walked by giving us more shots. Again, I was confused. I was informed it was the countdown for New Year's Day in the Midwest. These damn time differences, and this alcohol, made everything so confusing.

I thought getting some food into my system would help, since I hadn't eaten since breakfast. The counter was filled with all kinds of snacks. I ate a few of those rolled pita-bread things that have the turkey, cheese, tomatoes, and lettuce. I've just never been sure how to put them in my mouth. If you hold it one way, it doesn't fit. If you hold it the other way, you bite into it and the contents fall out.

There were also cold cuts and bread set out, a variety of chips, and something I had never seen before. I would

have to call it the greatest food invention since sliced bread. It was sliced apples with caramel sauce to dip them in. Caramel apples are so delicious, but I seem to have trouble eating those also. My nose gets sticky. When I was a child, I lost two teeth in one. This was the perfect way to eat these things. Someone else, noticing my amazement, said, "You haven't seen these at Price Club before?" Nope.

Why don't those old ladies give you samples of these when you walk down the aisle? I don't need to eat a half-inch piece of pizza on a toothpick. (I sure hope those Costco folks are reading this.)

There was a guy with a cowboy hat and a long mustache. They told me he played a bank robber in a western-reenactment thing they do. Sally said, "We are in the Shadow River Regulators. It's a historic reenacting group with a comical bent. We usually perform at Poway Midland Park, on a scaled-down version of a working steam locomotive. We rob it from time to time. We volunteer for certain events. Our biggest is probably the Fourth of July. I play a schoolteacher named Belle Star. Some of our gang names really existed in the 1800s."

I got confused by the rules when she said, "Our skits are never the same. No one shoots anyone unless they are wearing a red sash, indicating they're a bad guy. And only women may shoot other women. Unless the woman fires upon the man first."

This reminded me of the Civil War re-creations I've heard about. Sally said, "There is a whole society of reenactors out there. They have a gunfight at Tombstone every year. Locally, there are a few in Ramona and Julian."

The man I met earlier, David O'Neal (who looked so much older than his girlfriend), plays either the mayor or the banker in these productions. When we started talking about crazy things we did as kids, he told this great story. He and a friend, when in high school, were doing a film for a TV production class. They set up toy Army men in the back yard around the pool and

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were doing a fake newscast about a war. One of the guys was supposed to light the people on fire. They didn't have much luck, so they poured gasoline all over them. The next attempt worked. Everything went up in flames. But one guy's pants caught on fire. He was hopping around and ended up hitting the gas can, which exploded. They kicked it into the pool, hoping the water would put the fire out. Instead, the entire pool was engulfed in flames. I asked what might have been the stupidest question of the night.

"Were you guys able to put the fire out, or did you have to call the fire department?"

There were two girls at

this party from Humboldt. The blonde with glasses and stringy hair reminded me of my sister who went to Humboldt State and promptly became a vegetarian, a pot smoker, and a few other things. This blonde was with a cute African-American girl, who seemed shy. But she kept laughing at my stories. So when we were in the kitchen and New Year's arrived...so did my second dumb question of the night: "In which state is it 2005 now?"

All the couples started kissing. This shy woman looked at me, and seizing this opportunity (to be cheesy), I said with a raised eyebrow, "Well, people are supposed to kiss on New Year's."

She again laughed, and my head was spun around by the blonde who'd dated the alleged Russian-mafia guy. She planted a big kiss on my lips. And, if that Russian is reading this, I want him to know...I didn't kiss her back! And it was the black chick I was trying to get a kiss from, not her! Don't hurt me.

Another guy at the party was Scottish. I heard him talking about his clan. I made a joke: When you're at a party in Santee, usually if you hear the word "clan," it's "Klan." Someone said, "This is El Cajon, not Santee."

It was after midnight, and a lot of people started to leave. I sat on the couch talking to a few people. A good-

looking Mexican guy asked me why I was taking notes. When I said I write about parties, he said, "I read your stuff in the *Reader*." He asked me a question about a previous party, and his girlfriend (or wife) said, "This guy reads everything. He's always reading."

They told me a story about being in Balboa Park and walking around holding hands and how they saw men driving around. When they realized the same car had driven by a few times, they realized it was a man cruising for a prostitute. I told them Bruce Springsteen wrote a song called "Balboa Park" about the young boys who work there as prostitutes.

This couple also told me they were going to a party the next day and invited me. I laughed, thinking how some people network at parties. I network by finding out about other parties.

They told me the guy throwing the party was part of a Polar Bear Club that jumps into cold water on the New Year. But they didn't call me the following day.

So I headed up to Del Mar, where I saw a bunch of people jump into the ocean. The water was 59 degrees. When I asked one guy about this, he said, "It's not the Polar Bear Club. It's the Del Mar Penguin Plunge."

He went on to tell me they have done this for 19

straight years. I was surprised that nobody stayed in the water longer than three minutes.

A few women were claiming that the cold water was good for the circulation of blood, and it made their skin look younger. When one woman told me she was 52, and I thought she looked 62, I kept my mouth shut. Another lady said, "I heard it helps the nervous system."

I thought if I jumped in, the only thing it would do to me is give me hypothermia and cause my testicles to end up around my shoulders. ■

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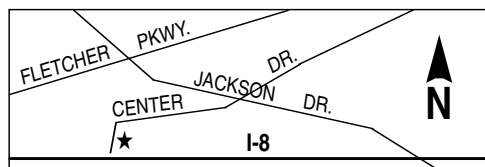


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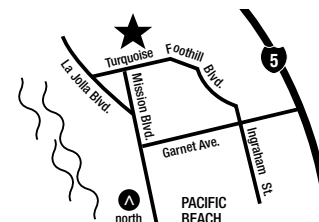
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by Barbarella

It is the spectator, and not life, that art really mirrors.

— Oscar Wilde

Watching Catherine shift her weight from foot to foot, I rejoiced in my decision to wear practical shoes. It took only two gallery openings, where I need to be standing — and pleasant — at David's side for three hours to teach me that wearing heels is just plain stupid. As manager of the gallery, Catherine was on her feet long before we'd arrived, hanging the last of the show, cleaning up, purchasing a box of generic white wine and cans of Budweiser.

This was my first time to David's gallery in Houston, one of the nine that represent him nationwide. Since my life

as a paralegal abruptly ended, I've found myself available to accompany my love to all his shows. Of all the cities I've visited (Los Angeles, Seattle, West Tisbury on Martha's Vineyard, and New York), this was the first time I'd seen patrons offered beer. Most galleries serve red and white wine or champagne; in West Tisbury, of course, it's an open bar.

After David had finished adjusting the lights ("It has to

hit the print *just right*"), we waited for prospective collectors. We did not have to wait long. A man walked in, company ID badge dangling from his neck over a pot belly, and beelined toward David. Ah, a techie. When these guys approach, I suddenly find something interesting to look at over there — "there" being anywhere other than where the techie is.

Techies are men (always men) who want to talk shop; they ask David about his camera, his process, his printing, down to the grainiest of grainy details. I picked up a great line to use when this situation occurs: "Let me know when you guys are done sniffing each other's butts." With David's extensive technical knowledge drawing techies like preteens to *Playboy*, my snappy retort is frequently put to use. The unfortunate thing

about techies, aside from their terrierlike tenacity to take up the bulk of a featured artist's time, is that seldom are they buyers.

I've seen David's work before, so I tend to pass time at these functions by watching attendees. Distinct species of gallerygoers remain consistent from city to city.

Drinkers make up the greatest number of gallery visitors. I have seen people walk into a gallery, stride right past the art, straight toward the free drinks. They return again and again for refills of wine. At evening's end, their lips and teeth are stained purple, their movements loose, and their voices loud.

Similar to San Diego's Ray at Night, the Houston gallery was set betwixt other galleries, all showing work on the same evening. This is a great setup for drinkers — more free booze, more drink options. I left David alone to answer the techie's questions and joined Catherine in the back, where she was pouring beer from cans into plastic cups. Only men chose beer when given the two options (three, if you count Bud Light). As the room filled up, a woman approached Catherine with arm extended, empty cup in hand. She asked for a refill of red. "We only have white here," Catherine answered.

"What? Only white? *Pshhh*. Well, I guess I'll have *white* then." The drinker pushed her red-tinged clear plastic cup into Catherine's hand as though she were doing the manager a favor. As the pouting woman walked away, Catherine screeched, "These people are unbe-

lievable!" With a southern Texan twang, she went on to give specific examples of audacity: "Once, this woman came up to me and said, 'Do y'all have any water?' and when I told her no, she said, 'There's a bathroom here, right?' I said, 'Yes, there is, right over there,' and she was, like, 'Well, can't you take this cup and fill it up in the sink?' Can you believe that? I told her, 'No, but *you* can.'"

Another drinker came by and, when informed that red was not an option, made a comment under his breath. To demonstrate my loyalty to an ever-reddening Catherine, I said, "Next guy who has an issue with our free selection will be directed to the local market to buy his own goddamn wine." She agreed with a "*Thayat's raaah!*" Not surprisingly, the drinkers rarely set down their cups to enjoy or purchase anything on the walls.

Without missing a beat in her conversation about contemporary art, an elderly woman grinned our way. Looking her up and down, I concluded that she fit into my "eccentric old lady" category. Complementary to the techie, this broad is refined, reserved, and extraordinarily wacky. Her large, colorful earrings were purchased at an artisans' fair or museum gift shop, and a brooch the size of a kitten perched just beneath her shoulder proclaims her panache. She smiles through orange or fuchsia lips as she makes her way about the room, stopping only to take in the art or strike up a conversation about local theater.

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I made my way back to David. A middle-aged couple greeted David in such a way as to make me assume they were related to him. He grabbed my arm and said, "This is my partner, Barbarella. Barb, this is Mr. and Mrs. X, they own one of my prints." They fit into my final category: collectors.

Collectors often come in twos, a husband and wife with an appreciation for the arts that goes beyond a gallery opening or a museum benefit. I've learned through friends (most of whom support local artists) that collectors are not necessarily wealthy. To have art in their homes, some collectors make arrangements to pay off the cost of a photograph or painting over time. For them, original art is a necessity. Because he produces on average only four new images a year, David's collectors tend to seek out his openings to view this year's new work. Regardless of whether they add to their collection, they always want to greet him, as if by purchasing one of his prints they not only acquired a work of art but also adopted a son.

The night was winding down — the last of the drinkers huddled around Catherine for the remaining alcohol. The eccentric old ladies had traipsed to another event, I'm sure, because who wants to go to bed when there's art to be seen? Two techies were left, one-upping each other with examples of how *their* equipment excelled in various situations.

We left without seeing the work in neighboring galleries but returned a few days later (it's easier to see art without an opening-night crowd standing in the way). At the gallery three doors down, a piece on the wall

caught my eye. I've seen art before, even some that I liked, but never had I wanted to buy anything. I stared at the square board. It was covered with tea-stained pages of Braille, and in the center was a large vertical rectangle composed of words — cut out of a novel

and placed, hundreds of them, every which way. These words, forming the rectangle, disappeared at the top into a horizontal black cloud. At that moment, I fell in love with art for the first time.

I bought the piece, even though it was out of my price

range. Handing over my credit card, I thought of how my father would blanch if he knew what I was spending on something so impractical. Once, he fell in love with a piece of art — a vase sculpted by my friend Gabe — but he couldn't bring his frugal side

(98 percent of him) to justify the price. I ended up giving it to him for his birthday and, as I expected, he was delighted to have it. Looking at my art, I wondered, does this make *me* a gallerygoer? If so, which kind? I considered the free drinks but decided that

drinkers are too tacky. No, I thought, as I reflected on the outfits I wear to openings — feathers, fur, vibrant reds, and jewelry from museum gift shops. I'm definitely an eccentric old lady. Now I need to find the perfect brooch. ■

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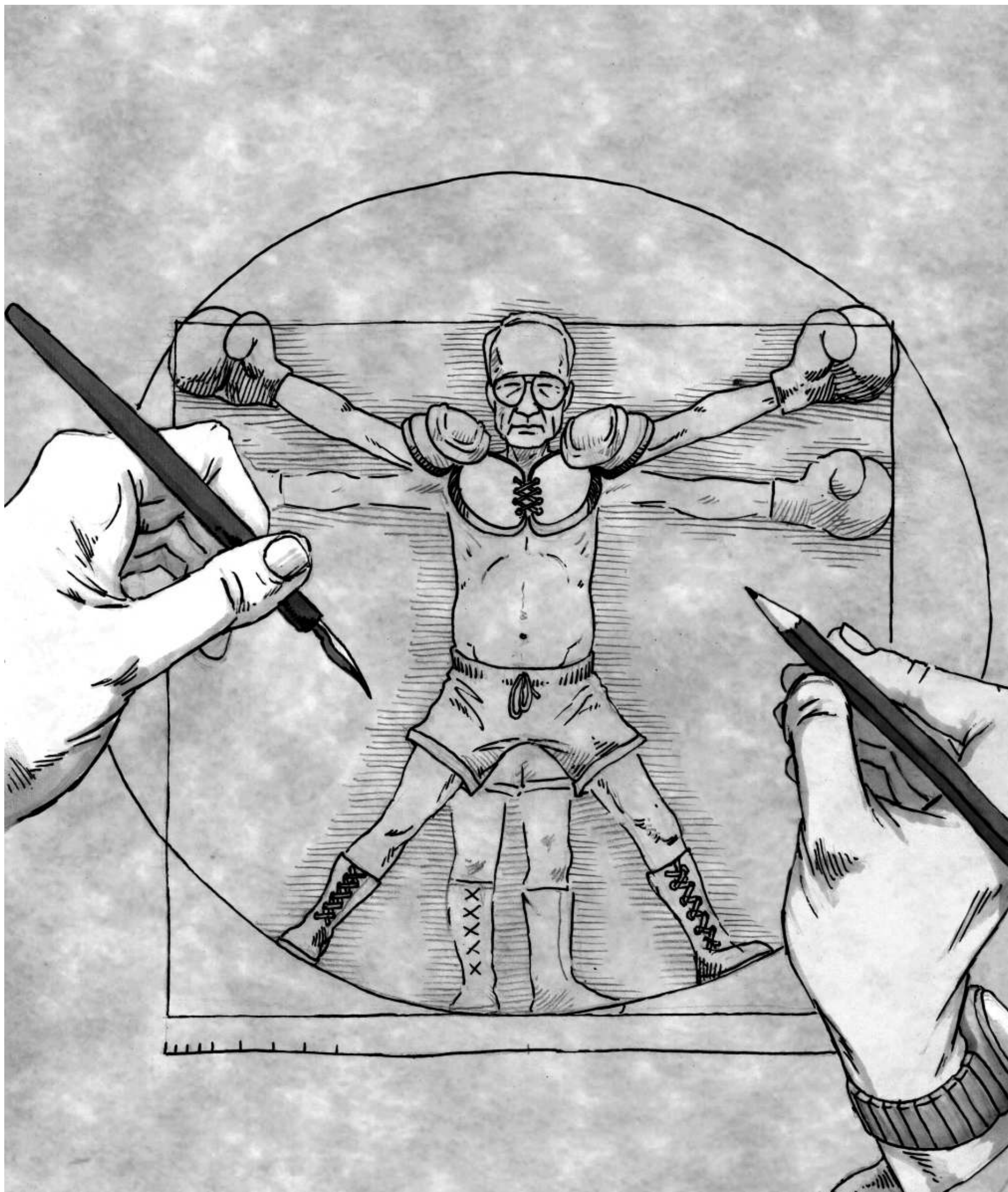
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Norma Damashek is not a household name. A longtime citizen of La Jolla, graduate of Barnard College of Columbia University, mother of three, and married to a prominent physician, she is largely staying clear of the spectacle going on at San Diego's city hall. She also prefers not to be photographed. But the sixtysomething Damashek, who is well-known within the small inside circles of the city's progressive-leaning grassroots politics and who once worked as a staffer in the city council's tenth-floor offices, is far from being out of the game.

As vice president of the League of Women Voters, she has been bird-dogging the city's long march toward a so-called strong-mayor form of government, a version of which was finally adopted by voters last fall after a campaign eclipsed by the hurly-burly three-way race for mayor. After the election — with the mayor and council distracted by investigations, indictments, and an electoral challenge — Damashek has remained focused on how the city will go about the tricky business of making the transition. She recently sat down for an interview about her take on what is going on.

How did you get into public duty?

I went back to school as a mature individual and got a master's in city planning at San Diego State.

When was that?

This was in the late '80s, and up until then I was really involved in community-planning issues, environmental issues. But once I got through that program, I got an internship, just quite accidentally, at the city council, in the city council office.

Whose office?

District 1, Abbe Wolfsheimer.

I did land-use issues. That's when I became very interested in city government. I hadn't been all that knowledgeable or interested before. I became very interested in it, especially the interaction of political decisions, planning processes, how decisions get made.

Land use is a major issue that the city council deals with. It's probably one of its most important issues. Land use is really important because it decides who gets rich. It's very political and has everything to do with who makes it.

And so I stayed on for a couple years after that at the planning department, while I was writing my thesis. My thesis was about the decision-making process in land-use planning in the future urbanizing area, power of politics and planning. And I became very involved with the League of Women Voters at that point and have been vice president of the league for years.

When was your thesis published?

That published in '92, maybe?

What specific topics did you address?

I was very interested in the role of lobbyists and the decision-making process, because it was, again, why decisions get made the way they get made. I was interested in the way community groups were used to legitimize and validate the government decisions, the way they're manipulated. And those were my primary interests, why the way things got done wasn't good for planning purposes.

Were there specific parts of town or specific projects that you were working on?

I was working with the future urbanizing area, which is now Carmel Valley, Black Mountain Ranch, everything that is going on that filled out the northern part of the city.

Was a lot of money spent on lobbying in that process?

Well, it was one of the last very big undeveloped areas in the city in the late '80s. And it needed to go back to the voters to decide what kind of development would be there, because we had passed an initiative in the '80s to keep the future urbanizing area open unless there was a vote of the public. So there was a lot of need to sell projects to the voters.

The developers got their way then?

They know what they want to build, and they get to build it that way.

Was that a bad thing?

Is it a bad thing?

That's a good question. Is it a bad thing that they build what they know how to build and what they can

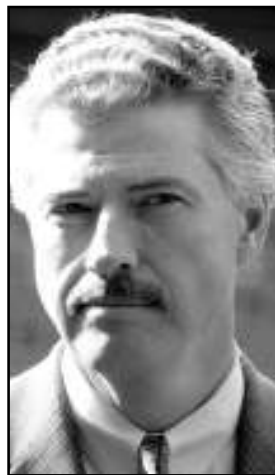


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George Mitrovich

make the most money from? Yeah, sometimes it's a bad thing. Up there it probably was a poor use of the land; the freeways are absolutely clogged up there. It's a disaster to drive. There are real issues with it, but it's a typical suburban community and very upscale.

The only very good thing about it was that at the very last minute some of the affordable-housing advocates were able to insert a clause into the contracts which said they had to include low-income



Bill Geppert

housing — 20 percent, which is very high. And that was a very important issue, and the developers at that point just wanted to get it over with, and they agreed.

It just set a good precedent so that we were able, 15 years later, to get inclusionary housing legislation — it was somewhat unprecedented. It took a while, but it was a good move.

At any rate, since I was involved with the future urbanizing area, I became much more involved in



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John Moores

local citywide issues and have been doing the public policy issues for the League of Women Voters in the city.

I worked on setting up the ethics commission. That brought me into this strong-mayor issue around 2000. I began attending the meetings of the committee of 2000, which had been [formed to promote] the [new] baseball stadium.

Who was responsible for that?

Well, there were a lot of people who were in on that. George Mitrovich was

a major organizer. He tends to organize for the power elite in the city.

Was he representing the Padres?

No, once the stadium deal got accomplished the same group moved on and took up this strong-mayor issue.

Who were the other members?

Well, Malin Burnham was a major player. Anybody who had had any executive power — Mayor Golding — anybody who was serving on any of the commissions downtown, many of the lobbyists who I knew from the days I was at city council were there. It was like a reunion. I hadn't seen some of these people in years, and there we were, all together in one big room.

Where did this group convene?

When I got involved we were meeting at the law school on Ash.

And the topic was whether to have a strong mayor?

The topic was to create a new system for San Diego. People who had been working on that for five or six years are people who are close to [the] mayor right now: Bill Geppert, Cox Communications vice president.

So in other words, people who were involved with downtown. Was Moores there?

John Moores was a financial backer. He tended not to bother with coming to the meetings, with the details. Peter Q. Davis was a big contributor to this as well — not financially — but he was at the table many times. And what was very interesting to me in talking to some of the people who were attending these meetings, they really knew what they wanted.

They wanted a strong mayor, but when I'd talk to them about the way the city's run, the way the communities are run, the role of city councilmembers, the role of planning groups, advisory groups,

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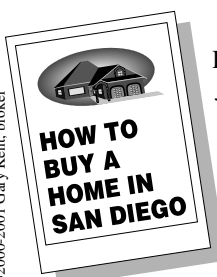
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just the way the rest of the city functions, they were amazingly ignorant and amazingly ignorant of the way the rest of the city functioned, or of what needed to be done, or of the moods and interests of any groups that were not involved directly in the business of downtown.

What happened after the future urbanizing area got broken up was that most of the big tracts of land to develop in the suburban style were gone and there was a long recession in the '90s and people tended to regroup.

Suddenly smart growth was a new idea. Everybody was hooking on to smart growth. Suddenly developers who had only built suburban homes were looking at building in the urbanized areas, because that was the only place that was available.

It was pretty clear that the suburbs were finished,



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Petco Park condos (on right)

and now the money's to be made downtown. You just go where these guys move, and you know where money is to be made.

I don't know who the invisible people were, but I do know that they were about. Maybe 30 people would show up at these meetings and talk about how to set up a strong mayoral form of government. Again, these people

generally had no idea how city government was run. That wasn't the point.

I did go to meetings over the course of the year. I spoke up pretty freely. I didn't represent the League of Women Voters; I was going on my own. I was pretty clear about my position. City government needed reform and changes, and there was already a lot of peculiar

stuff that had gone on with Mayor Golding and Jack McGrory.

For example?

We were already having trouble. It was clear to everybody who was downtown, I think, in the '90s, with Susan Golding, that the city was in financial trouble, because major projects — I think the Republican National Convention that Susan brought

in was, that was really the straw that broke the camel's back. And we couldn't find out at the time what it was costing the city. But a tremendous amount of money was diverted into all aspects of the Republican National Convention.

Qualcomm Stadium was also a major disaster. It wasn't because of the ticket guarantee only; that was just a stupid way. It was a gamble that they lost, and it could've worked out just fine, but they lost that gamble. It cost the city an enormous amount of money that doesn't get accounted for. The facilities, the training facilities, a lot of infrastructure doesn't get reported as directly related to projects.

That was true of the downtown ballpark as well — the infrastructure decisions to work on certain roads, certain free-ways. All the money gets

pooled in a place. That means other areas lose that money. It's all related to the project, but it doesn't get included in the cost of the project, so you don't really know how much money has been included.

In the mid-'90s people who were asking questions were not getting answers about what was happening to their money and where it was going.

Why was that?

Partially because of the weaknesses of the city-manager form of government. Obviously there's no perfect or even excellent form of government that works, that does everything for everybody, and city-manager form of government has definite problems associated with it.

Jack McGrory, in fact, was acting for Susan Golding the way the new city manager in our new system will be acting for the mayor, as the personal city

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And he played that role for Susan Golding for a while until he understood that he was going to get screwed and that he couldn't really control the process. And so he got out while he could.

Did that result in a lack of access, a lack of information?

To some extent. But again, everything depends on the quality and the will of the elected representatives to make sure they get the information they want. And we don't tend to have that kind of politician in San Diego. Our politicians tend to be passive.

I was interested in improving city government. I went to these meetings. I was very uncomfortable because the only people represented there were downtown business interests, and very uniform in a usual group of complacent — not com-

placent — arrogant white men.

They were very aware of the problem that I was having, and I continued to go because I thought it was important for them to hear another point of view and just to talk about how other groups need to be represented.

What was their motive?

I think their motive is to arrange things so that business can move forward. It's not a bad thing. I think they want to have a system that works, that works for their interests — but that's certainly what all of us are doing. We're trying to make changes that work for what we think are the highest interests.

Business interests are very important in any city, and they're not bad, they're not suspect; you know exactly what they are. But they were trying to set up a very important govern-



Susan Golding



Jack McGrory

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ment system to serve their interests.

In fact, they had an interest, because communities and community interference really slows down the process for business. So any system that can minimize the intervention of local groups, communities, would be something that they were interested in promoting.

So there I was, saying you can't do that. Communities have a stake in the

city as well. Other groups have a stake in the city. There's no environmental groups represented here, no ethnic groups, no labor groups, whatever.

They brought in a couple of what I call academics to look at the way things get done compared to other cities, people who supposedly know the way governments work, so they could put it together in a good form. They were delivering the content, and

they wanted these professional academics to deliver the form.

Were they from San Diego State?

One was from San Diego State. One was from UCSD.

Steve [Erie] was UCSD, and Glenn Sparrow was San Diego State. Steve brought in Jim [Ingram], who he knew. Steve was a graduate student up in Los Angeles years before, and he'd worked on one of the charter commissions that Los Angeles had set up when they did their charter change. So he was experienced in working through a process of charter change.

Did they address your concerns?

They did address my concerns occasionally. They understood what my concerns were and probably agreed with my concerns, but the people in the room who were footing the

bill for this process and who carried the most weight were the downtown businessmen, who knew what they wanted and weren't too interested in what I had to say. I continued to go; I continued to speak up. I felt that they impatiently listened to what I had to say, patted my head, and went on with their own business. When the time came for Prop. F to be put on the ballot — well, let me back up a little bit.

They had tried to get Susan Golding to put this on the ballot, and they brought it to her.

I was really surprised that they felt that she carried weight. It was an interesting lesson for me about these downtown groups who are very powerful. Business interests are very powerful, but they're out of touch with a lot of what goes on in the rest of the city.

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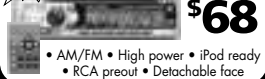
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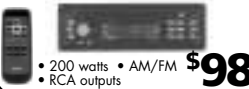
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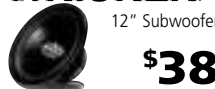
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They depend on people — lobbyist people — who used to work in city hall. They draw a lot on those people to give them advice, policy advice, strategy advice, assuming that the people who used to be on the inside would know how things get done.

The advice they got I thought was very poor a lot of the time. I was amazed that they had so little insight into the way the public was feeling about Susan Golding. I said at the time, "They've got to be kidding if they think that this mayor could carry this." They were mistaken. They went out and they tried to do it; it all fell apart.

We like to believe that [people in power] really know what the issues are and really understand the big picture. But they're not working with the big picture at all. They're working with their own, much more focused picture. And sometimes they're really mistaken about the rest of

what's going on. It's an interesting thing to observe, and it's important to keep that in mind.

When you say "fell apart," what happened?

We met with the mayor, and we sat around and talked to her one evening. She could not move it forward. She didn't have support any longer, or certainly not from the public — I think she knew that — to push, to advance it. I don't remember what was actually attempted, but it went nowhere. So the group may have continued talking a little bit for quite a few years, but they came back again in 2003, I guess, 2004, before the last election, and began again in earnest reviving the document that they had produced in 2000. This time I went back to a few of the meetings.

Did they call you, or how'd you get wind of it?

I was on the e-mail list in the first go-round. I was not an invited guest — I just kept showing up. I



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knew about the meetings. They claimed that they were public meetings, anybody could come. And in that sense, they were. Anybody could come if you knew about it.

They didn't go out of their way to make sure you were there?

No. They weren't interested in hearing from any others. They knew what they wanted, and they were pursuing it again. The first time around, John Kern was very opposed to making these changes, and I had gotten an e-mail that he sent around, the Kern

newsletters, talking about all of the flaws in pursuing a strong-mayor form of government. How it just would never fly, it wasn't good, and it doesn't do what it's supposed to do.

Was he working for the mayor at that time?

At that time, I think no. This was before the mayor was in office. He was a consultant. He was maybe working with Murphy on his campaign. John Kern became a very active player the second time around in this last project.

Was he at the meetings after Murphy took office?

Well, what John Kern did was he came to the meetings, picked up the reports, brought them back to the mayor's office, met with a very small group of people whose names were never revealed except to the people who were there and knew they were there. He made certain changes to the document for strengthening the mayor's role, and so he assumed a very key role in just making last-

minute changes. Some of them were modified by people on the committee, like the two professors who understood that it wasn't going to fly to give the mayor very much control at this point; that there was time to change the regulations and come back for another vote, strengthen the vote of the mayor.

There was a certain degree of compromise?

Things like requiring a simple majority vote of city council to overturn a mayor's veto rather than a supermajority. But they overlooked many issues that — the compromise went both ways. I think compromises were made to insure that the public would not be too alarmed by the change, but there were compromises also that cut out the communities almost entirely from reaping the benefits from the change.

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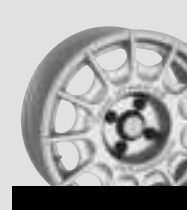
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because the mayor's office, through John Kern and others, was still trying to make changes. The mayor apparently had something to say himself about what he wanted to do, how he wanted to keep control of closed sessions, for example, which was a peculiar one but managed to survive.

And that was all transmitted from Kern to the committee? He would show up and sort of say, "This is what's going on"?

Yeah, um-hum. Yeah.

What was the final proposal?

This proposal transformed San Diego into a city very much like many other large cities, mostly Eastern cities, where the mayor is the chief administrative officer, the executive of the city, and the city council is the legislative body — two very distinct roles, tending to be adversarial roles.

The other cities that were looked at in trying to develop our own set of

rules were places like Oakland and Los Angeles. There were others, but those two cities were very important. It's true that they both gave a lot more power to the mayor, and the public approved that.

They're so different. The process, the reasons, the people involved were so different that it was hard to believe that they could teach us anything.

Oakland had Jerry Brown; it was a one-man show. People put their future lives — they put everything into his hands and said, "Okay, you do it." And he did it. People up there are very worried that once he leaves there's going to be an office with an incredible amount of power and the next person's not going to be as successful in managing that power.

Los Angeles had a very complicated transition. But the purpose of this change in city government was to try to prevent secession — not just in San Fernando



Dick Murphy

Valley but in a couple of the other towns to the south. So it was an attempt to preserve the city.

And in order to do that, they ended up transferring a lot of power to the mayor and then transferring a lot of balancing

power to the communities by setting up neighborhood councils, elected local neighborhood councils, that had an overarching system of meeting and determining the state of communities.

The community voice

was built into these charter changes so that in Los Angeles power was redistributed. Some went up to the mayor, and some went down to the communities.

In the hands of the good people who were working up the system of San Diego, power was redistributed, but only up to the mayor.

They like to say that it really is a strong-mayor, strong-council form of government, because the council is given the right, if they choose, to hire a budget analyst for themselves so that they would have a little more information, knowledge, and be able to balance the mayor's new power to create the budget.

And so they were calling this "strong-mayor, strong-council."

That was a sales job. The city council in fact lost out tremendously in this redistribution of power, and they're going to have to work pretty hard to establish a city council that has the sense of its respon-

sibility, its potential power, and its self-reliance.

That this group set up Prop. F and was able to sell it to the public, I'm still surprised. But I think the public tends to like the idea of a strong executive who will take over and take care of things.

What struck me about this Committee 2000 was that they knew what they wanted to get achieved. They didn't really care about the way it got put into place; they didn't care about the details — in fact, were not even aware of the functions of city government that had to be taken care of when you write a charter, when you write the rules of the game.

Part of what I had been pushing for all the time that I met with them was to get a totally new commission set up in the city of San Diego to deal with all the issues and get public input and work out the details so that it would be a better proposal that we got.

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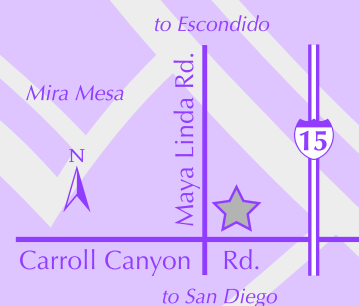
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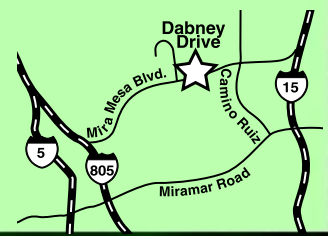
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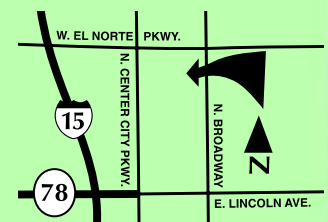
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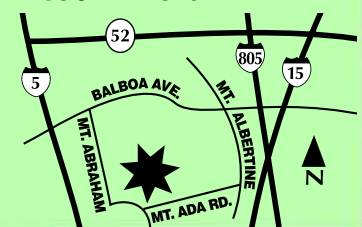
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And they actually made that statement, which I had written down in my notes: “If we do it that way, we’ll lose control of the process. We don’t want to do it that way.”

Charter-review commissions are complicated. They’re not easy. They are political like everything else that has to do with heavy-duty political issues. But they do spend more time on the details. They do solicit more public input in



San Diego City Council, December 2004 (Casey Gwinn and Lamont Ewell, far left)

this process.

So the proponents wanted to retain control?

This was an intent of the people who put it into place, because their interests really are very focused

and work best with the least amount of public input.

Specifically, are we talking about real estate development?

We’re talking about

not only real estate development but where the city puts its resources, where the city spends its money, what industries benefit from the city’s and public money. Who we sell bonds

for, where the public indebtedness goes, where the infrastructure goes, and which parts of our economic sector make money and who gets rich and richer and who pays for it.

Do you think the intention of the proponents was to have downtown benefit, or La Jolla or — ?

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The fallout is also what happens to labor in the city, what kind of poli-

cies get made to protect labor, what kind of jobs are created, what kind of protections there are, what kind of housing gets built, who we’re housing.

Right now the city council and mayor have control over who is city manager and who administers the city. They have equal access to a city manager to administer their policies in their own communities or citywide. In the new system, city council will no longer have that same equal access to the administrator. The city manager will be working for the mayor.

So all needs and requests [from the city council] will be filtered through the mayor’s office. It’s a very powerful tool for the mayor to bargain with if he wants — “If you want for your community X, Y, or Z, I want from you your support on this big issue that I’m proposing.”

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The city council for the next probably five years will be an eight-member city council. It's hard to get a majority when you have an even number of councilmembers.

So we can look forward to a certain amount of paralysis in the city council. This was not necessarily the choice of either the working group — this committee who set Prop. F up — or the mayor. But from what I understand, it was the will of the city councilmembers, who were unwilling to have another seat added mid-stream because it would change their boundaries and take away some of their constituents if there was a reapportionment for a ninth seat.

We also have a city council that right now is very dependent on the mayor. He sets the policy, he sets the agenda. Despite not being a strong mayor at this moment, he can exercise a good deal of leadership and control. The

city council's new role is going to be quite different.

The mayor, I think, has a lot easier job making the transition. The mayor will gather together a few close associates and business leaders and decide just how to set up his office. He's got new choices to make, but it's pretty straightforward.

The city council has a very difficult task that I think they haven't even begun to recognize. That is to begin to understand themselves as an independent body who will be setting all their own rules and deciding their own committees and deciding on the role of representative officers. They have to choose and elect —

From one of their members?

From one of their members. One of them will be the presiding officer. It can be done in many different ways, different terms, but the presiding officer is the important person, because that per-

son will be setting the agenda for the city council and that will be a person who will fill in if there's a vacancy in the mayor's office. If the mayor had a heart attack, if the mayor got recalled, anything, that presiding officer would be sitting in, so it's an important position. And it could be a powerful position depending on who has it and for how long.

So the city council has to understand that their role... is that they are going to make some joint decisions. They also need to decide about this budget analyst. The city council is notorious for not understanding the budget. The mayor's probably notorious for it as well, I don't know. But the city council certainly is.

There could always have been a committee of city councilmembers learning the budget, understanding the budget. Making it a public process would have been a beautiful system where they

could have taken control of their own information and expertise. They never chose to do that.

I don't know if it speaks to the limited ambitions or temporary short-sighted personal goals with the city, or whether we haven't just ever elected good enough people to really have the self-confidence to become experts in this matter. But I know this is one thing that Abbe Wolfsheimer proposed 10 years ago, 15 years ago, and it pretty much went nowhere.

In this new system they have the choice. They don't have to do it, but it's the only way that they would be able to have any authority in budget matters — to create an office of independent budget analysts and staff for that and assume that that person will act on their behalf to help them control the budget and be able to wheel and deal with the mayor at budget time.

The problem is that

nobody expected the disaster that has now become evident. I mean, we've been in a disaster for a long time, but nobody really expected to have all these disasters come together at once in this city.

And the budget — they're talking about layoffs, they're talking about cutting programs, and this is at the same time that they have to create a new division, a new department for the city council. That would be pretty expensive, I would think. At the same time, the mayor will be expanding his office, because that will have to happen. That's going to be what they call a "challenge" for this year. The city council so far is a pretty divided group and getting more divided as the days go on.

In May, two of our councilmembers will be spending a lot of time down in court. It's hard to know how they're going to give their full attention to the problems of the city and the transition and to

their own personal futures. It's hard to know what the outcome will be for those trials.

So the instability this year in the city council is enormous, and it's just a moment when they have to step up to the plate to assert themselves, to start meeting independent of the mayor. I'm really concerned that the mayor will choose to try to control the process by having the transition process get done through the rules committee, which he chairs, and through a committee that he might decide to select.

He would form a separate committee?

Yeah, an ad hoc committee on transition, because I think it's time for the city council and the mayor to begin to wean themselves from one another. The mayor probably has no right controlling the way the city council will be setting up their own rules or even controlling the setting in which they will be setting up their own

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Doing it through the rules committee means that certain city councilmembers are not on that committee and will not be directly participating and will have to come as speakers of subcommittees. I think that the big hurdle is going to be for city council to somehow understand that they need to see themselves as an eight-member group and set up their own subcommittees and begin to think and act like a separate legislative body and be developing their own bonds and alliances within city council.

I think some of the

city councilmembers who were interested in the charter change are not that interested in city council legislative integrity because they see themselves as the next mayor.

That's also a major problem in setting up a strong city council, and again, the reason that I am so interested in this aspect of it is because it has everything to do with public input, where the public gets heard. The mayor will no longer be sitting in on any public meetings, city council meetings. The public will not have access to the mayor. He won't have to hear them

anymore.

He won't even show up at the meetings?

He doesn't need to show up at any city council meetings. He still wants to chair the closed-session meetings, but that has nothing to do with the public input. These are the broad kinds of issues, or some of the broad issues, that need to get faced.

Then there is a whole enormous set of the nitty-gritty — the city attorney has a huge role to play in this, and it's going to be interesting this year because the city attorney is a good deal more active in understanding what his

role is.

There are lots of conflicts that need to get worked out; they're legal, but they're also policy conflicts. The city attorney won't deal with policy — he has to deal with the legal issues — but they overlap in ways that are very hard to extricate. The city has, for example, dozens and dozens of committees, agencies, commissions. Some are heavily political.

A major one of those very political commissions is, for example, the redevelopment agency — it's not a commission, it's an agency — it's a city redevelopment agency. Is that a

very peculiar status? It's part of city, but it's also independent, and it controls all the redevelopment in San Diego.

So the mayor and the city council both sit on this agency. It's not clear from Prop. F [how power over the redevelopment agency will be allotted to the mayor or the council], because Prop. F just didn't cover these kinds of important details — things that a charter-review commission would have had to iron out beforehand.

We'll be faced with it after the fact. The mayor's role is very unclear, but this is a very important func-

tion for a strong mayor to decide — where the redevelopment goes. That has to get worked out. So far it's very vague.

There are several other committees like that, where the mayor and city council have both participated and that they both sit in on and make decisions about. It's no longer clear who [will make those decisions], but these are too important for the powerful interests in town to let go of. It's where the mayor gets his strength, to be able to control certain kinds of major development in town.

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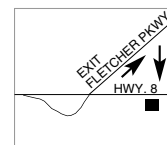
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major problems that will face the city council and the mayor this coming year, I, as a League of Women Voters person who's been involved in government for so long, became pretty concerned that the same group of individuals who put Prop. F on the ballot were meeting again and had a direct line to the mayor's office to set the agenda for the transition process.

Was this after the election in the fall?

After the election I became interested in how Prop. F was going to get implemented. It's important to do it right. The city is in enough chaos and is so unstable in so many ways that if Prop. F implementation doesn't go smoothly we're going to have even more chaos when this new form of government is in, and that doesn't serve anybody's interests.

It's certainly, I'm sure, a motivating factor for this business group who put Prop. F on the ballot. They don't want to see chaos in a year. It does not serve the community. It doesn't serve the business interests. It doesn't serve the community at all to not see that Prop. F is implemented as well as possible.

I decided to contact many of the groups and people who had been left out of the process of setting up Prop. F — some of the groups and people who might have been involved had there been a charter-review commission, a much broader group of constituents who have other interests in this city aside from the business interests.

We were invited to use the conference room in the city attorney's office to have our meetings so that we could get the information from the city attorney, from his staff. We also invited the city-manager staff person who has been assigned the task of this transition process for the city manager's office so that she could come, she could tell us what was

going on at the city, and she could hear what our concerns are.

Who attended the meeting, and who did they represent?

The people that did show up were basically people that had been working with community-development issues in the city for a long time.

A city council meeting to begin dealing with these cleanup issues is coming up soon. What do you think will happen at that meeting?

I'm not sure what's going to happen at that meeting. It's a public meeting. The public doesn't really understand the process that is involved in making this transition. They voted for Prop. F and just expect it to happen. This year's process of making it happen is not something that they either know about or would be very interested in the detail of.

What we need to hear from is the city manager and the city attorney with timelines about what has to get done when. Many things have to be put into place immediately so that other things can follow.

There was talk about trying to get a study done by either the Rand Corpo-



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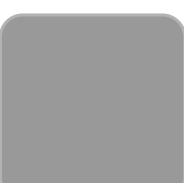






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ration, which would be a privately funded study, or by the city to try to look at the process and try to set up the marching orders for city council and mayor.

We don't have enough time to set up a committee in the usual way. If there's a privately financed study by

an independent agency like the Rand Corporation, it might be of some use, it might not be. I'm sure that there will be useful points, and I'm sure there will be a lot of stuff that will just sit on the shelf.

I think what we need are a few decisions about

getting a timeline set up by a city manager who will be leaving in six months, trying to squeeze out as much as we can from this guy before he goes, and setting up some budget, aiming for some instructions to the city manager about budgeting for a new staff

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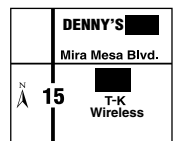
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for the city council. The city attorney, which is an independent elected agency with a very separate legal role, has already begun its work, not having to wait for the mayor to get around to giving them instructions.

So I think we'll see some timelines from the city attorney's office and some questions about policy issues that need to get resolved during the year.

We do need a structure, we do need a joint working group, and I've been told that there might be a working group set up from the representatives from the mayor's office, city council, city attorney, and city manager, and the public to begin to lay out the next few months and make sure that everything is on track and keep an eye on it.

I would like to see a working committee like that. And I'd like to talk about setting up a charter-review commission now, putting it into place so that in a year or so we can have a commission working alongside the city, monitoring the progress, looking at changes that are going to have to be made and getting ready for the vote that will have to come back to the voters within five years to see if we want to keep this form of government or if we want to make modifications or go back to — well, you never can go back. So I think we need to do what should've gotten done years ago.

City council is so far not coming together. I see the League of Women Voters playing a strong role, if it's acceptable to the players, to help structure some of the public hearings and the details of what needs to be done in transition.

In terms of all these private meetings that you so described leading up to the measure, and now in the postelection period, again more private meetings being held, is that something that should continue or should it be more open?

I think the private

meetings are just fine. But when private meetings result in controlling influence among all of the higher-up politicians and policy makers, then you've got a problem. If it gets done strictly in this type of way, I think it's a really

ominous predictor of what might happen with a strong mayor, where only private groups will get heard and the perspective of the other interests of the city will be ignored.

When is the switch?
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— Matt Potter

Editor's note:

This interview was conducted before Monday's city council meeting during which the council voted 7-2, with Donna

Frye and Jim Madaffer in the minority, to solicit bids for a consultant to provide advice about the strong mayor transition. The estimated cost was said to be in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The council put off taking other action. Meanwhile, it was re-

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Abraham Lim, a senior at Mt. Carmel High School, arrived in San Diego from New York in May 2003.

How has your lifestyle changed? “When I first came to San Diego, I was actually extremely pessimistic about everything, from school to church and everything in between. Things have changed, and I think that moving to San Diego from New York helped me to adapt to different situations more easily. It really helped me to see outside my perspective and try to see from other people’s perspectives as well. I guess that makes me more open-minded.”

What did you find shocking about students at Mt. Carmel? “Well, one thing would be the hanging your pants on your butt, revealing your boxers thing. I don’t know if the guys of San Diego are aware of this, but that style went out in New York in the mid-’90s. Another thing would be that so many people are so school-spirited.... So, my first pep rally at Mt. Carmel was a bit scary and traumatizing.”

How does the learning environment in San Diego compare to New York’s? “This is not intended to offend anybody, but New York City standards of education are higher. The curriculum is harder. I came from Brooklyn Tech High School, which is one of the three specialized high schools in New York City that you have to take the SAT to get into.... If I decided to do three or four advanced-placement classes in Brooklyn Tech, I would have died.”

What would you take back to New York if you were to go back? “The clean beaches, Jamba Juice, some of my friends, and In-N-Out. Enough said.”



Abraham Lim

Did you have difficulty adjusting here? “Compared to a lot of other San Diegans, I guess I’m a lot more filled with attitude — mean, honest — so to some people’s eyes in San Diego, I may come off as a total poophead, but that’s just how I am. I am shy, which was not a great characteristic to have because most of the students at MC are so friendly and outgoing. Other things are minuscule, but one major thing that annoyed me was the ignorance of some students who tried so hard to be ghetto. I’m from New York City, and I went to school in Brooklyn, and you don’t see me saying these ‘gangsta’ words and trying to act like one. I’m sorry, but there are no ghettos in San Diego.”

What food do you miss the most? “Pizza in California is really bad, compared to New York pizza.... I feel that both California has its good food and New York does too. For one thing, In-N-Out is only in California and it is extremely good. I also love Jamba Juice and Islands [burgers]....”

What was your reaction when you were told you’d be moving here? “I moved to San Diego because of various reasons. One was that I got myself into a little bit of trouble back at home. I ditched classes, among other things.... When I was told we would be moving to San Diego, I was devastated. It was the lowest point in my life, and I felt like I was throwing everything that I learned [during] the past 11 years away, and I was throwing my friends away as well.... Occasionally, I will get sad and miss New York and my friends, but there’s no point of letting it take over you.”

What were your expectations before coming to Mt. Carmel? “I just expected to be the outsider, to sit alone at lunch and just sit in my classes until school was out. Happily for me, my feelings about when I first came to this school and how I’m doing now is quite the contrary, so a pat on the back for me.”

Mt. Carmel High senior Alison Turner arrived in San Diego from Australia three and a half years ago.

How has your lifestyle changed? “The American lifestyle is fairly similar to the Australian one, so most of my routine has remained pretty much the same. One thing is that Americans start work and school incredibly early. School in Australia didn’t start until nine o’clock every day, but we also finished a lot later in the afternoon. On the whole, everything is much faster-paced here as opposed to the more relaxed, laid-back attitude in Australia.”

What did you find shocking about students at Mt. Carmel? “Firstly, the amount of bad language was overwhelming. It seemed I couldn’t go into any classroom without hearing a four-letter word. Secondly, the amount of blonde, tanned girls walking around with manicured nails.... I also found it odd that every morning the whole school would stop everything to stand up and pledge their allegiance to the American flag. Australia does not have a pledge, and very few people would probably know both verses of the national anthem. Americans are much more patriotic than any of the

Australians I ever knew and on the whole are more dedicated to serving their country....”

How does the learning environment in San Diego compare to Australia’s? “The learning environment in San Diego is much nicer than Australia. Here I feel that good work is truly encouraged and rewarded by both staff members and fellow students alike. People are much

less likely to make fun of you for doing well and putting in a lot of effort. The academic level is also substantially higher in San Diego. My high school in Australia was so easy compared to Mt. Carmel. Basically, all you had to do was show up to class and you passed.”

What would you take back to Australia



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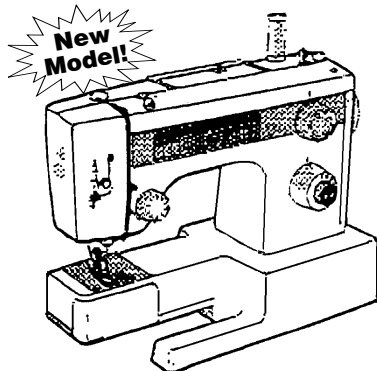
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Did you have difficulty adjusting here? "I wouldn't say I had difficulty adjusting to certain things at Mt. Carmel, but there were certainly a lot of humorous mistakes! The biggest problem was the language barrier. Even though we are both technically speaking English, Australian and American are two completely different languages. Most Americans simply didn't understand my meaning because I would phrase things differently or use other words to express myself."

What food do you miss the most? "American foods are certainly a lot healthier than Australian foods. The quantity of junk food that people consume here every day is astounding,

and I constantly see many obese people. There are many more different restaurants in San Diego compared to back home...especially Mexican. When I first arrived, I didn't know anything about Mexican food and probably wouldn't have known a burrito from a taco to save my life! I miss a lot of English-style foods that were available in Australia. Most people here don't know about pasties, custard, or shepherd's pie, all fabulous foods readily available. The quality of meat, vegetables, and bread was also better in Australia. The food I miss most is a traditional Australian meat pie."

What was your reaction when you were told you'd be moving? "I came to San Diego because my father, a scientist, was

offered a job at a research company. I absolutely hated the idea initially because it would mean leaving my friends behind. However, once I got used to the idea, I was also excited at the prospect of traveling and experiencing another culture."

What were your expectations before coming to Mt. Carmel? "I had no expectations about an American high school. I suppose I expected it to be the same as an Australian high school. I was somewhat mistaken in this belief! I was terrified of starting at a new high school in a country where I knew absolutely no one. I shouldn't have worried, though, because everyone was so friendly and helpful and made me feel welcome and accepted."

Anna Choi, a senior at Mt. Carmel, moved to San Diego from L.A. last summer.

How have you changed since moving to San Diego? "I've become a better person, I think. The friends I've been able to make these past couple of months have given me a better outlook on life. They're extremely encouraging, and I have been able to soak that in and share that generosity with other people."

What did you find surprising about students at Mt. Carmel? "What surprised me about Mt. Carmelians is that they are impeccably punctual and more disciplined than the students I had encountered at my old high school. It's absolutely astounding to see kids in their classrooms and ready for class two

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minutes before the passing period is even over, as it is surprising to be able to walk into and out of the school freely, without having to deal with a scrutinizing campus security."

How does the learning environment in San Diego compare to L.A.'s? "I was glad to find that the academic classes offered here are pretty similar to the ones offered at my old school in L.A. I was able to enroll into the [advanced placement] classes I would have been in had I attended my old school my senior year."

What would you take back to L.A. if you were to go back? "Although I lived just three hours north of here, I'm a firm believer that the weather is so much more refreshing and invigorating here than in even the suburban parts of the L.A. region."

What food do you miss the most? "I've noticed that, among the several restaurants located in San Diego, many of which are unheard of in L.A., there are no Numero Uno Pizzerias here. In my opinion, they have the best pizza on the West Coast."

What was your reaction when you were told you'd be moving? "I moved because of my father's job. I was at first extremely reluctant to come because leaving L.A. meant that I had to leave the familiarity of my home and friends."

What were your expectations before coming to Mt. Carmel? "Because I was unfamiliar with the school and its surrounding area, I had no idea what to expect.... This was the first time I had ever moved out of the schools within the area of my old home, much less out of the district. Thus, not knowing everyone — not being familiar with the environment — was an unnatural concept for me to deal with."

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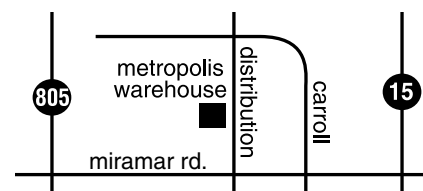
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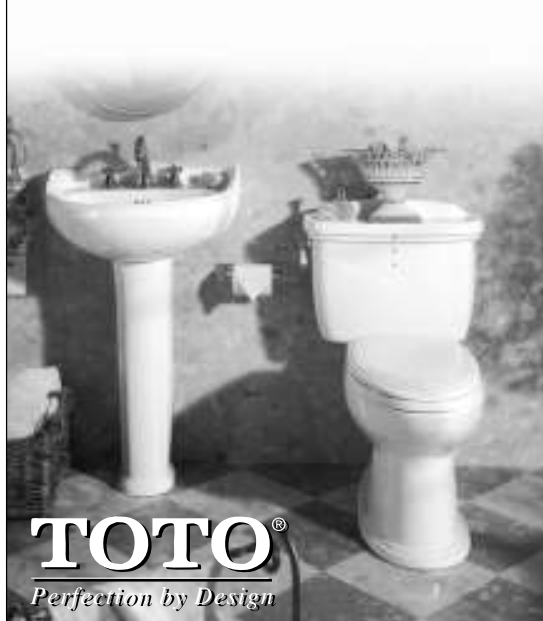
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John Park came to San Diego from Korea two and a half years ago. He's a junior at Mt. Carmel.

How has moving changed your lifestyle? "My lifestyle changed nicely because I don't have to study for 20 hours like other students in Korea, and I can do many activities that I couldn't do [because I was] studying."

What did you find shocking about students at Mt. Carmel? "The lifestyles are much different compared to Korea. The students at MC are friendlier and most of the students are mannered well compared to the students in Korea. Students in Korea are rebellious. The air is clean and there are fewer students who take drugs at Mt. Carmel."

How does the learning environment in San Diego compare to Korea's? "The learning environment in Korea is worse than San Diego because in Korea, the parents and teachers push students [so] hard that it creates a lot of stress. The school closes early in America, while in Korea, it is like a college campus and is open past midnight."

What would you take back to Korea if you were to go back? "I like the environment in San Diego...great weather and nice people."

Did you have any difficulty adjusting? "The students here are less obnoxious and are calmer than most high school students in Korea. Students in America show more respect towards elders and teachers. Another thing I had difficulty adjusting to was the dark alleyways at night and how early people slept. Korea is a small city with a large population, so there are people constantly swarming around the sidewalk."

What food do you miss the most? "I miss a lot of junk foods in Korea. There are many junk foods I can pick up on the way home because they have little shops where kids can stop



John Park

by to grab a 50-cent [bag of] chips or a dollar's worth of rice cake. The quantity was large and the price was cheap."

What was your reaction when you were told

you'd be moving? "When [they] told me about moving, I didn't say anything because we moved around a lot. I didn't think much of it, but once I came, I realized how different the two cultures were."

What were your expectations before coming to Mt. Carmel? "I was excited before coming to Mt. Carmel because I believed there would be great activities, and I'd heard that Mt. Carmel was a nice school from friends who moved to San Diego from Korea." ■

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A tall American fisherman placed five good-sized fish on his camping table and began to gut them as a fellow tourist in Baja California appeared on a bank above him. “Did you just catch them?” he asked. There were five *cabezón* ranging in size from three to nine pounds.

The fisherman looked up, surprised at the sight of another tourist at his party’s camping cove at the tip of the Punta Baja peninsula. “Yep,” he said easily. “They look ugly but they’re delicious.” And with that the tall man cut into the stomach of one *cabezón* and pulled out a silver-dollar-sized kelp crab and a six-inch, undigested octopus.

“Jesus!” said the visitor. “I’ve been coming to Baja for 30 years, and I haven’t seen anything like this.”

The fisherman looked at an island offshore, the blue waters of Rosario Bay, and the mountains. “That could be,” he said softly, “because there isn’t anything in Baja like this.”

Norm Ash, the 42-year-old, tall, red-haired fisherman, explained to the visitor that Punta Baja is “a survivor, one of the last unspoiled outposts on the vanishing frontier of Lower California.” It remains that way today because Baja was developed from south to north over a period of 235 years, until about 1770, to about latitude 30 degrees north (the latitude of Punta Baja). The development leapfrogged to San Diego and California during the next 55-year period, at a time when syphilis was wiping out the native local Cochimi Indians. As late as the 1950s it was estimated that the desert region of which Punta Baja is a part actually had fewer inhabitants than it had before contact with the white man.

Though Punta Baja is within a day’s drive of San Diego — some 250 miles to the south —



Baja

it gets little or no mention in Baja travel guidebooks. Miller and Baxter’s *Baja Book* doesn’t mention it at all, for example. And the Automobile Club of Southern California’s *Baja California* calls it only “a seasonally occupied fish camp on an attractive beach.” Ash, a frequent Baja visitor who works as a surveyor in Marin County, said that Punta Baja is no more distant from the paved central Mexican Highway 1 than most other northern Baja coastal villages. “It’s just a little further down, and if campers get as far as El Rosario [the turnoff point for Punta Baja], the tendency is to turn left with the paved highway and drive across the peninsula to Los Angeles Bay.” The alternative is the dirt road from El

Rosario to Punta Baja, which is nine miles long. Depending on the weather, it can take an hour or a week to travel.

Punta Baja is plagued (or, depending on your viewpoint, blessed) with cold ocean temperatures at all times. Sixty degrees in summer is warm. This condition is dictated by what is known as upwelling, where chilly northwesterly winds combine with southerly ocean currents to displace normally warmer coastal water with deeper and colder offshore seawater. In short, visitors in wetsuits may surf Punta Baja; nobody swims it. Camping spots on the flat, sandy mesa have almost no protection from the wind that blows virtually all year around. The place does get

some visitors, but not very many returnees.

Though picturesque, with its La Jolla-like conglomerate rocks, tidal shelves, and sheer cliffs, Punta Baja demands a certain hardness of its Mexican fishermen residents as well as of visitors. There is no electricity (not counting car batteries, which are sometimes called upon to light up lone 25-watt bulbs when fuel for the Coleman lanterns runs out). There is no fresh water. Water is brought in by the villagers in 55-gallon steel barrels, carried in the back seats of old sedans or the beds of newer Ford pickups. Clothes washing is done on washboards, and the wash water, in testimony to the dust, comes out a dirty gray-brown and lacking suds. When there is no driftwood available — for use in the mass cooking of lobsters in 15-gallon galvanized tubs — wood from the hills 12 miles away must be cut and trucked in.

“This place is subtle. It’ll fool you for a year or two,” Ash said. The dozen families here have all come within this decade, and they’ve come by way of La Paz, little villages in Sonora, Michoacán — you name it. They have created their own culture and to some extent their own standards and values. Very resourceful, very independent.

“They’re not angels, but Christ, this is still the frontier. I see these villagers as personable people of gumption and tolerance. They know what prejudice and injustice is all about. Many of them worked illegally in the United States.

“Every year Indians come to this region to harvest the tomatoes and probably the beans and the chiles. They come from Oaxaca. And as migrant laborers and as the local minority culture they are looked down upon by the Mexicans. But they are looked down upon maybe

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less by the people in Punta Baja."

Beto Alvarado, whom Ash calls "the mayor," was born in the historic Mexican city of Morelia in the early Depression years and is in his late forties. As a teenager he moved to and worked in Mexico City and went from there to the farm fields of Sacramento and Salinas. He is bitter even today about his four years in the U.S. as a farm laborer of questionable status. "Beto spits angrily when he talks about the years he spent in California," Ash said.

In 1952 Beto moved to El Rosario and began to work as a barber. He is still referred to today as "El Peluquero," or "the barber." Through a friend he got into fishing, because, in his words, "It paid more than cutting hair." After the paved transpeninsula highway that runs the length of Baja opened in December of 1973,

making the port of Ensenada easily accessible to the El Rosario fishing cooperative, Beto was among the first to take up residence year-round at Punta Baja. His first home was a tarpaper and frame shack. Today he lives with his second wife, Socorro, 35, and seven children in one of two cement-block houses on the Punta Baja headland. His three-room house is a half-mile from the tarpaper-covered homes of the other villagers. Beto is seen by American visitors as the leader of Punta Baja and by Ash as its symbol. A proud, stocky man with thick black hair, Beto has developed into a businessman; he now owns three 16-foot fishing skiffs and three Johnson-40 outboard motors. Currently, he is completing a cement-block room addition.

A 40-year-old diver, Juan Negrete, owns the other cement-block house and, as a



Beto Alvarado

close associate of Beto's, is a member of one of Beto's two four-man boat crews. Negrete's house has been windowless for over a year because he put the window money into a used black Ford sedan. The win-

dows will have to wait for the profits from a good lobster harvest this fall.

There are nine other families besides Negrete's in the central Punta Baja village, and their homes are all of the tarpaper-and-frame variety. In all, there are about 50 villagers living in a sandy village adjacent to a boat-launching harbor.

Two frame-and-plywood houses are under construction and could be seen as evidence of the village's growing prosperity. But perhaps most symbolic of the economic changes—and unity—is the new schoolhouse that stands out prominently against the backdrop of a sandstone slope. Still windowless and doorless and lacking tarpaper on the roof, the school is a 20- by 40-foot plywood-and-frame structure built on a concrete-slab floor. The blackboards are strips of sheet metal painted green, and the desks are antiques of oak and steel—the kind with the folding slat seat on the front of a chair-seat combination.

Financed solely by nine of the village heads-of-household, the building materials

have cost 8768 pesos (about \$400) to date. Initially, the nine villagers put up 752 pesos each and then contributed an additional 2000 pesos as more materials were bought and trucked in from Ensenada. John Garcia, a 30-year-old diver, was elected the local school board president; all contributions and expenditures are carefully recorded by him in a steno notebook. In a tour of the schoolroom, Garcia proudly explained its genesis. It opened last spring and has now reopened after the summer vacation. The villagers bear the cost of housing and feeding the teacher, though the Mexican government, through grants from the Consejo Nacional de Fomento Educativo, provides 2000 pesos (about \$100) monthly for the instructor's salary.

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and he asked that credit be given to the most tireless "carpenters," including Negrete, the mayor's son Pancho, and CuCo Flores. Garcia added that profits from a good lobster season, which begins this month, will allow for completion of the construction — windows, two doors, a tarpaper roof, and a cement porch.

Garcia is legendary in the village not only for his achievements as a school builder but also for once providing some friendly tourists with a hundred pounds of fish to take back home. The tourists had arrived in Punta Baja during a full moon, and the fish weren't biting. Garcia wiggled into his wetsuit and went to the bottom of the bay. He opened numerous purple sea urchins, which carpet the cobbled bottom. As whitefish and sheepshead and bass flocked to the delicacies, Garcia poked them with a hand spear and popped them into a hinged-door wire basket. He had the hundred pounds of fish in 30 minutes.

Norm Ash's party included a reporter and his wife, and a photographer. They talked about diving while seated in the kitchen portion of Garcia's wood-frame home. Some of the timbers were driftwood. A transistor radio, basically in pieces and hooked up to Garcia's old car battery, played mariachi music in the background. Garcia's motorless and wheel-less red Ford Ranchero outside no longer needed the battery. As Garcia trimmed, sliced, and pounded the day-old abalone, which had been soaking in salted water for preservation, he talked about his work. The reporter's wife translated.

The sea urchin is a major object of the villager's sea harvesting during much of the year. It is not as lucrative per man as trapping lobsters, but it is more steady, since the lobster season (which runs from October to March) frequently is spotty. Even so, the wind and sea are calm enough for harvesting sea urchins fewer than half the days of the year. Sea urchin harvesting and pressing is hardly glamorous work. A four-man crew takes a diving skiff, rigged with an air compressor, to a reef about an hour's boat ride from Punta Baja. One man sculls with oars, keeping the unanchored boat over the diver; another tends the precious air hose; a third hauls and shucks the urchins' gonads — the only marketable



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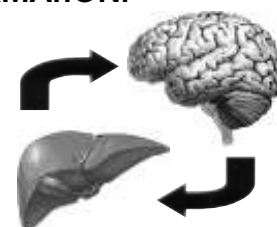
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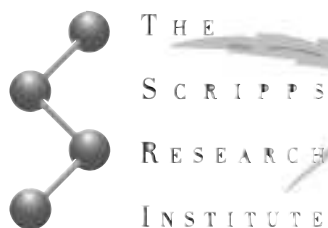
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portion — and the diver, in about 60 or 80 feet of water, rakes up the urchins and deposits them in a wire basket.

The average boat take is about 20 gallons of gonads per day, and the diver's take is about \$80; the other crew members get \$40 each. The urchin gonads are hauled into a fishing cooperative in El Rosario, where women cannery workers in blue smocks salt and rack them for shipment from Ensenada to Japan.

Garcia didn't say so, but like the lobster and the abalone, the sea urchin is already in danger of being "fished out." The problem is that a five-inch-diameter sea urchin generally protects anywhere from a few to 50 or 60 baby sea urchins under its oral side. When the adult is removed and destroyed for its roe, the young sea urchins are gobbled up by sheepshead, starfish, and lobsters. One sea urchin broker on San Geronimo Island, nine miles off Punta Baja and near the urchin harvesting reefs, said, "The sea urchin industry could be dead here within 20 years."

In Garcia's kitchen, Ash spoke in English (he speaks broken Spanish) about the sometimes controversial conservation practices of the Mexican fisherman. "I've talked to a couple of Scripps oceanographers about Mexican fish and game practices, and considering that these oceanographers are very straightlaced about protecting the sea's resources, they seem to understand the basic problem. There's no morality when you're hungry.

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"I'm prejudiced, of course, in their favor. Maybe the bias comes from fishing and clamming with Pancho [the mayor's

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son], but he is as adept a naturalist as I've seen. And he comes very close to Beto's description about the sea and the land and the people being one."

The abalone that Garcia has sliced and pounded and cut into pieces was mixed with diced onions and Chila brand hot sauce and then served on one porcelain plate. "*Ceviche*," Garcia said, his eyes twinkling. "*Muy sabroso*." And it was — very delicious. Two of the

abalone were eaten as ceviche, and then Garcia gave the group the remaining four to be later sliced, pounded, breaded, and fried. The abalone, though still brought into and processed at the El Rosario fishing cooperative, is in relatively short supply in the waters of Punta Baja.

During Ash's stay in the Punta Baja region, he and his party were taken to San Geronimo Island in a skiff by the mayor's oldest son, Antonio—who at 18 just became a diver last year—and by the mayor's brother-in-law, Johnny Valadolid. They watched as the sea urchin crews came in and deposited their four five-gallon plastic containers of sea urchin gonads. Then there was suddenly much shouting and excitement in San Geronimo's tiny harbor and settlement. One of the crew had slain and boated a sea turtle of perhaps 400 pounds. (How they got

the 400-pound turtle into the skiff defied comprehension; it was a seemingly impossible feat.) As the boat carrying the turtle was beached, a yellow plastic bucket was removed from its head (presumably it was put there to catch the blood), revealing a one-inch-wide gaping hole at the base of its head. Six men wrestled it out of the boat, and as they tied it fast against the incoming tide, it was explained that only in the summer do they even see such turtles and that so far this year only this one was taken. Last year two were killed in the island vicinity. They are, as one fisherman said in English, "very rare."

Later, at the north end of the island, Ash and the photographer observed thousands of nesting gulls, cormorants, and brown pelicans in a territory that was totally theirs. Crossing the width of the island were signs that read *No pase*.

Peligroso. ("Do not enter. Dangerous.") "That's their land," explained the photographer. "If you pass into it, you threaten their young and they'd peck your eyes out — at least."

Back at the Punta Baja cove where Ash and his party had their camp, preparations were made for a small fiesta. The reporter wrapped each of five *cabezón*—caught the day before—in aluminum foil, adding butter, salt, and lime juice to each. Later 19 members of the fishing village arrived with their contributions of hot tortillas wrapped in cotton dish-towels and a giant pot of *frijoles*. The *cabezón* was plucked from the coals, and 23 people served themselves a kind of fish burrito, all without the use of a single fork, knife, spoon, or dish.

A day after, Ash's party drove back to San Diego in a station wagon, and the red-haired naturalist spoke sadly;

returning to the United States was painful. "You have to kind of let it happen," Ash said. "You have to sit back and watch the pelicans fly past in perfect line formation. What'd we see? Maybe 20, 25 of them at a crack? You look, and if your eyes are open you can slow down and see.

"You've seen this place. But you wanna know why this is so much a part of me?" he asked, and then he told this story:

"Last year, in July, a supply ship bound for Cedros Island from Ensenada ran aground in early-morning fog on the rocks at the southwestern tip of Punta Baja — maybe about 200 yards from Beto's house and maybe 300 yards from where we were camping. This 48-foot steel ship, called the *Noreste*, was carrying meat, cheese, canned goods, and 1000 cases of Tecate brand beer — and every ounce of it

was dumped overboard in an effort to lighten the craft and back it off the rocks when the tide came in.

"Well, they didn't get the boat off, and as dawn broke an American who was camping nearby alerted Beto's family to the mishap. The two oldest boys climbed into their wet-suits and, using ropes, Beto and the boys assisted the crew members ashore.

"A sealed beer can floats, and as word spread, the villagers flocked to the peninsula's western shoreline to find themselves on the beach knee-deep in drinkable beer. They were drunk for a week — men, women, and children.

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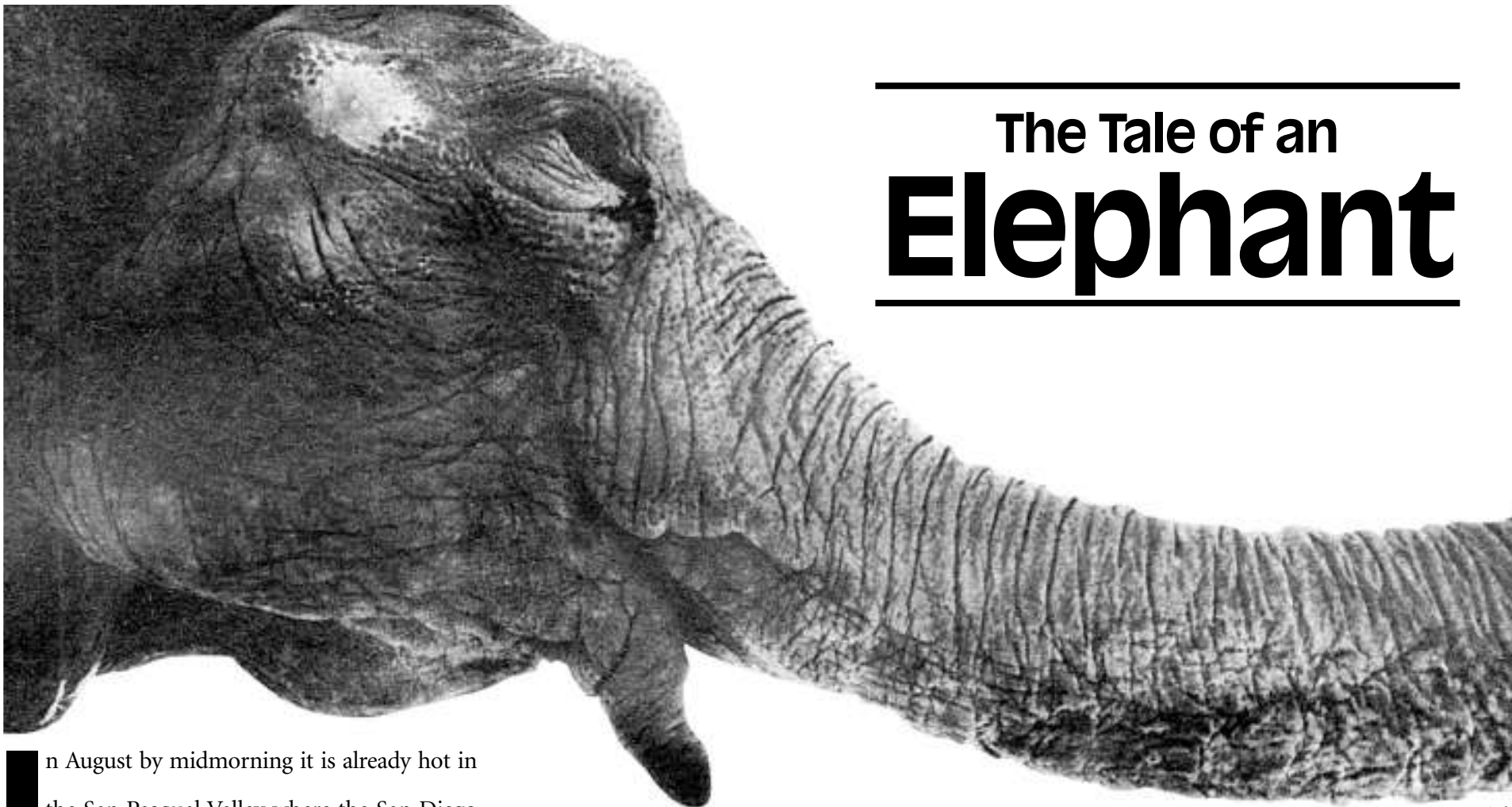
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Cindy

In August by midmorning it is already hot in the San Pasqual Valley where the San Diego Wild Animal Park's two-and-one-half-acre elephant yard stretches up toward sun-baked hills. Alan Roocroft, the Zoological Society's elephant-training supervisor, wants to cool off Cindy. He tells her firmly, "Lie down, Cindy." The four-ton elephant goes down on her haunches and rolls over to one side on the concrete pad. She is the size of a Mack ten-wheeler turned over on the freeway.

Roocroft plays the hose across Cindy's hide. The dust with which she earlier had sprayed herself sluices off her belly with the running water. Cindy lifts her outside foreleg and paws the air. To an observer, it appears that Cindy enjoys the gentle hosing.

Her bath over, Roocroft says, "Stand, Cindy," and her giant ears flutter. Back on her feet, Cindy shakes and water drops fly. The six-foot-long trunk, actually an extra-sensitive nose with 40,000 muscles, lifts and forms an easy loop.

Offering Cindy an apple, Roocroft remarks that she is one of the easiest ani-

mals he has trained in his 20-year career. Cindy takes the apple with her trunk and deftly places it between her four bread-box-size molars. This is the same animal that newspaper headlines once declared "the most dangerous elephant in captivity."

Back in the late spring of 1982 at Tacoma's Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Cindy posed a problem. She had been the zoo's first elephant and was still its only elephant; she had paced her cramped enclosure (which included a 300-square-foot asphalt yard) alone for 17 years. The zoo administration wanted to proceed on

the remodeling of Cindy's quarters but had no place to keep the elephant.

Cindy had never been formally trained; since the late '70s only one keeper, Rich Johnson, could work around her.

When zoo veterinarian Mike Jones tried to tend to Cindy, there was trouble. "She picked me straight up in the air," Jones said, "and if Rich [Johnson] hadn't been there, I wouldn't be here either." The only way to treat Cindy, the veterinarian said then, was to tranquilize her. But that, he claimed, posed a danger to Cindy's life. "She cannot realistically stand tranquil-

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ization,” Jones said. “One day we’ll go out on a routine matter, put her in tranquilization, and she won’t come out.”


But Cindy never struck Johnson, and on his days off, because Cindy scared other keepers, Johnson came in to clean her stall. She had become

a “one-person elephant,” Tacoma’s zoo curator said. “If something should happen to Rich, or if he would choose to work somewhere else, no one could get close to her.”

Early that summer of 1982 Point Defiance hired Roger Henneous, the senior keeper

of elephants at Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Oregon, to evaluate Cindy’s behavior, to “retrain” her, and to train keepers to care for her. Zoo workers have a healthy respect for elephants, and rightly so; although the public believes lions, tigers, and bears are the

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most ferocious zoo residents and circus performers, those zoo and circus workers who are killed or injured most often fall victim to elephants. Henneous's five days with Cindy were frustrating. At one point, after he tapped her on the nose with a training tool known as a bull hook, Cindy stuck her trunk through the bars and knocked Henneous to the floor.

Point Defiance then hired Richard Maguire. Called "the Hammer," Maguire breaks "bad" or "rogue" elephants. It was during Maguire's "retraining" that Johnson, according to Tacoma's *News Tribune*, "broke down and sobbed at the sight." Maguire's week with Cindy, like Henneous's five days, ended in frustration.

Tacoma's Metropolitan Park District Board, which oversees the Point Defiance Zoo, met in October of 1982. At that meeting a letter from Roger Henneous was read. The *News Tribune* quoted this portion of the letter: "[Cindy is] by far the most aggressive, malevolent elephant I've ever seen. Why Cindy hasn't killed or maimed someone already is a complete mystery to me, but it is only a matter of time until she does so."

Tacoma zoo director Gene Leo told board members, "Several staff members have been hit, picked up, rapped, and thrown." Keepers had been instructed not to work around Cindy. Leo suggested that only three alternatives were available: sell Cindy; sell Cindy and buy a baby African elephant, which would cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000, including subsidiary costs; or hire a trainer to retrain Cindy at a cost of \$32,000 to \$35,000. Leo favored the third alternative, although he told the board that only a 50-50 chance existed that the "retraining" would work and added, "This is a very difficult decision, given Cindy's popularity in our community."

The board postponed its decision on Cindy's fate, but the elephant remained in the news. Although Cindy had never injured anyone to an extent requiring hospitalization, "mad elephant" stories circulated through the city of 160,000 people. At the same time, there were rumors that the zoo was considering destroying Cindy. On October 20, 1982, zoo director Leo commented on the rumor that suggested the elephant would be destroyed. "I think that's an ultimate — the final step."

Then at the end of the

month the *News Tribune* printed allegations that Cindy had been abused in her summer retraining. According to Tacoma's newspaper, Cindy had been beaten with boards, jabbed with a pitchfork, stabbed in the trunk with a penknife,

zapped with an electric cattle prod. At least once she had been chained by all four feet to the enclosure fence, the report asserted, and was left there without food or water for three straight days. Further, the newspaper stated, "It was learned that

Cindy fell to her enclosure floor in exhaustion and remained there for four hours on one occasion, both during the same 24-hour period. The trainers were reportedly unsuccessful in their use of cattle prods, finally coaxing Cindy

to her feet after her leg chains were loosened." One source told the newspaper that chains dug two inches into one ankle. Another source called the retraining methods "sickening." There was ugly talk going around town. A park

groundskeeper told friends he had seen Cindy beaten with two-by-fours, that hay was tossed into her pen atop her excrement, that she was being starved.

Four days after the *News Tribune's* article appeared, on

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November 4, 1982, Tacoma's park board met again to discuss Cindy. One hundred Tacomans packed the room. While television lights blazed, 23 citizens gave testimony, both for and against the elephant. A keeper who had filled in while Johnson was on vacation testified that "Cindy slammed me with her trunk, threw me six feet, broke my glasses, and I lost consciousness. That was the most terrifying experience of my life." At least two citizens brought up the successful 1977 \$7 million bond issue for zoo rebuilding. Cindy's photograph had appeared on the issue's advertisements, but her new housing, promised in the board proposal, was never

built. One Tacoman, reminding the board of this promise, said, "Removal of Cindy is being hidden under the guise of abnormal behavior."

At the meeting's end the board resolved to consummate a permanent breeding loan agreement with the Zoological Society of San Diego. The provisions of this loan would stipulate that Tacoma's zoo would continue to own Cindy until she produced a female calf. Tacoma would get the calf, and San Diego could keep Cindy. Financially it would be a good deal for San Diego. Asian elephants have been declared an endangered species, and a breeding-age elephant can cost \$35,000. She would increase

the breeding stock and gene pool for the then-planned Asian elephant breeding program. San Diego would have to pay only a \$6000 transportation fee.

The weekend after the Tacoma board met, Gary Miller, at that time the elephant trainer at the Wild Animal Park, flew to Tacoma to visit Cindy. On his return Miller reported to the Zoological Society that Cindy was an excellent candidate for the breeding program. He did not believe she was dangerous but only that she was "bored, for lack of companionship."

In the diplomacy practiced among zoo personnel around the United States, it

would have been unthinkable for Miller to make public comment on what he did or did not know about Cindy's alleged "retraining" abuse. Zoo employees do not discuss with zoo outsiders the often quite real skeletons in one another's closets. The usually outspoken Alan Roocroft, asked to be specific about Tacoma's treatment of Cindy, explained that negative talk about other zoos was simply "not professional." Nor, according to the *News Tribune's* late-October article about Cindy, are zoo employees likely to discuss their own zoo's troubles. "Contacted by the *News Tribune*," the paper noted, "Johnson, a veteran employee who has worked

with Cindy for many years, said he had been ordered by zoo officials to refer all media inquiries to zoo development officer Sue Vernon. He said he had been threatened with loss of his job if he commented on zoo-related matters."

Neither Henneous or Maguire was available for comment in the October newspaper article, but Mike Jones, the zoo's veterinarian, did speak in the zoo's defense. Persons unfamiliar with professional elephant-training methods may view those methods as abuse, he explained, when in fact they are merely necessary applications of discipline. In answer to charges that Cindy was struck by boards, Jones told the

Tacoma newspaper that Cindy was struck with boards only when the four-ton elephant attempted to attack trainers. "She's the size of a Sherman tank," he said. "You can't use your hand and expect her to feel it." About the penknife, Jones said, "An elephant trainer did use a penknife on Cindy only because no other elephant hooks were available. Her thick hide was not jabbed any deeper than one-quarter inch." Jones also admitted he had purchased and used the cattle prods himself, but they had little effect on Cindy. "She barely noticed," he said. "You've got to recognize how thick that hide is." To the charge that Cindy had been chained and left without food

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or water, the *News Tribune* noted that Jones replied, "Food and water were withheld on occasion in order to use nourishment as 'rewards' for appropriate behavior."

In a phone conversation last month, Roger Henneous did not recall that the *News Tribune* tried to contact him about the alleged retraining abuse. Henneous, who has been with Portland's Washington Park Zoo for 14 years, said, "I don't pretend to be a trainer, just a keeper. I have no illusions about being an authority." Although at the Portland zoo Henneous is used to working with three bulls, he said about his encounter in 1982 with Cindy, "I have never

met a female elephant with such an in-your-face-Jack, impolite attitude." In his opinion Cindy is not vicious by nature but is an animal who was permitted to "rough people up" without any consequence attached to that behavior.

Asked if he felt uncomfortable about the allegations of abuse, Henneous said, "No. If I had been guilty, I would." He reiterated what many elephant trainers and keepers say: "The layman does not understand elephant training, or elephants." About elephants, he said, "They are big, smart, and if they ever take it in their head to snuff you, it's all over.

"Had I gone into Cindy

with a chainsaw and a .22 and physically scarred her," he said, "then I would feel bad. But the simple matter is that if you start with an elephant at a young age, then you don't have to be that rough. But if you wait until an elephant is Cindy's age and size, there's very little poking, gouging, and thumping you're going to do that will injure it."

The "evil elephant" stories began rolling in to San Diego after Gary Miller went to Tacoma. Jeff Jouett, a spokesman in the zoo's public relations office, received a call from the San Diego Associated Press bureau. "They had a story from Seattle," he says, "that Tacoma's zoo wanted to

send us this vicious elephant." Immediately the sensational aspects of media coverage became overwhelming, with stories calling Cindy "dangerous" and "malevolent" appearing in newspapers nationwide. "I backtracked," Jouett recalls, "and discovered that Henneous's statement was originally that 'under these circumstances, Cindy was dangerous....,' etc. But for the sake of brevity, I guess, the qualifier got dropped. And at that point the Zoological Society trustees almost decided against accepting Cindy. They had heard so much about her being a killer that they were not sure they wanted her." The board, however, asked Miller to come before them to discuss

Cindy. Satisfied with his diagnosis of her as "bored," the trustees voted unanimously to accept her.

After that decision, headlines read, "'Dangerous' Pachyderm Finds Home" and "Brooding Elephant to Take Up Breeding." Then, Jouett says, "I began receiving calls at home at night and throughout the day at work. Everyone wanted to know why we were taking this 'vicious' elephant. And with every story this 'vicious' reputation grew." Jouett's public relations goal became twofold. He had to debunk Cindy's reputation as a killer. Yet, he admits, he had to be careful "not to insult the Tacoma zoo," because, he adds, "I truly

believed the Tacoma zoo was doing the best they could on a limited budget."

Debunking Cindy's reputation was not easy. "Even after I told the press people that Cindy was a victim of her past treatment, of being locked up in a small enclosure, of having untrained supervision, even after I would explain Cindy's behavior from an elephant's point of view," Jouett says, "people would not include those items in their story. The stories would always start out with that 'most dangerous elephant' angle."

But the worst of Jouett's problems were yet to come. Media representatives wanted to be present when Cindy

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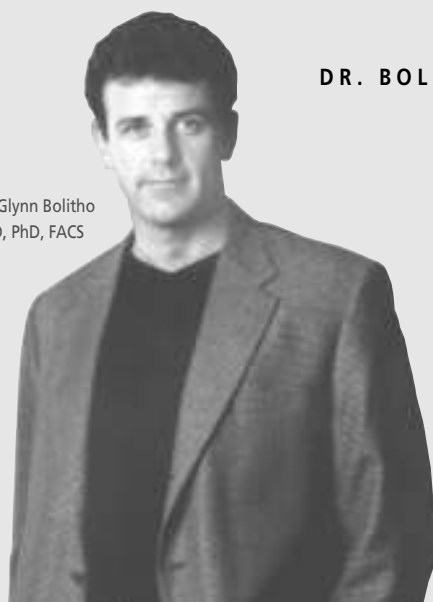
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arrived in mid-December. The elephant trainer and keepers wanted no one there. They were concerned because Cindy had not seen another elephant for 17 years. Furthermore, she would have been jostled in a truck all the way down Interstate 5 from Tacoma for more than 24 hours. And she was going to be chained. "But for different reasons than we felt the press would assume, given her reputation," says Jouett. The chain, Jouett explains, would permit the trainer to move her and keep other elephants from pushing her into the moat around the two-acre enclosure.

The decision was made to bring Cindy in at night and not to notify the media. Jouett says that he still feels guilty about this but that he saw no way out of it. If Cindy did behave in a berserk manner, there was no way to protect the reporters. And at night, in complete darkness, Cindy would receive fewer stimuli. So near midnight on December 14, 1982, Cindy arrived.

Over the next few days headlines around the county read, "Cindy Arrives in San Diego — No Problems," and "Cindy's Bad Temper Fades as She Joins More Elephants." By the end of December, newspaper stories about Cindy were fewer: "Tusk! Tusk! Maybe Reputation Unearned," "New Elephant Is Wallflower," and "Ferocious Cindy Gentle as a Lamb." By January a reader could learn that Cindy was "Happy at Last!"

Into this situation of an abused elephant with an unearned killer reputation came Alan Roocroft, hired six months after Cindy arrived at the park. Roocroft is the first person to be in charge of elephants — Asian and African — both at the zoo and at the Wild Animal Park. Until he joined the staff, supervision of the two areas had been separate. But in January of 1983 an administrative reorganization, designed to harmonize zoo and park collections, created general positions to supervise both park and zoo collections. Now Roocroft's position, which pays in the low thirties, is, he says, the highest-paid elephant job in a United States zoo.

Roocroft's passion for the massive beasts began in his hometown of Manchester, England, where he was born 36 years ago. Before Sri Lanka closed its doors to the export of elephants, they were easily obtainable, Roocroft explains.

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"Our local zoo had a lot of elephants come through." Each elephant was accompanied by a mahout, or keeper/driver, who stayed with that animal until it became acclimated. "Like spaghetti to tiles," Roocroft says, "these guys stuck to

Manchester." Roocroft's father, a Manchester Zoological Society member, "more or less adopted one of these keepers," Roocroft says. The keeper took a job at the local zoo, working with the elephants. And at 14, Roocroft, eager to begin work

with elephants too, left school and took a job digging graves until he was old enough to work at the zoo.

He stayed at Manchester one year. Then he went on to the Chester Zoo, working there until he was 21. At that point

the keeper there sent him to Sri Lanka. "Sri Lanka," Roocroft says, "is 170 miles wide and 170 miles long, an island that rides off the southern tip of India in the Indian Ocean." This island was once connected to the Indian subcontinent.

"But when it got isolated," Roocroft explains, "it also isolated the elephant herds there. Before the Portuguese came, before the French, and last but not least of all, before the British — who really screwed things up — there were a lot

of elephants there." To get to Sri Lanka, Roocroft sold everything he owned. Once he arrived, his host, a keeper at a zoo in Colombo, gave Roocroft food and shelter.

"What attracted me to Sri Lanka is that there you've got everything you want. You've got the wild elephant in the national parks, you have the worker elephant in the logging camps, and you also have the zoo elephant. So I had three different aspects of the elephant in a day's drive from one another. I got a chance to participate in working with the more docile elephants, the ones you could say anything to, and they would go anyway. But mostly I listened and I watched. It was a real experience seeing people work with animals that we call unmanageable."

After Sri Lanka, Roocroft went to Hamburg. Karl Kock, the elephant supervisor there, is "one of the few men outside the East who really knows elephants," Roocroft says. When Roocroft arrived at Hamburg he spoke no German. His boss and coworkers spoke no English. "The first five years, I cried," Roocroft recalls with a pained half-smile. But he adjusted during his ten-year stay there. He learned German. His daily work around elephants enlarged his experience. Kock, he says, "gave me self-confidence. I am still learning from him," he adds.

The Wild Animal Park maintains a herd of eight African elephants, seven females and one male. Five African babies have been born at the park. Three survived. At the San Diego Zoo there are three African females and one male baby African. Worldwide there are 1.3 to 1.5 million African elephants remaining, according to Roocroft. "The African elephant is going faster, now, than the Asian," he says. Even with attempts to reduce illegal ivory dealing and with the protection of these animals in safari parks and game preserves, African numbers continue to decline. This decline is due not only to the ivory trade, outlawed since 1976, but because expanding human populations constrict the elephants' range.

There are five female Asians at the zoo, and at the Wild Animal Park there are seven cows, including Cindy, and one bull. Roocroft estimates that 46,000 Asians remain worldwide. "War cut the throat of the elephant population in

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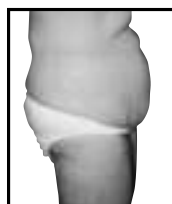
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Asia," he says. "In Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, they were shooting elephants right, left, and center. If you can't shoot a person, you shoot an elephant, right?"

The Asian elephant was declared endangered in 1973 and can no longer be exported from Asia. For a zoo to acquire an Asian is both difficult and

expensive; in the past ten years, only nine Asians have come into the United States legally. Sri Lanka gave President Reagan one elephant; the Seattle Zoo received two from Thai Airways, which gave the elephants as "complimentary gifts" to Seattle's Boeing Company; and the Ringling Brothers Circus acquired six Asians (which,

however, had already been living in Europe) in 1973.

"We run a really serious risk 2000 years from now," Roorcroft says, "of having wiped out the whole animal population." And a time will come, even sooner, he fears, "when the only places people can see animals will be in institutions."

Norman Winnick, Point

Defiance Zoo director for 15 years, was there in 1965 when the zoo acquired Cindy. Contacted recently, Winnick said that a man in Nevada offered Cindy to the zoo as a gift. But the zoo had to pay for transport. In 1965, Winnick recalled, "[Port Defiance] had a zero budget for acquisition. We were, back then, a roadside

zoo with a few niceties." Winnick contacted the newspaper and told his story. After the paper ran a front-page article, a local roofer offered to transport Cindy free in his new flatbed truck. The zoo shop built a crate for the flatbed. (The crate still stands in the zoo storeroom.) Money was found to fly Winnick to Nevada

to work with Cindy for ten days. All that Winnick knew about the elephant was that she was young, in good health, and had grown too large for her owner to keep.

Cindy was originally purchased to serve as a children's attraction at a resort and casino complex under construction in Boulder City, a town 30

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When Winnick arrived in Nevada, Cindy was in the care of a man who called himself Jo-Jo the Clown. Cindy was about four feet high at the shoulders, perhaps four years old, and a little on the thin side. Dressed in her red velvet caparison that bore her name emblazoned in gold letters and wearing her

diamond-shaped hat, Cindy often went into Ft. Lucinda's small bar, a room that held gaming tables and slot machines. Winnick learned that because of her size Cindy had begun to knock over tables. She had also become fond of maraschino cherries, using her trunk to extract the cherries from customers' drinks.

Winnick was not told everything. He did not know Ft. Lucinda was in financial trouble, nor did anyone tell him that the humane society had spoken of its concern for Cindy to Ft. Lucinda's promoter. And nobody could tell him of Cindy's origins. That story begins far from the sands of the Nevada desert.

Morgan Berry, who eventually was killed by one of his elephants, began importing elephants into the United States in 1952. He brought in 120 of them over the years and sold them to zoos, circuses, trainers, and private individuals. His son, Ken Berry, lives in Seattle. Berry worked with his father and continues in the elephant business (he delivered San Diego's bull, Ranchipur, to the Wild Animal Park). Asked if he recalled Cindy, Berry did not remember the animal by that name. But he did remember taking one of the Berry elephants to Boulder City, Nevada.

Berry was to deliver the elephant on payment of \$4000.

"I picked up someone at the Sands," he remembered, "who gave me the check and drove with me to Boulder City." Berry was put up in a motel for a week. Part of the \$4000 included Berry's teaching someone to care for the elephant.

The elephant, who only later would be called Cindy, had come from domesticated timber stock in Thailand, where she was born in 1962. Berry's father bought her from an animal dealer in Bangkok when she was six months old. She came to the United States in the belly of a Boeing 707, and the Berrys kept her until she turned two.

David Belding, now a 38-year-old Reno attorney and

a part owner of the Gold Strike Inn property, was 18 in 1964, Cindy's last summer in Nevada. Belding remembers Cindy well. The summer of '64 he worked in a gas station from midnight to eight. Cindy lived in a nearby tent, and Belding would sometimes bring her to the station. Shiny things attracted her. She liked to take off Belding's watch, and he taught her to crush pop cans with her trunk. One night, Belding remembers, a drunk passed out on the seat of a trolley car on the property. Belding tiptoed to the sleeping man and put a pop can on his stomach. Then he led Cindy to the trolley. She grabbed the can. "The man sat up, took one look at Cindy, and ran," Beld-

ing said. "He never came back."

During the day Cindy gave rides to children. She was moved to a shed and was kept company by a billy goat. The temperature would rise to 120 degrees in Ft. Lucinda, and Cindy had no shade. She collapsed several times. The humane society complained. In 1966 the Ft. Lucinda empire folded and the owners took back the land, but Cindy was already in the cool climate of Tacoma by then.

"Cindy really became [Tacoma's] star," ex-zoo-director Winnick said, "and she was also really the first attraction, the first kickoff for getting support for the zoo." Winnick recalled helping her first keeper,

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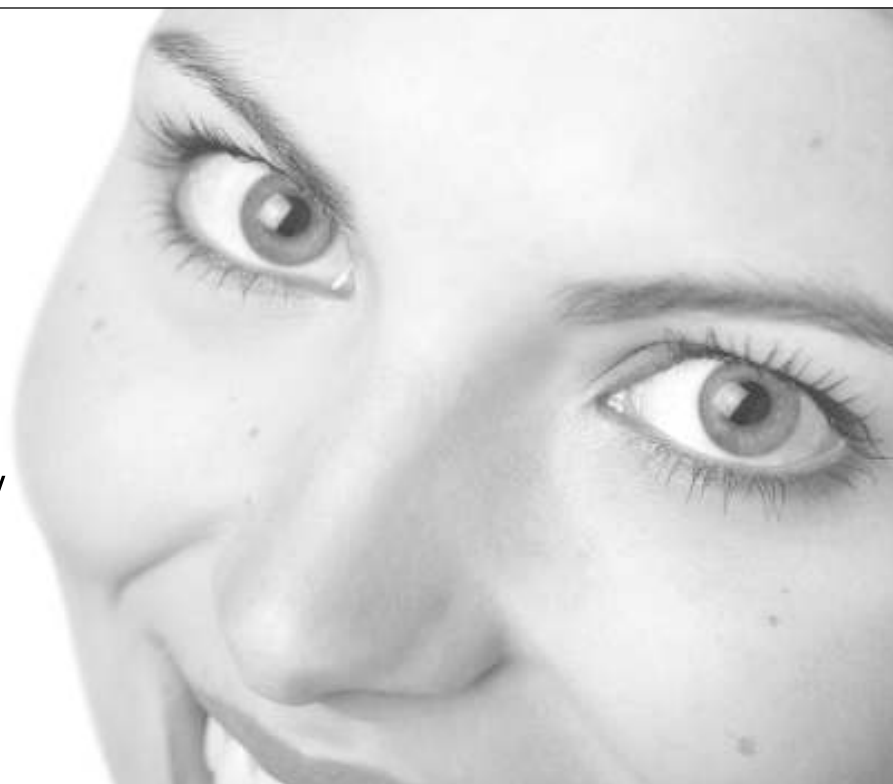
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Ray Hamlin, in those early years. He sent Johnson to Portland's zoo for two weeks for training in elephant health care. (Winnick, too, would give Johnson Cindy's red velvet caparison, given to him in Ft. Lucinda by Jo-Jo the Clown. Johnson also has kept two of Cindy's baby teeth and a bracelet made of several yards of her tail hairs.)

When Cindy entered adolescence Winnick tried to arrange with the Portland zoo to breed Cindy. But this never worked out. Winnick also hoped that after the 1977 bond issue the Tacoma zoo could build larger elephant quarters and also purchase a second elephant. But by 1980 Winnick

was gone from Point Defiance.

Winnick feels the "evil elephant" story got out of hand, that Cindy was not "malevolent," only lonely. Left without animal companionship, Winnick believes that Cindy tended to approach keepers as if they were also elephants. Winnick recalled that at the same time newspapers called Cindy "dangerous," young children were still being held up by mothers to hand Cindy one of her favorite treats — Life Savers. "Cindy would take these delicately with her trunk from their tiny little fingers," Winnick said. "She was doing this up to the day she left for San Diego."

On the Friday before Cindy headed to San Diego, fifty Tacoma residents gave her a going-away party at the Tacoma zoo. Partiers stood beneath a green and yellow circus tent, sipping hot cider and munching animal crackers. Stickers were passed out that bore an elephant sketch. People tied four bouquets of balloons to Cindy's fence. Cindy looked up at the balloons while she munched the fresh hay Rich Johnson spread out in her yard.

Had the elephant we now call Cindy remained in Thailand, and had her life been without catastrophe, she would have been born into a family of six or seven elephants and

would have remained a part of that unit for 60, 70 years. Alan Roocroft, sitting one recent morning in the trustees' meeting room on the grounds of the San Diego Zoo, helped to reconstruct what Cindy's life might have been. For the first years of Cindy's life, he says, she would be with her mother all the time. "And there would be one other elephant with them, the auntie." The "auntie" and the mother come together by mutual agreement. Because the time of birth is for the female elephant a time when she is in the most vulnerable position, the two females will choose a place to give birth where the mother will be protected on at least three sides.

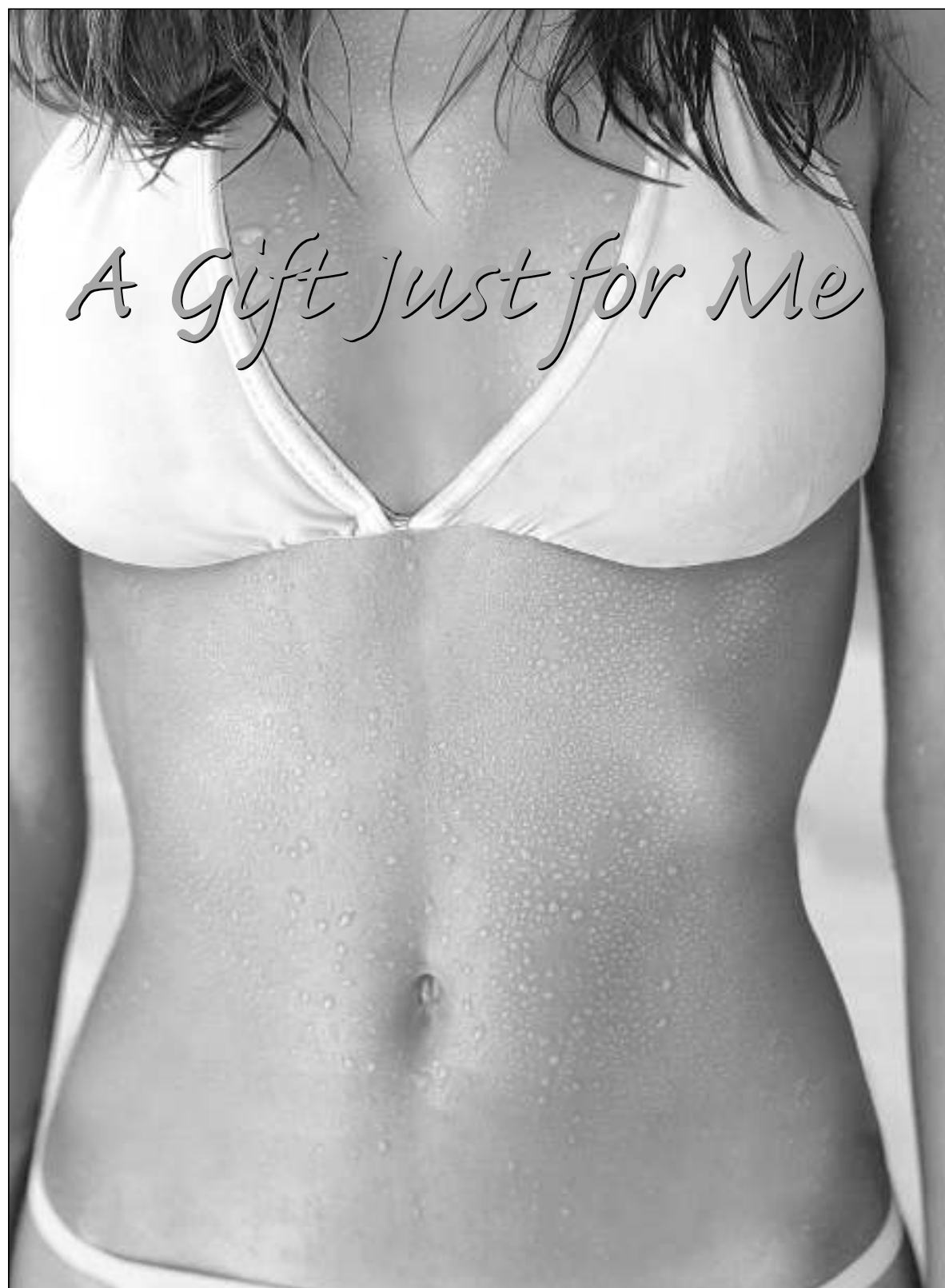
"Sometimes," Roocroft says, "it will be a streambed." But the auntie, he adds, "will *always* stand on the fourth or unprotected side." In Asian jungles a tiger will often track the pregnant mother and the auntie for weeks. "The tiger senses the animal is going to give birth," Roocroft says, "and if the tiger is hungry, it will attack. Because the auntie has stationed herself on the fourth side, she will be attacked first."

Elephants, Roocroft says, form matriarchal family units. In contrast, the herds in captivity are entirely artificial, being composed of animals from different family units, different herds, even different subspecies. The Asian bulls,

who when they mature go through periods called musth and can become violent, are isolated from this matriarchal society and have, he says, "their bachelorhood. The cows chase the bulls away from the herd, and they are allowed back in only for mating."

A pecking order exists among the females. The "lead cow," or head of the unit, will tend to be the animal in the herd that has lived longest. Individual members of the herd are very close. "Elephants who are dying, who are sick, they don't just die suddenly," Roocroft says. "They go down. The other elephants will try to motivate the sick elephant, to get it on its feet. They will try

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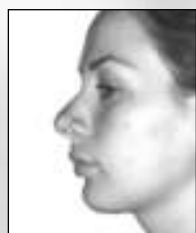
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To listen to Roocroft talk about elephants, about zoos, and about elephant training is to begin to realize that Roocroft has chosen zoo work only because he feels deeply for the elephants. He takes the elephants' perspectives. He is looking out, with the elephants, from their enclosure. His identity is with them. "Working with elephants, I go for gut feeling. The animals are dealing with their instincts. Our instincts have been slowly beaten out of us. We have become a regimented machine. But the animals are dealing with their instincts. To work with elephants, you have to go with your own gut feelings, feelings that are a leftover of the instincts.

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"Now, in captivity an elephant stands in one place and we throw hay to her all the time. This is where instinct, the gut feeling of a keeper, must come in. A farmer can tell you when it's going to rain. Well, I can tell you when the elephant is not eating right, is not moving right. If she is not moving enough, she is getting too much food. So we must cut back her feed a little bit. I would rather, always, give them a little less and motivate them more, achieve movement to 'that next branch,' as it were.

"But," he says, rubbing his own fingertips together, "it is a fingertip feeling, a feeling that you get from an animal that tells you this.

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shot before the zoo opened for the day.

More recently at the troubled Atlanta Zoo, zoo veterinarian Emmett Ashley recommended that a 15-year-old Asian elephant, Twinkles, be shipped to a farm to recuperate from a joint ailment. According to the *Atlanta Constitution*, the farm belonged to a circus owner, and Twinkles died "under mysterious circumstances" in North Carolina while traveling with the farm owner's roadside circus. Twinkles's keeper throughout the elephant's 11-year tenure at the Atlanta Zoo testified before an Atlanta Law Department hearing that Twinkles was not ill and did not need to be moved. Twinkles, the keeper told the hearing, "had no problems eating and drinking at all."

Nothing in the morning's conversation in the trustees' meeting room elicits as much discomfort from Roocroft as does the talk of the training of elephants. Roocroft will talk with vivid anger about "thumpers" and "beaters" and will scowl furiously and redden when he repeats the philosophy of the more violent animal trainers: "If you can't fit it, hit it."

Too many people, Roocroft says angrily, want to be elephant trainers for the wrong reasons: to acquire a glamorous image; to impress people; and, for a man, to be in a prestigiously "macho" occupation. The only right reason, Roocroft insists, "must be for the elephants, and even that desire is not enough. It takes a person who can show passion toward another human being. If he can't he doesn't have a hope in hell of showing it to an elephant."

Asked what goes wrong when a trainer becomes a "beater," Roocroft says, "First, if you have an aggressive, uncontrolled manner, you should never work around an animal. Period. You quickly learn what your own inadequacies are when you work with animals. If you don't, the animals will teach you. The frustrations take over when people can't teach an animal a behavior. I've done it. You feel like an asshole. My own inadequacy, you see, would take over. You just stand there, just before taking an action you know is not right, but you do it...and then you come back to yourself, and you say, 'What in hell are you doing?'"

Roocroft continues, "You

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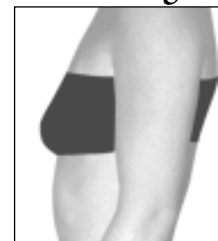


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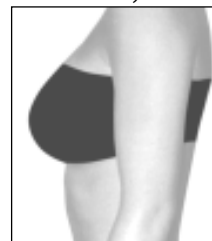


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"The first step is to introduce yourself to the animal, to develop what my boss in Hamburg called the *appelle* ['the call']." Roocroft explains the *appelle* as teaching an animal that it is being taught. "And if you cannot teach an elephant that it is being taught," he adds, "then the rest of the training will be torture for the animal."

He uses Cindy as an example. "When Cindy is out in the elephant yard, she is an animal with other animals. When she is with me, she is being taught. She knows at my command at any given moment how far she has tolerance. I have bred that into her. That is the basis of teaching.

"You can either produce something very, very fine for both the animal and the trainer, or, if you are a thumper, by your own actions you can produce a monster: you will get an elephant that is nuts," Roocroft

says.

"Too many trainers begin their work with an elephant visualizing a little man in the elephant's head," Roocroft continues. "The trainer is trying to train, so to speak, *that little man*. When that little man does not respond—when the elephant does not do what the trainer has asked it—then the little man grows larger. And the harder you fight the little man, the more the human ego becomes involved and the bigger the little man gets. It becomes a contest of wills. This never works. What you have to do is to 'think elephant.'"

Roocroft has seen an entirely different relationship between man and elephant in Sri Lanka, where the two have worked together in logging

camps for centuries. "In the West man has to conquer the animal, the elephant," he says. "In the East if an animal does not live up to expectations, they just turn him loose...toss a few firecrackers after him...let him go back to the jungle."

Although no one in the happy-family ambience of the Zoological Society will say so, a change in elephant-care philosophy occurred when Roocroft arrived. Two years ago at the zoo it was said that a woman could not achieve dominance in the elephant yard. Now Roocroft, who says ability to work with elephants is not gender-related, has a woman keeper working directly with the animals. There is less talk of "establishing dominance" and more of "making

and keeping contact with the animal."

"We are trying to ask more of the elephants," says Steve Friedland, who is in charge of the elephants at the zoo. "Not that we are trying to teach them a great deal, but they need to learn to do what is necessary to allow us to take care of them." This consists, in part, of being able to follow orders to lift each foot, to lie down, to move backward, forward, to the right, and to the left. Roocroft sees this training as "occupational therapy" for the captive elephant. "They are grateful for the diversion," he says.

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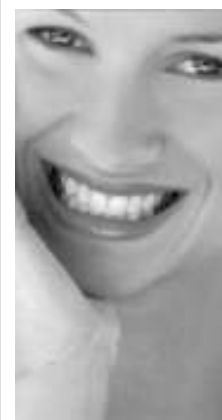
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choice, she prefers the company of Roocroft to an elephant. But this morning she reaches out with her trunk and grabs up some hay from a smaller elephant's heap, a hopeful sign.

On the night Cindy arrived at the Wild Animal Park and the doors to her trailer were opened, a 34-year-old

elephant named Nita walked around the trailer. This gave Cindy a chance to smell another elephant. Because Cindy had trouble backing up in the trailer, she was finally harnessed to Nita, who nudged Cindy out of the trailer. When Cindy emerged into the night air she snuffled her trunk along the ground. On her 54-foot chain,

she was led into the barn and put between the dominant Mary and the smaller Cookie.

Jeff Jouett went to the park that first morning and watched Cindy from the observation deck. "She reminded me of a big scared kid. She ate dirt. She had never seen it." Several days later Jouett returned. "When the show elephants went by, trunks holding tails parade-style, poor Cindy was so scared she ran to the barn, which by then was a safe spot for her, and hid. Her big rump—two, three tons—was hanging out of the barn.

But she believed she would not be seen if she didn't see them."

By the end of Cindy's first month at the park she could—at command—lift each of her feet before she left the barn in the morning, for which she was rewarded with an apple. The worst that happened to an elephant during that time happened to Cindy. She bumped into what was for her an unknown—the electric fence.

Then in February 1983, the *National Enquirer* picked up Cindy's story. They called

it a "real-life Cinderella story" and described Cindy's "miraculous change" in San Diego. According to the tabloid, the "8000 pounds of mean fury" had changed overnight. "After years of loneliness, Cindy has at last found the magic of both love and friendship," the paper concluded.

Cindy will soon be added to the roster of four Asian elephants and one camel that offer gentle one-lap tours around the park's ride circle. Eventually she will become a mother. Breeding Asian elephants in captivity is now done

only at the Portland, Miami, Metro, and Bronx zoos and at Circus World in Florida. But by the end of this year the Wild Animal Park's \$400,000, 10,000-square-foot Asian Elephant Breeding Facility will be ready. It is here Cindy will be bred to Ranchipur. When she goes into labor she will be moved into the facility's maternity unit, in which there is a small room where keepers will be able to monitor the birth with video cameras. After the birth, Cindy and her calf will be moved to the facility's nursery pen.

Cindy is too big to forget easily and too big, too, to bury quietly and without traces. Her story and her size, her huge shadow falling, keep alive in human minds the questions of who—as a people—we have become and what—in the future—our world will be. An old proverb from India says, "Only an elephant can bear an elephant's load," by which Indians mean, "The burden is more than I can bear. It is a load for an elephant." ■

—Judith Moore

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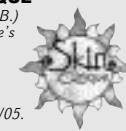
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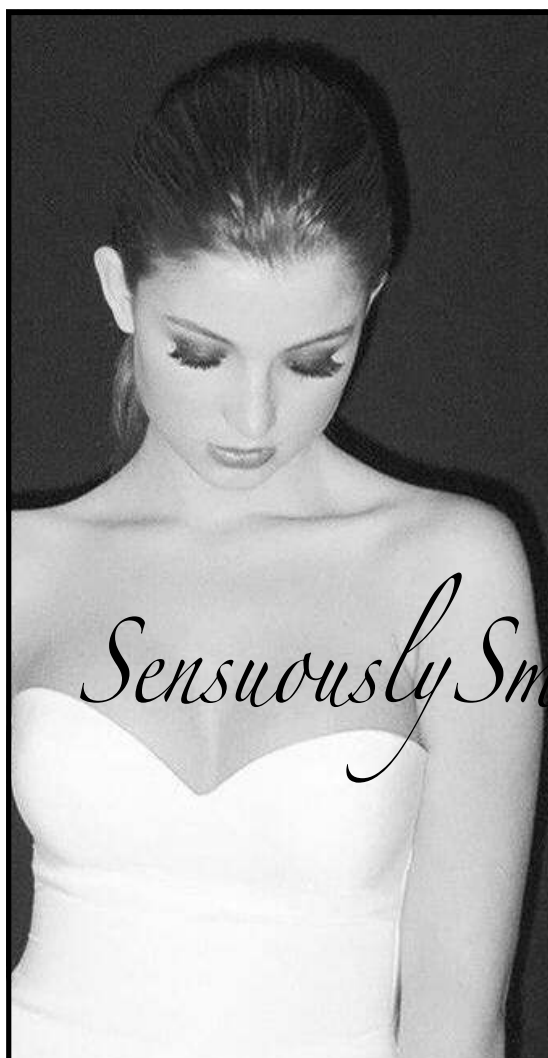
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Genuine Hell

I enjoyed your article with Pastor Murillo ("Sheep and Goats," January 13). Seems so rare these days to find genuine Christians. And Pastor Murillo is when he actually says there is a hell. Unfortunately today, so much of Christianity (pastors included) do not believe there is a hell. It will be sad for them.

F. Dennis Love
Ocean Beach

Ginger's Shame

I wanted to bring to your attention the January 13 "Off the Cuff" article, written by Cruz Medina. The question was "Do you hate anything that other people think is cute?" I was very appalled that the *Reader* allowed the response by Ginger Snappe to be printed! She should be ashamed of herself, and the *Reader* should also be ashamed for printing her response in your paper!

Nina Melad
via e-mail

Communist Danger

I was saddened and alarmed by the sight of a full-page ad (January 13) for Bob Avakian and the Communist Party of the U.S. that detailed their goals and hopes for a Maoist future.

I had the pleasure of ejecting the local apparachik for the USRCP from my office after seeing his video, which confirmed my belief that his party is no different from the parties in other lands that have generations of blood on their hands and generations of oppression to account for as a historical legacy.

I realize that every dollar counts in this business, yours as well as mine, but as the *Reader's* publisher well knows, as a practicing Catholic opposed to abortion, using your publication to further practices that you find abhorrent isn't an honorable way to use that publication or add anything to the community that the publication serves.

Avakian, his party, his ideas, and his hopes are the

antithesis of everything Americans hold dear. His version of a revolutionary socialist United States would start with a purge and end in a bloodbath. I challenge you to waste the several hours his videos require and find anything else in them.

John Rippo
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Bud Facts

Recently, you reported on a one-legged firefighter that works for my department, Bud McLeroy ("The One-Legged Professional Firefighter," January 6). As in the original article you wrote back on October 7, 1999, you left out several important items. As Bud's close friend who was with him at the race, before the operation and afterwards, I wish to set the record straight.

First, as Bud lay in the hospital both prior to and after his amputation, the highest chief officer in our department to visit him was our training chief, Steve Jones. Our fire chief at the time, Chief Inman, stated to me at a computer-training class at National University, one mile away from Kaiser hospital, that it would set an unnecessary precedent to visit a firefighter in the hospital or home, and he wasn't going to start now with McLeroy. Both the then-current deputy chief and assistant chief and fire-prevention chief agreed with him at the time. The training chief came on his own.

Later, after Bud returned to his home, many firefighters came to visit him and help out around his home. They gave him rides, took him to breakfasts at his fire station (#1), and kept his spirits up. Bud had taped off all the mirrors in his house halfway up so that he would never have a vision of himself from the waist down not walking. The local San Diego fire station off of Palm Avenue in south San Diego came by his house often to see "a brother firefighter," even though McLeroy was in a different department than them. Bud's Kaiser insurance didn't cover prosthetic legs (something they didn't tell him when they recommended surgery), so after the operation he was left without a leg to put on.

His local (International Association of Fire Fighters Local F-33) found out about this and ran two benefit raffles to help him out. Captain Juan Reyna ran the first one, collecting over \$6000. I ran the second one, hosted by the San Diego Firehouse Museum, and raised over \$16,000. These monies were paid for by firefighters throughout our department — San Diego County, Riverside, Orange, Imperial, and L.A. Counties — who bought tickets supporting a brother firefighter in need. Both paid departments and volunteer departments rallied together for this cause. The money was used to help Bud's family with bills and to purchase his first prosthetic leg.

Without his local's help, Bud would have to have raised the money himself (\$15,000-plus for a regular leg back then). Also, when Bud ran out of paid leave, his IAFF Local F-33 came to his support again and helped get him donated leave from around the country so he could have a paycheck to support his family with. Then, IAFF president Bob Uribe and the Local F-33 membership at large was responsible for helping Bud survive until he could come back to work. His local discovered a firefighter paramedic in Florida that was missing a heel on one foot. We also discovered an Army master sergeant that was a special forces soldier who had lost a leg and was still in the Army in special forces. Also an Army general that was on active duty with one leg. Armed with this info, his IAFF local and the national IAFF in Washington, D.C., and Bud's determination to come back full-time, he was able to beat the odds that he faced with their help and political pressure.

These facts have been missing in your past articles, and I thought they needed to be exposed for a clearer picture of his recovery time. Thank you.

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PIPES & HAMMERS, Claire Chase on flute, Amy Dissanayake on piano, and soprano Ann Chase perform works by Boulez, Bach, and Ives at Palomar College at 12:30 p.m. and on Friday, 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Solana Beach. See **IN PERSON**, page 95



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BLUES GUITARIST ROBERT CRAY at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. See **CONCERTS**, page 116

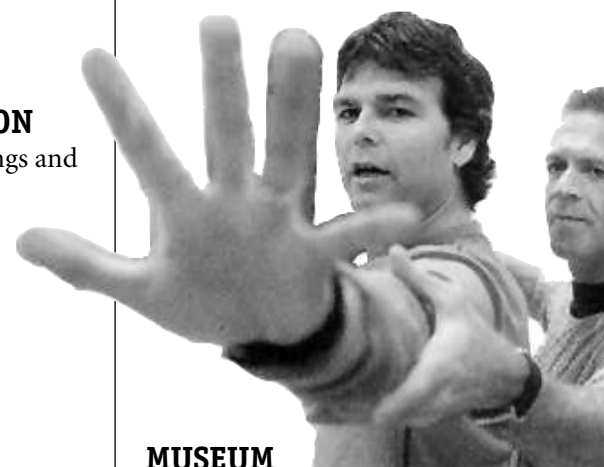
DOOBIE BROTHERS on the Pavilion stage at Harrah's Rincon Casino. See **CONCERTS**, page 116

LAURIE ANDERSON sings news songs and tells stories at Mandeville Auditorium in La Jolla. See **OF NOTE**, page 122



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"RUNT OF THE LITTER," former Houston Oilers defensive back Bo Eason's one-man show at North Coast Rep in Solana Beach. See **IN PERSON**, page 96



MUSEUM MONTH begins with half-price admission to local museums, through February 28. See **SPECIAL**, page 99

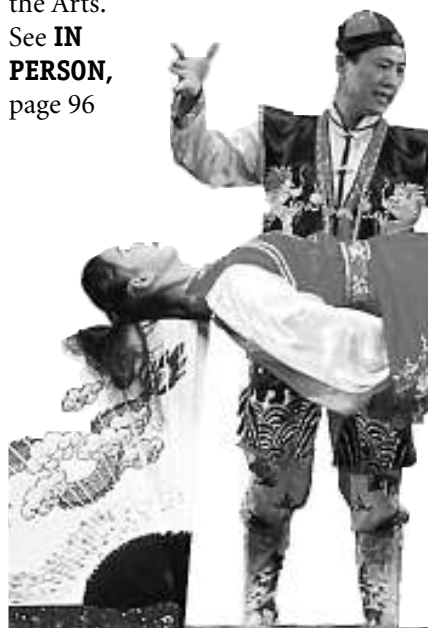
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YOUNG ARTIST Alexandra Nechita displays paintings and sculptures at Wentworth Gallery in La Jolla; opening reception, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. See **GALLERIES**, page 105



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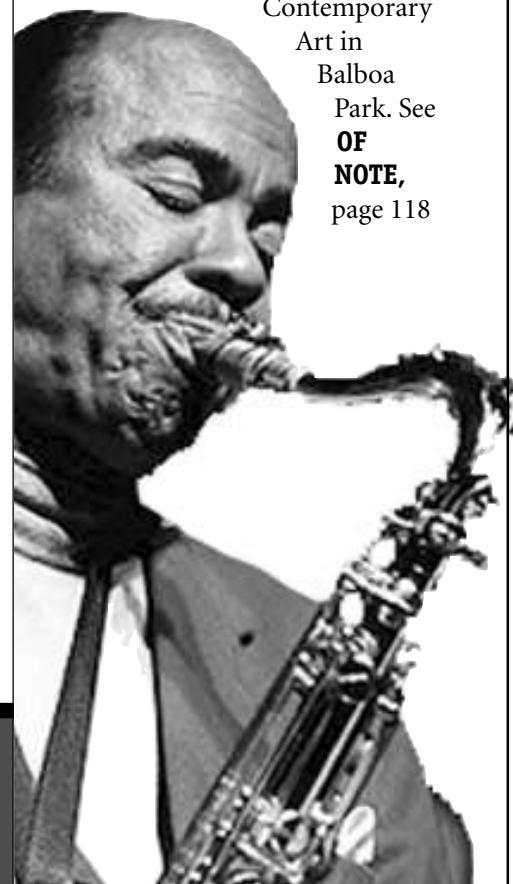
DR. RALPH STANLEY & HIS CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS pick bluegrass at La Paloma Theater in Encinitas. See **IN PERSON**, page 96

KINGS OF LEON serve up '70s Southern rock at 'Canes. See **CLUBS**, page 133



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TENOR SAXOPHONIST BENNY GOLSON and his quartet play hard bop jazz at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Balboa Park. See **OF NOTE**, page 118



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I've Never Seen the Desert So Green

Wildflower Bloom

The Borrego Valley is a harsh place to make a living," says Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's Brian Cahill. "Creatures have to be opportunistic to survive." For wildflowers, a two- to six-week window of opportunity comes each year as winter ends and spring begins. Due to heavy rains and mild temperatures, however, park officials expect an earlier and more abundant wildflower season this year.

Thousands of desert lily deep bulbs have been in the ground several years waiting for their chance to bloom. Spaniards called the plants "ajo (garlic) lilies" because of the taste of their bulbs, which Native Americans used for food. When the

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plants bloom in the next few weeks, their cream-colored, funnel-shaped flowers will give off a delicate sweet scent, according to Cahill.

Anza-Borrego Park tentatively lists the dates of this year's wildflower bloom as February 1 to April 30. Drivers through the park, says Cahill, will be able to see at a glance twenty acres of desert floor blanketed in magenta-colored sand verbenas.

But hundreds of other species will be on display. "If you drive along at 55 miles per hour to see the flowers," says park interpreter Tish Wagoner, "that's like looking at a tidepool from the freeway. You're going to see a lot more if you go study the pool — the same with our wildflowers. People need to get out of their cars."

Wagoner describes the fillaree as a "pinkish-purple 'belly flower,' because you have to get down on your belly to look at it." Other flowers that capture her attention are the phacelia of the heliotrope group, the dune evening primrose, the brown-eyed evening primrose, Spanish needles, desert dandelions, the spectacle pod, and lupine. Anza-Borrego

Park's website lists additional species: brittlebush, ground cherry, baby ocotillo, wishbone, sacred datura, barrel cactus, the rock daisy, and desert apricot.

"I've never seen the desert looking so green," Wagoner tells me during our mid-January conversation. "It's a combination of grasses and seedlings that are going to come up and blossom. The seedlings are waiting for the sunshine. We've had 8.11 inches of rain to date, which is more than twice what we had all last year."

But some blooms are already out. "We never expected any flowers in January," says Wagoner. "Some were blooming in December." How long might the season last? "I have no idea this year. We haven't had high temperatures yet, although they say we're going to hit the 90s soon. We're hoping that isn't damaging. Too much heat can disturb the seedlings."

Even the tiny fishhook cactus is already flowering. "They have little crowns of flowers," says Wagoner. "Most cacti don't bloom until March or April."

I ask Wagoner if Anza-Borrego is unusual among deserts. "Anza-Borrego is called a 'rain shadow desert,'" she says, "because we're so close to the mountains that the rain gets caught on them, and we don't get much of it here." So the flora of Anza-Borrego is both like and unlike that of other desert regions. As evidence of the differences, Wagoner cites an absence of the tall saguaro cactus, famous in Arizona. "We say it doesn't know how to swim," she remarks in reference to its rarity west of the Colorado River.

Bees love the wildflower bloom in Anza-Borrego. "But so do Sphinx moth caterpillars," says Wagoner. "In mid-March last year we had beautiful wildflowers — all these Sphinx moth larvae hatched and the roads were virtually undulating in caterpillars. There were millions of them. Then we got two weeks of intense heat and our wildflowers



Wildflowers, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

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disappeared. The caterpillars are born to feed on the wildflowers."

The black-tailed jackrabbit is one of the few mammals that eat the wildflowers. "The cactus blossoms do get eaten by little rodents that can get in between their spines," says Wagoner. "But we don't have deer down this far. We get the peninsula bighorn sheep, but they eat the tender shoots of shrubs rather than wildflowers."

What are the best places in or near Anza-Borrego Park to view the wildflowers? "Mostly the washes and the foothill areas," says Wagoner.

Jerry Schad's *Afoot and Afield in San Diego County* mentions over 80 cross-country trips in the park. But he tells me that Borrego Palm Canyon is one of the better places to go. "Later in the season," says Schad, "another good place a little higher up, about 1500 feet,

is Plum Canyon south of Highway 78. You can drive in a ways, park, and then walk."

At the higher elevations in Anza-Borrego Park, such as the 2500-foot Culp Valley, says Wagoner, one finds species not present on the valley floor: creosote bush, brittle bush, rose mallow, rock pea, and the poisonous dwaule or deadly nightshade. The word "dwaule" comes from the Dutch *dwaule*, meaning "to wander" or "to be delirious."

— Joe Deegan

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BAJA

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series commences with concert by Piano and Wind Quintet on Thursday, January 27. Program includes Beethoven's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," the Mozart "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," and "Concert Piece No. 1 in F Minor

for Clarinet, Bassoon, and Piano" by Mendelssohn. Concert starts at 8 p.m. at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río); \$20 U.S. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

Actress Laura Durán presents readings on Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Total Combat 7, this "no holds barred" fighting event is Saturday, January 29, at Baby Rock (at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in Zona Río). Ten "action-packed fights," intermission show by Combat Dolls. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., fights start at 6 p.m. Cost: \$30 general, \$45 ringside, \$75 VIP. 619-254-6953. (TIJUANA)

You're Getting Sleepy, hypnotist Taurus do Brazil performs through January 31 at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Performances begin at 6 and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday; \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

"Dispatches from the People's War in Nepal" signed and discussed by Li Onesto on Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at Sortilegio Café (on Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, No. 10050-B, Zona Río). Free. 619-497-1035. (TIJUANA)



Mio Cognato at Italian Community Center, January 28 (see Film)

OUTDOORS

Acacias, festooned with myriad fluffy yellow blossoms, are brightening streetsides, freeway embankments and back-yard gardens throughout the San Diego area this month. Although many acacias are native to subtropical regions, nearly all we see today in San Diego were introduced from Australia. Anza-Borrego's native acacia is the notoriously thorny "cat-claw," known by early desert pioneers as "tear-blanket" and "wait-a-minute bush."

The Glittery, Bright "Winter Constellations" of Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, Canis Major,

and Canis Minor are best seen during the early-evening hours of late January and early February. By Saturday, February 12, the waxing crescent moon's increasingly bright glare will begin to diminish the impact of the starry scene, and that interference will worsen until full moon on the 23rd.

The bright winter constellations happen to include about one-third of the most luminous stars appearing in the night sky. The brightest star of all, Sirius, lies in the constellation of Canis Major. Sirius appears as a scintillating, bluish point of light high over the southeast or south horizon during winter early-evening hours. The second-brightest star of the night sky, Canopus, can be seen

hovering very low over the south horizon whenever Sirius is nearing its highest altitude (about 40 degrees) in the southern sky. For early February, this happens around 9 p.m.

"Birds of the Anza-Borrego Desert: Discoveries from the *San Diego Bird Atlas*" illuminated when Philip Unitt speaks on Saturday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. Donation: \$5.

Unitt is joined by Paul Jorgensen and Bob Theriault to lead "Winter Birding in Borrego" outing on Sunday, January 30, 8 a.m. to noon, in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park; \$25. Reservations for these Anza-Borrego Institute events: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS, ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Look for Golden Eagles, Lewis's woodpeckers during Audubon Society field trip to Pamo Valley, Saturday, January 29, 8 a.m. to noon. Considerable hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Bring lunch, drinking water. Directions: 619-280-7710. (PAMO VALLEY)

Birding Basics, learn five simple techniques to identify birds at a glance when trail guide Winona Sollock presents one-hour class, Saturday, January 29, 1 p.m., Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Tour del Día, Offshoot Tours offers an hour-long guided stroll highlighting the Park Palisades area of Balboa Park on Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center. 619-235-1121. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"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)

Sights and Sounds, naturalist Carol Stanford leads sometimes strenuous three-mile hike along Boulder Loop trail on Sunday, January 30, in Daley Ranch. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

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Groundhog Day comes Wednesday, February 2. If the sleepy woodchuck sees his shadow, so the story goes, he'll hole up for another six weeks of winter cold. None of this means much in San Diego, where a February warm spell can easily push the thermometer into the 80s.

DANCE

"The Firebird" by Stravinsky presented by City Ballet of San Diego in conjunction with Classics for Kids Philharmonic, Thursday, January 27, and Wednesday, February 2, at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Curtain rises at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tickets: \$15, \$22 for adults; \$11, \$19 for children. 619-435-9111. (ROLANDO)

Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Ravynnah and Nawal and live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Dance Etiquette featured at 19th-Century ball prep class, with

teaching of waltz and other vintage dances on Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner-friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

"Viennese Nights: A Ball" hosted by San Diego Vintage Dancers on Saturday, January 29, 7 to 10 p.m., in Balboa Park Club (Pan American Plaza). Grand Pacific Waltz and Quickstep Orchestra provide music for waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, schottisches, gallops, *zweifachers*, more. Short dance exhibition, light refreshments provided. Fee: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-286-5848. Evening and formal attire; mid- to late-19th-Century formalwear encouraged. (BALBOA PARK)

Turtle Creek makes music, caller James Hutson perform for contra dance on Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:45 p.m.; \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Flamenco Direct from Spain" promised when dancer Cihlti "La Gallardi" Ocampo and guitarist Ethan Margolis perform on Sunday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). They will be joined by Jesus Montoya and Antonio de Jerez; \$20. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

English Country Dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). "Special guest caller" is Sharon Green, with live music by Steve Maranto, Bonnie Insull, and Hamilton Avila on January 30. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m.; \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Israeli Dancing for Beginners of all ages taught by Dalya Dallel on Sunday, January 30, 2 p.m., at Congregation Dor Hadash (4858 Ronson Court). Fee: \$7 for adults, free for those 12 and younger. 858-268-3674. No experience required, no partners needed. (KEARNY MESA)

FILM

The "Contemporary Asian Film Series" at Museum of Photographic Arts continues with Takeshi Kitano's *Dolls*, on Thursday, January 27, 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)

Allesandro Piva's Crime Comedy *Mio Cognato* screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Italian Commu-

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Described as a "Woozy Paean to Romantic Longing," Sun Zhou's film *Zhou Yu's Train* screens for Film Forum on Monday, January 31, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. In Mandarin with English subtitles. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcasing independent and foreign films gets underway with Australian comedy *The Rage in Placid Lake* on February 2, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Jeff Bridges Club, see *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, starring Jeff and Beau Bridges and Michelle Pfeiffer, on Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Single film: \$10; four-film series: \$28. 619-238-7559. (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 *Amazing Journeys* (6 p.m.) and *Amazing Caves* (7 p.m.) on January 28.

Screenings of *Forces of Nature* on Thursday, January 27, at 7 and 8 p.m., benefit Red Cross and UNICEF for tsunami relief (\$10). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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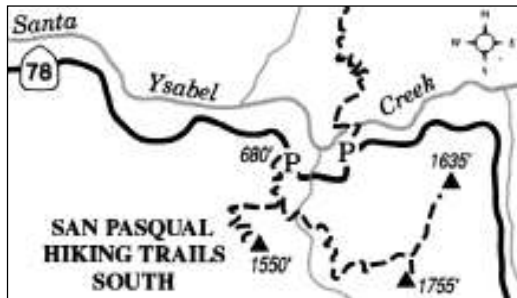
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LECTURES

"U.S.-European Relations in the Aftermath of the U.S. Elections: Further Estrangement or Reconciliation?" Find out when William Drozdiak, president of the American Council on Germany, speaks on Thursday, January 27, 4:30 p.m., in room 107 of UCSD's Social Sciences building. Drozdiak served for over 20 years as foreign correspondent, foreign editor, and chief European correspondent for

Washington Post. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"El México de Afuera: Los Mexicanos en los Estados Unidos (Mexico from Outside: Mexicans in the United States)" presented by sociologist Jorge Bustamante on Thursday, January 27, 6 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$25 general. 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

The Restoration of the San Diego River discussed when Rob Hutsel of San Diego River Park

Foundation speaks for Audubon Society on Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-682-7200. (CLAIREMONT)

"Manet and Goya" are subject when Cal State Fullerton art history professor Ruth Capelle speaks for Docent Guest Lecture Series, Friday, January 28, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Basic Japanese Conversation Class offered by Suzu Murphy on Saturday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.,

at Japanese Friendship Garden; \$15. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Adopt-a-Shop Pro Mentors" Kerry Chater (a founding member of Gary Puckett and the Union Gap) and Lynn Gillespie-Chater present workshop for Nashville Songwriters Association International on Saturday, January 29, 1 to 5 p.m., at producer John Lane's studio (10485 Viacha Drive); \$25. Registration: 619-884-1401. (TIERRASANTA)

"Meet the Banjo" Workshop on Saturday, January 29, 1 to 4 p.m., at Deering Banjo Factory (3733 Kenora Drive); \$40. No experience or banjo necessary. Intermediate clawhammer banjo workshop; \$30 for two hours. Free factory tours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 800-845-7791. (SPRING VALLEY)

Intermediate Birding Course hosted by San Diego Audubon Society for those who already have some experience in field identification of Southwestern birds starts Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m. to noon, at San Diego State University. Instructor is the eminent Phil Pryde. Class runs six consecutive Saturdays, including two field trips; \$95. Registration: 619-682-7200. (SAN DIEGO)

"What Does Color Have to Do with SAD?" Find out during demonstration, presentation on seasonal affective disorder on Saturday, January 29, 7 p.m., at Life Harmonics Foundation (2627 Arriane Drive). Donation: \$10. 619-795-1876. (BAY HO)

The Natural History of Batiquitos Lagoon is explored during eight-week docent training sessions beginning on Saturday, January 29, at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Series includes presentations by local experts on birds, plants, insects, geology, related topics; \$60. Registration: 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

"Herbal Entertaining," bring pleasures of garden into house and onto table during class on Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Demonstrations, take-home handouts; \$28. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Johann Strauss's Die Fledermaus discussed in a multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, January 29,

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Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on January 29 and 30. Subjects are "Behavior Problems" (1 p.m.) and "African Grey Parrots" (3 p.m.) on Saturday.

Get skinny on "Excessive Screaming" (1 p.m.) and "Macaws" (3 p.m.) on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way); \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Intricacies of Singer/Pianist Relationship in performing German and French art songs explored when USC professor Alan Smith leads day of coaching hosted by National Association of Teachers of Singing on Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at San Rafael Catholic Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive). Public fee to observe master class: \$35. 619-795-7827. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Beautify Your Yard and Garden after San Diego Master Composters lead workshop, Saturday, January 29, 8 a.m., at San Diego Zoo. Learn to improve soil and use compost. Free. Advance reservations requested. (BALBOA PARK)

Master Composters teach compost science and soil management and the teaching of these subjects in eight-week course starting Tuesday, February 1, 6 p.m., at City of San Diego Environmental Services Building (9601 Ridgehaven Court); \$20. Registration: 760-436-7986 x218. (KEARNY MESA)

"Down in Turkey Far Away: Human Rights and Orientalism in Imperial Germany" is topic when UC Berkeley history professor Margaret Lavinia Anderson speaks on Monday, January 31, 3 p.m., in Deutz Conference Room at Institute of the Americas at UCSD. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"Fire Storms of San Diego" discussed by SDSU professor Pat Abbott and retired forest supervisor of Cleveland National Forest Anne Fege in conjunction with "Earth, Wind, and Wildfire" exhibit on Monday, January 31, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural His-

tory Museum. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Journaling Your Way to a Better Life" chronicled when author Erica Miner leads workshop on Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle); \$12. Reservations: 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Winter Camping Clinics offered at Adventure 16 this week. Hear tips on gear and preparation. Talks start at 7 p.m. at A-16 stores on Tuesday, February 1, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700); on Wednesday, February 2, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and on Thursday, February 3, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). (OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

"Hi-Noon for a Writer's High" for all levels of writers led by creativity coach and author Jill Badonsky on Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., at Hi-Way Haven (Gold Coast shopping plaza, 466 North Pacific Highway 101). On offer: writing inspiration and practice; \$5. 760-434-3436. (LEUCADIA)

"Describing God: Images of the Transcendental" is subject on Wednesday, February 2, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Making of the Modern World: The Short Version," lecture series continues when UCSD professor Steven Cassedy examines "Faith and Science in 19th and Early 20th Centuries" on Wednesday, February 2, 7 p.m., in



Laurie Anderson at UCSD, January 29 (see In Person)

Great Hall at UCSD. Free. 858-534-0999. (LA JOLLA)

Premium Whole-Leaf Teas and tisanes discussed by Ronald Eng (founder of Infusion Teas) when Carlsbad Newcomers Club meets Wednesday, February 2, 9:45 a.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park. Free. 760-729-7060, 760-754-2806. (CARLSBAD)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 2. After show, view real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233; \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Facts and Truth Equal Justice, according to Sisters in Crime, who

gather to hear Ed Byrne of Byrne Investigative Services on Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$3. 760-366-1962. (HILLCREST)

IN PERSON

Why Do Some People Make Better Decisions Than Others? Find out when *New Yorker* writer Malcolm Gladwell discusses and signs *Blink* on Thursday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

A Tribute to Glenn Miller promised when vocalists Tony Martin, the Modernaires, Beryl Davis, and Hank Garcia are joined

by Tex Beneke Orchestra in concert on Thursday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$32, \$42. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Comedian Howie Mandel performs Thursday, January 27, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre(5469 Casino Way); \$40. 619-445-6002. (DEHESA)

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 Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., at Heritage of the Americas Museum (12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. 619-670-5194. (EL CAJON)

Program will be repeated on Monday, January 31, 6 p.m., at Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4683. (ESCONDIDO)

Pipes and Hammers, Claire Chase (flute), Ann Chase (soprano), Amy Dissanayake (piano) perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, January 27, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Founders Hall Concert Series begins with concert by Pipes and Ham-

mers on Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Donation: \$10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Life with a Teenager...I'm Having a Hot Flashback" and *Life Before Sex* (a comedy about growing up during the '70s) presented by Encinitas writer and comedian Moira Keefe, Friday, January 28 (and Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5), 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street); \$20. 760-943-9238. (CARLSBAD)

Los Angeles Poet Shelley Savren reads from her new book *The Common Fire* on Friday, January 28, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

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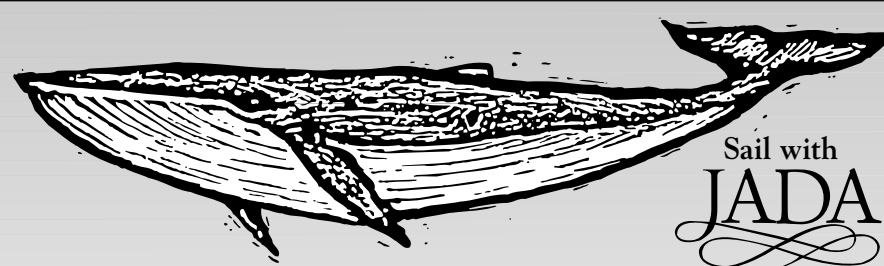
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Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive); \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The trio presents their "merging of the jazz idiom with time-tested gospel music" on Saturday, January 29, 7 p.m., for concert series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Sound Healing Gong Bath by self-described "sound pioneer" Richard Rudis on Friday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). "Powerful sound vibrations, harmonics, and rhythmic patterns with a 36-inch Earth gong"; \$20. 760-944-3441. (ENCINITAS)

"The Importance of Earth Rituals during these changing times" provide

subject when "Quero Apache shaman" Maria Yracéburi and "spiritual photographer" Lynda Yracéburi speak and sign *Prayers and Meditations of the Quero Apache* on Friday, January 28, 7 p.m., at Rainy's Mystics Books and Gifts (801 Grand Avenue #3). Exhibition of "Where Spirit Lives" by Lynda opens at same time (continues through Tuesday, February 8). 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

"Songs, Stories, and Out-and-Out Lies" presented by actor and musician Ronny Cox for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego on Saturday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street); \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Los Angeles Environmental Poet Richard Beban debuts his first full-length poetry collection, *What the Heart Weighs*, Saturday, January 29, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Author Karin Bernsten signs and discusses *The Patient's Guide to*



Cymbidium auction at Carlsbad Women's Club, January 29 (see Special)

Preventing Medical Errors on Saturday, January 29, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Writer and Illustrator Greg Evans discusses and signs his *Luan* comics on Saturday, January 29, 4 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Breedlove Artist Richard Gilewitz presents guitar concert followed by workshop for all ages and levels of players on Saturday, January 29, 2 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). Subjects include increasing playing skills, fingerpicking patterns, more. Free. 619-280-9035. (NORTH PARK)

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author and UCLA geography professor Jared Diamond presents lectures based on his new book, *Collapse*, Saturday, January 29, at 2 and

6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Booksigning follows; \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Performance Artist, Poet, Writer, Musician Laurie Anderson takes stage on Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$36 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Author Linda Pynaker signs *Make It Happen! Use Your Intuition and Spirals* and offers "free 20-minute healing energy sessions" on Saturday, January 29, noon, at Sacred Pathway Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 107). Free. 760-436-7740. (CARLSBAD)

The Five-Time Grammy Award-Winning Robert Cray Band takes stage on Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$55. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Stand-Up Comedy benefit for Casa de Amparo, Saturday, January 29, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street); \$20. 760-522-5444. (CARLSBAD)

Earvin "Magic" Johnson will be on hand for autographs on Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at grand opening of 24-Hour Fitness Magic Johnson Sport Club (6348 College Grove Way). Free. 619-229-6112. (COLLEGE GROVE)

"Rhyme and Reason Why Bush Should Resign," poetry reading with Diego Davalos, Jim Moreno, Eleri Rodriguez, and Elena Velasquez is Saturday, January 29, 7 p.m., at It Is Written Community Bookstore (930 Tenth Avenue); \$5. 619-544-1530. (DOWNTOWN)

Tsunami Relief Benefit Sunset Show planned Saturday, January 29, 4 p.m., at end of Newport Avenue (in front of Shades Ocean Front Bistro). San Diego band IU plays; hair and fashion show; \$10 donation includes drink ticket and one raffle ticket. 619-222-4416 or 619-222-0836. (OCEAN BEACH)

Mardi Gras Swing and Jazz Party hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego (JAG) on Sunday, January 30, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). The JAG All Stars Band performs 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 12:45); \$15. 619-229-1610 or 760-602-0839. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Best in Hawaiian Slack Key is promised when singer/songwriter Keola Beamer performs in concert on Sunday, January 30, 8 p.m., in Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Keola is joined by wife

Moana Beamer, who dances, chants, sings background vocals, plays ancient Hawaiian percussion instruments. Also on program: John Keawe, Chris Yeaton. Tickets: \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. 619-426-1953. (ROLANDO)

The Four a Good Time men's barbershop quartet sings "old-fashioned love songs, patriotic songs, parodies, and comedy routines" on Sunday, January 30, 4 p.m., at La Mesa First United Methodist Church (4690 Palm Avenue). Offering. 619-466-4163. (LA MESA)

Feats of Strength and Balance promised when National Acrobats of Taiwan R.O.C. perform Sunday, January 30, at 2 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$25, \$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Sounds Like San Diego, fundraiser for Folk Arts Rare Records on Sunday, January 30, 7 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Program includes Joey Harris, Rookie Card, Truckee Brothers, Coyote Problem, many others; \$10. All ages. 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tango!" Piano concert of works by composers whose pieces date from 1913 to 1984 presented by Cecil Lytle on Sunday, January 30, 3 p.m., in Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club at UCSD. Lytle joined by Argentine *bandoneón* musician Jorge Coco Trivisonno in second half of concert. Program includes pieces by Satie, Weill, Nazareth, Seiber, Jolas, Stravinsky, Ginastera; \$35. Reservations: 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

California Native Baba Rampuri will speak, show videos, answer questions, and sign copies of *Baba: Autobiography of a Blue-Eyed Yogi* on Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., at Bikram's Yoga College of India (2110 Hancock Street). Book is "account of his discipleship and adventures among holy men in India." Free. 619-220-6811. (OLD TOWN)

Author Donald H. Harrison signs *Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur* on Monday, January 31, 6 p.m., at Bookstar (3150 Rosecrans Place; 619-225-0465). Free. (POINT LOMA)

Busy on Monday? Harrison signs on Wednesday, February 2, 7 p.m., at University City Library (4155 Governor Drive). Free. 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

"Isadora Duncan: A Unique Recital" presented by Kres Mer-sky, adapted from Duncan's own writings, on Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe); \$18. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys present their classic acoustic bluegrass music on Monday, January 31, 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$24.50 in advance, \$27.50 at door. 760-436-5774. (ENCINITAS)

Former Houston Oilers Defensive Back Bo Easton presents his one-man show *Runt of the Litter* on Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m., at North Coast Repertory Theatre (987-D Lomas Santa Fe); \$27. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

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"Dispatches from the People's War in Nepal" signed and discussed by Li Onesto on Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Onesto was "the first foreign journalist to travel" into guerrilla zones documenting the Maoist revolution raging in Nepal since 1996. Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

Onesto will also read from and sign books on Wednesday, February 2, noon, at Groundwork Books at UCSD (858-452-9652) and on Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at Sortilegio Café (on Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, No. 10050-B, Zona Río). Free. 619-497-1035. (LA JOLLA, TIJUANA)

"Artists for Asia," over 40 San Diego theater artists plan a "fabulous evening of entertainment" to raise funds for six charities supporting tsunami victims in Asia on Tuesday, February 1, at Lyceum Space Theatre (79 Horton Plaza). Reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by performance at 7:30 p.m. Minimum donation: \$20. 858-642-6770. (DOWNTOWN)

Local Author Susan Vreeland signs *Life Studies: Stories* and *The Forest Lover* on Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Synergy performs for First Wednesday series on February 2, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Admission is free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Dr. Philip Goscienski signs *Health Secrets of the Stone Age* on Wednesday, February 2, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poet Alex Bosworth on Wednesday, February 2, 5 p.m., at Florence Rifford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Singer Joana Skvarka, guitarist Matt Hanson perform original compositions of folk and alternative music. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz in the Park, Benny Golson Quartet performs for concert series on Wednesday, February 2, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art; \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry and Art Showcase, San Diego Art Institute hosts events Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. Guests include Fred Moramarco (poetry), Cecil Hayduke (poetry, "subversion, visual chaos"). Participants either read poems relating to or accompanied by a work of art. Find the institute at 1439 El Prado; \$3. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Captain Israel and the Point Loma Lighthouse" presented by historical actor William Doyle for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, February 3, 1:30 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Valentine feast of chocolate treats follows performance; \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Camille Maurine and Lorin Roche on Thursday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Ragtime Xylophone and Beyond, Morris Palter (xylophone) and Colin McAllister (guitar) take stage for Concert Hour series on Thursday, February 3, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

"Along the Silk Road," music for flute and guitar from India, China, and Japan promised when Camarada chamber music ensemble performs Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes "simple folksongs" of Japan to Indian ragas-inspired pieces by Ravi Shankar and George Harrison, Toru Takemitsu's "Toward the Sea"; \$15. 619-231-3702. (BALBOA PARK)

"Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show" presented by Vicki Lawrence on Thursday, February 3, 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way); \$40. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

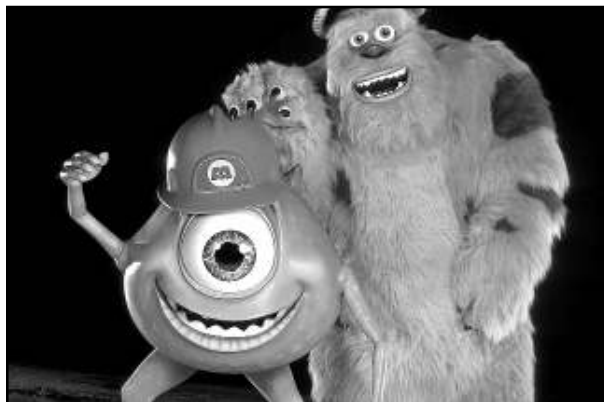
SPORTS

Cutting Horse Competition continues through Friday, January 28, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. 760-344-9009. (DEL MAR)

Enjoy a "25-Mile Ride That Feels Like 40" with Knickerbikers bicyclists on Saturday, January 29. Riders tour Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar area, lunch at conclusion of ride at Fidel's in Solana Beach (bring money). Adventure starts at 9 a.m. at Ross (just east of I-5 on Lomas Santa Fe). 760-754-1443. (SOLANA BEACH)

Y Family Tennis Day is Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hill High School tennis courts (555 Claire Avenue). All levels welcome, with beginners encouraged to attend. Clinics and tips, tennis games, food, face painting. Loaner racquets available. Free. 619-729-6688 or 760-809-8437. Hosted by USA Tennis, Espinosa's Tennis Academy, South Bay YMCA. (CHULA VISTA)

Elfin Forest Bike Ride hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Sunday, January 30. The difficult 70-mile adventure starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-255-8751. Free. (UNIVERSITY CITY)



"Monsters on Ice" at San Diego Sports Arena, February 2-6 (see For Kids)

SPECIAL

The Annual Scion Exchange hosted by California Rare Fruit Growers is Thursday, January 27, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. A cutting is a scion if it is to be grafted onto another tree. Bring dormant cuttings of fruit trees, vines, shrubs to trade and share; extra material available for those without items to trade. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Doggie Café hosted by San Diego Humane Society on Friday, January 28, 6 p.m., at San Diego Campus for Animal Care (5500 Gaines Street). Bring friendly, on-leash dogs to socialize with other

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

Empty House Tours offered in San Diego Historical Society's Showcase 2005 site, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30. This year's transformation takes place at the Judge Alfred Haines house, listed on the National Register of Historical Places, at 2470 E Street; \$5. Empty House Party is Friday, January 28, 6 p.m. (\$20). 619-533-7355. (GOLDEN HILL)

Celebrate 500th Anniversary of birth of Thomas Tallis during

program on Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Choral and instrumental works by Tallis interspersed with presentation of the art of his time by lecturer Konrad Oberhuber. Offering. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Sandical Stamp Expo 2005, January 28-30, at Al Bahr Shrine (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Over 200 exhibits, show cachets and cancels, meetings of participating societies. Free. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. 858-484-8010. (KEARNY MESA)

Winter Home Show, January 28-30, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Free. 800-999-5400. (DEL MAR)

Enjoy Haggis and Neeps during 28th annual Robert Burns Supper honoring memory of the Scottish poet on Saturday, January 29, at Town and Country Hotel (500 Hotel Circle North). Traditional Burns ceremony with "immortal memory" by Charles Spratley, Helix Highlanders Pipe Band, Highland Fusion.

Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.; supper at 6 p.m.; \$45. Reservations: 619-234-3525. Information: 619-223-0441. (MISSION VALLEY)

The San Diego Button Club hosts annual winter regional show, Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Community Room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). Fourteen dealers offering their wares, with specimens ranging in age from mid-18th Century to late 1900s. Free. 760-789-4133. (LA JOLLA)

Cymbidium Auction, Saturday, January 29, noon to 4 p.m., hosted by San Diego County Cymbidium Society at Women's Club of Carlsbad (3320 Monroe Street). Bidding pace is "slow and easy." Free admission. 760-753-6952. (CARLSBAD)

Books to Good Homes, Lemon Grove Library hosts used book sale on Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Buck-a-Bag" sale from 2 to 3 p.m. The library is found at 8073 Broadway; 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Animal Psychic Anupo Joy consults with animals and their people, Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Sacred Pathways Bookstore (300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103). Fee: \$85 for half hour, \$150 per hour. Required appointments: 760-840-0973. (CARLSBAD)

Habitat for Humanity's Tsunami Relief efforts benefit when Kona Kai International Yacht Club hosts event on Saturday, January 29, noon to 5 p.m., at

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Behind-the-Scenes Tours offered at Mission San Luis Rey on a selection of Mondays, including January 31, 1:30 p.m. Tours include buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system; \$6. Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue. 760-757-3651. (OCEANSIDE)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *Die Fledermaus* on Tuesday, February 1, at 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, February 6, at 12:30 p.m., at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Open Studio with Live Model — offering artists a chance to pursue life drawing and painting — every Tuesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). No formal instruction, no preregistration; \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

February Is Museum Month — with half-price admission offered at many area museums. Museum month passes are free at all county Robinson's-May stores beginning on Tuesday, February 1. 619-276-0101. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"Dynamic: The Black Experience in America" is theme for three-book discussion series led by UCSD African-American literature professor Camille Forbes in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Series begins with look at *Uncle Tom's Children* by Richard Wright on Wednesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

Pippi Longstocking Week gets underway when "The International Traveling Astrid Lindgren Exhibit" opens on Wednesday, February 2, in room 108 of Love Library at San Diego State University. Author, critic Michael Cart divulges "What Makes Pippi So Funny" during opening at 3:30 p.m. *Astrid Lindgren and Children's Rights* DVD screened. Puppetry workshop (free) at 6 p.m. in Scripps Cottage.

Swedish "master puppeteer" Christer Dahl presents puppetry workshop on Thursday, February 3, 6 p.m. Speak Swedish? *Tittut of Little Tiger, Little Bear* presented in Swedish at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 6.

Fees, information: 619-594-6385 or 619-594-5443. (SDSU)

TNT, celebrate opening of "Cerca Series: Kori Newkirk" during Thursday Night Thing at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard) on Thursday, February 3. Expect "some transplanted Los Angeles fun." Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Cross-Cultural Symbolism of the Mandala Art Form" explored in exhibition on view through Saturday, March 19, at Clicks library on UCSD campus.

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Reception is Thursday, February 3, 4 p.m. Free. 858-534-3336. (LA JOLLA)

"Triumphs, Tributes, and Trickery," exhibition about sugar sculptures from past and present continues through March in Terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Exhibit explores "historical works through reproductions of sugar sculptures and drawings from the 15th Century through the 20th Century." Contemporary sugar work displayed as well. Free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

Witness the Gray Whale Migration during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions, daily through Thursday, March 31. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for the whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 for adults, \$15 for those 4-12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

FOR KIDS

Enjoy *A Chinese Fairy Tale* when Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, January 30, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Puppet Express presents *Pepper's Favorites II*, February 2-6.

Performances begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Theater located near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

TWO POEMS BY LOUISE BOGAN

Night

The cold remote islands
And the blue estuaries
Where what breathes, breathes
The restless wind of the inlets,
And what drinks, drinks
The incoming tide;

Where shell and weed
Wait upon the salt of the sea,
And the clear nights of stars
Swing their lights westward
To set behind the land;

Where the pulse clinging to the rocks
Renews itself forever;
Where, again on cloudless nights,
The water reflects
The firmament's partial setting;

— O remember
In your narrowing dark hours
That more things move
Than blood in the heart.

Song for the Last Act

Now that I have your face by heart, I look
Less at its features than its darkening frame
Where quince and melon, yellow as young
flame,
Lie with quilled dahlias and the shepherd's
crook.
Beyond, a garden. There, in insolent ease

The lead and marble figures watch the show
Of yet another summer loath to go
Although the scythes rest in the apple trees.

Now that I have your face by heart, I look.

Now that I have your voice by heart, I read
In the black chords upon a dulling page
Music that is not meant for music's cage,
Whose emblems mix with words that shake and
bleed.

The staves are shuttled over with a stark
Unprinted silence. In a double dream
I must spell out the storm, the running stream.
The beat's too swift, the notes shift in the dark.

Now that I have your voice by heart, I read.

Now that I have your heart by heart, I see
The wharves with their great ships and
architraves;
The rigging and the cargo and the slaves
On a strange beach under a broken sky.
O not departure, but a voyage done!
The bales stand on the shore, the anchor weeps

Its red rust downward,
and the long vine
creeps
Beside the salt herb, in
the lengthening sun.

Now that I have your
heart by heart, I see.
— Louise Bogan
(1897-1970)



What Goes on in a Kelp Forest After Dark?

Find out during Asleep in the Deep slumber party for adults and children at Birch Aquarium-Museum, 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 28, through 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 29. Bioluminescence experiments, fish printing on T-shirts, tours of aquarium and tidepool before and after dark.

Fee: \$50 for children, \$40 for adults. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: dial 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"The Dragon Machine" is read during story time, Saturday, January 29, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Passport to the World, musician, teacher Della Rose explores Celtic music on Saturday, January 29, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Participants will "have hands-on fun using musical instruments"; \$5. 760-233-7755. (ESCONDIDO)

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet presented by Young Actors' Theatre, January 29-February 5, in J. Isaac Pavilion (2788 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets: \$7 for children, \$9 for adults. 619-670-1627. (SPRING VALLEY)

Amps n' Ramps...and Art, teen expo on Saturday, January 29, 4 to 9:30 p.m., at Stagecoach Park Community Center (3420 Camino de los Coches). Ten bands compete in battle of bands, skateboarding demonstration, teen art exhibit, vendors, street chalk painting; \$3. 760-602-7511. (LA COSTA)

Thar She Blows! Ms. Frizz leads hands-on class for kids four to six years old on Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m. Participants sing sea songs, investigate whales, make a "fishy art project" to take home, at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$13. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Imani Winds perform pieces by Falla, Bozza, Schifrin, Piazzolla, and Hindemith for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, January 30, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$5 for students, \$25 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"World of Gray Whales" explored during class for kids (grades one through three), Sunday, January 30, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). What makes gray whales unique? Why do they migrate more than 10,000 miles each year? Participants make model of gray whale to take home; \$25. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Visit Monstropolis with Sulley, Mike Wazowski, and Boo when Disney on Ice presents

"Disney/Pixar's Monsters, Inc." at San Diego Sports Arena, February 2-6. Shows promise international team of award-winning figure skaters, "thrilling choreography," and "antennae-tapping" musical score.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; at 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and at 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish), and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$13-\$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National

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

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

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s



Die Fledermaus at Civic Theatre, January 29–February 9 (see Classical Music)

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)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China.” From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as

talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

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

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

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

Museum of Making Music, the evolution of the drum pedal is traced in an exhibition combining the Stephen Joseph Collection and Don Lombardi Collection, on view through February. The modern foot-operated bass drum pedal began evolving in 1909, freeing drummer’s hands to play other percussion.

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the

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Bound for Freedom: Black Los Angeles in Jim Crow America



Douglas Flamming

University of California Press; January 2005; 472 pp.; \$29.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Paul Bontemps decided to move his family to Los Angeles from Louisiana in 1906 on the day he finally submitted to a strictly enforced Southern custom—he stepped off the sidewalk to allow white men who had just insulted him to pass by. Friends of the Bontemps family, like many others beckoning their loved ones West, had written that Los Angeles was “a city called heaven” for people of color. But just how free was

Southern California for African-Americans? This splendid history, at once sweeping in its historical reach and intimate in its evocation of everyday life, is the first full account of Los Angeles’s black community in the half century before World War II. Filled with moving human drama, it brings alive a time and place largely ignored by historians until now, detailing African-American community life and political activism during the city’s transformation from small town to sprawling metropolis. Writing with a novelist’s sensitivity to language and drawing from fresh histor-

ical research, Douglas Flamming takes us from Reconstruction to the Jim Crow era, through the Great Migration, the Roaring ’20s, the Great Depression, and the build-up to World War II. Along the way, he offers rich descriptions of the community and its middle-class leadership, the women who were front and center with men in the battle against racism in the American West. In addition to drawing a vivid portrait of a little-known era, Flamming shows that the history of race in Los Angeles is crucial for our understanding of race in America. The civil rights activism in Los Angeles laid the foundation for critical developments in the second half of the century that continue to influence us to this day.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Los Angeles Times: The celebrated jazz scene that flourished along Central Avenue in Los Angeles during the 1940s is emblematic of what historian Douglas Flamming calls “the Paradise Lost narrative” of the black experience in Southern California. Once upon a time, the story goes, black people fled the racism, poverty, and violence of the Deep South in search of the good life in Los Angeles—they flourished briefly during World War II and then slipped into an ever-deepening despair that reached a flash point during the Watts riots.

“I have come to distrust the Paradise Lost narrative,” writes Flamming in *Bound for Freedom*, a masterful and moving account of the black community in Los Angeles during the first half of the 20th Century. The real story is more subtle. “Regardless of the time period, the basic rights of black Angelenos always faced attack from some quarter,” he explains. “Knowing they were not free enough, black Angelenos set out to change that, and therein lies the tale.” Flamming, a history professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, did much of the research for *Bound for Freedom* at the Huntington Library and other California archives and libraries while on the faculty at Cal Tech. His book is a solid work of scholarship, but it is also urgent and intimate, lively and even endearing. The sweeping saga comes into sharp focus again and again as Flamming introduces us to real men and women whose life experiences, some-

times charming and sometimes alarming, embody the larger themes of his book.

“I have always wanted to understand,” notes the author in a characteristic aside, “how real people at the corner of First and Main saw their world.” At the same time, he readily concedes that as a white observer some aspects of the black experience are simply beyond his grasp. “In the America we live in, I have come to doubt that any white person, or any non-black person for that matter, can fully understand the African-American experience,” he writes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Douglas Flamming is associate professor of history at the Georgia Institute of Technology and author of *Creating the Modern South: Millhands and Managers in Dalton, Georgia, 1884–1984* (1992), winner of the Philip Taft Labor History Award.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Douglas Flamming was born in 1959 in Eastland, Texas, a tiny dot on the map in West Texas. Professor Flamming went on to explain, “I only lived in Eastland a few weeks and my family moved. My father was and remains a Baptist minister. Both my grandfathers are Baptist ministers. My mother’s father was Southern Baptist and definitely not a fundamentalist. My father’s father was an Independent Baptist and a fundamentalist. My father rebelled against the fundamentalists and became a Southern Baptist. That was before the Southern Baptists were taken over by the fundamentalists, which they still remain. But my dad remains a Southern Baptist minister, although I suspect they disown him and he doesn’t own them either.”

I laughed and asked, “So, did you become an Episcopalian?” “That’s a great question because I very nearly became an Episcopalian. Right now I’m leaning toward Quakers. I’m not an Episcopalian, but I certainly moved more in a liturgical direction.”

As for where the professor grew up, he lived as a youngster “mostly in Abilene, which is a rural and cattle town. Abilene is big-sky, open country, very rugged, and very much as a landscape has gotten in

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1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

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“Fossil Hunters San Diego” shows how museum’s paleontolo-

gists hunt for local fossils—what they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they’re prepared and studied. Through 2005. Also on view: “Natural Treasures: Past and Present” (ongoing). Current “giant-screen films” include *Amazing Journeys*, *Ocean Oasis*. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a

component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico’s Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. “Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet” explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

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my bones. I often feel claustrophobic back East because there are so many pine trees you can't see the horizon."

"When did you get interested in history?"

"I had little interest in it. My father was always interested in it. But I wasn't seriously interested in anything. I was an undeclared liberal arts student at the University of Texas at Arlington, Texas. I was thinking about going into art as a career. But the art department was geared toward commercial art. That's not where my head was. I stumbled into a History 101 class at 8:00 in the morning."

"So you truly did stumble."

"Yeah, my one goal in going to college was no 8:00 a.m. classes. That was my principal aim. I'd been getting up early all my life. I was going to drop it. I went to the first class, and this guy just took off. I said, 'Maybe I'll think about it before I drop.' This guy hooked me in, and I never missed. I said, 'I don't know what this guy teaches, but whatever he teaches, I'm taking it.' He was a great storyteller. He still is. He's a very well-known historian now."

"You thank him in your book."

"Elliott West. That's him. He was funny, he was witty, he was smart, and I was a clueless undergraduate, but I knew what I liked. When I went in and sat in his classes, I felt alive. I felt like I was getting in touch with something that was important. Once I had taken several of his classes and I said, 'That's it. I want to do what he does.' I never looked back after that, and I never regretted it. He's been a tremendous positive influence on my life."

For graduate school, Professor Flamming went to Vanderbilt University. "It was a big move for me. I like to say — 'When I moved 800 miles northeast, I discovered the South,' and the South, as you know, is an important part of the book. I began to study Southern history under Don Doyle, a social historian, there at Vanderbilt. There was a group of us graduate students — this was in the early 1980s — and we rallied around Don Doyle. He was doing what was then called 'The new social history,' history from the bottom up."

"Where you showed every rickrack-trimmed apron and every battered frying pan."

"That's right, that's right. And every strike. We focused on migration and adaptation from rural to urban environments and labor conflicts and what have you, ethnic and immigrant moves. Of course, in Southern history race relations, race conflicts."

The professor received his Ph.D. in history at Vanderbilt and met his wife there while she was working on her psychology Ph.D. "Then," he said, "I went on to teach and taught a year at Virginia Tech, and then I got a tenure track job in Pasadena at Cal Tech. That was an outstanding job and

a great place to work. It was a career lifesaver. I'll always be grateful to Cal Tech. That's where I started the Los Angeles Project.

"I had begun to study race seriously in graduate school, and particularly, race in the South, which was a very black/white subject. I said, 'Well, you know in Abilene it was a lot more com-

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It was a put-down."

plicated because there were more Latinos or Hispanics, Mexican-Americans, and Mexican immigrants than there were African-Americans. It was a triple kind of deal. I thought, 'I'm going to try to get at that and look at the roots of how race relations worked when you added the other...'"

"Gosh," I said, "you must have felt like a blessing had fallen over your head when you came up with that subject."

"That's a good word for it — blessing. And that's a good word for the way I feel about lining up with the project. Almost as soon as I got to Pasadena I fell for L.A. as just this incredibly fascinating place. Eventually, I narrowed it down to the African-American community as my focus. Like you say, it was a blessing. I've always followed my heart. I guess Joseph Campbell would say, 'Follow your bliss.'"

"I couldn't not do this project. Part of me said, 'I have to understand this community.' I decided I'd blend my earlier work on the South, and I'd look at Southerners who came west to Los Angeles to try to create a different sort of racial environment in a new Western home. And it was, it was just a blessing to work on it. It was one of those things that once I got going, I couldn't stop."

"You worked on this book for ten years."

"I don't remember ever not working on the book. I got my first grant to work on the book in 1990. At that time, I was not as focused — I couldn't envision what eventually came of it. It was a big project. Los Angeles is a hard city to know. It's multilayered and it's spread out and..."

I interrupted to say, "There

are many different eras in time in the same geographic spaces."

"That is exactly right. That's very well said. I hadn't thought of it that way, but you've hit the nail on the head there. So it took a long time for me to begin to get a grasp on L.A. generally. I knew nothing about it because I had never studied Western history or Los Angeles history."

"Who was the Jim Crow in your title?"

"Jim Crow, I think to the best we know, was not a real person. There was, before the Civil War, a Northern minstrel group, led by a white guy, who went in blackface. He adopted a character that was a classic demeaning stereotype of a Southern black person. He would do a routine and sing a song, and that went with the routine — 'I jump up, I jump back, I jump Jim Crow.' I can't give you the details off the top of my head, but we know that Jim Crow became a derogatory word for the foolish black person — the smiling slave. It was a put-down."

"I always took for granted Jim Crow was some way of saying, 'Go to the back of the bus.'"

"That's what it became, and it became that way very quickly after the Civil War, after Emancipation. During, and particularly after, Reconstruction."

"That horrible period."

"Oh, it was a devastating, devastating period. We don't know how the notion of the ridiculing minstrel use of Jim Crow became associated with racial segregation, 'Get to the back of the bus,' or, before there were buses, 'the back of the streetcar.' We just don't know — maybe somebody knows, but I don't."

"And you're back in the South, at Georgia Tech, after years of teaching at Cal Tech."

"I am. I'm in Atlanta. I'm in one of those oases of blue, blue Georgia. Atlanta is a fascinating town. There's a lot to like about it. Because I'm interested in black migration out of Atlanta and to the West Coast, I'm fascinated now that Atlanta's a top magnet for African-Americans. There's tremendous growth, particularly among the professional class."

"In Atlanta now do you ever run into that sort of thing where older black people will get off the sidewalk if a white person is walking on that same sidewalk?"

"I have never seen that in Atlanta. I don't know what would happen if I went to some of the older, rural towns. I would just not take a guess one way or the



other. But in Atlanta I find not a segregated city in the sense of Jim Crow so much as I find a separated city in which race relations are actually, well, let's just say they're a heck of a lot better in the South than they used to be.

"There's a reason why hundreds of thousands of African-Americans are moving to the Atlanta area. One reason is economic opportunity. Another reason is that many African-Americans, particularly from the Northern cities, believe that racial tensions are lower. But that does not mean that the neighborhoods aren't pretty separate and that parts of the city aren't pretty separate. Race, of course, will always be an important factor in Southern society."

"That *Bound for Freedom* is character-driven, told through the words and eyes of many different people, makes it particularly readable," I said.

"That's what I wanted to do, to make it a very human read and to try to get those scholarly points across, right? To sort of teach it and storytell it. And in truth, there was a point where I said, 'You just have to think about preaching this book.' Given my background, I come by it honestly. The sound has to cascade, it has to flow, it has to have a rhythm. I think that comes from listening to a lot of good preaching. And just thinking."

"And," I said, "a lot of research."

"I had access to some terrific autobiographies, like that of Charlotta Bass. I was lucky with that. It's one of those books that is a real stroke of luck but also creates a lot more work than you expect because it jumps around. Sometimes it leaves out exactly what you want to know. It puts in what you don't care about. But it was a wonderful starting point not just for information but for a feel for the attitude of the community in the early part

of the 20th Century. She was such an amazing person and so central to the community over the whole period of time that I study. She serves as an archetype — the race leader, the race woman."

"It didn't take long for me to figure out that if I was going to write this, if I was going to forefront the characters and their stories, that she could be the central thread. She had a hand in just about everything. And somewhere along the way — I think it was very late in the game — I realized, 'Begin the story with her riding in on a train, and end the story with her riding in on a train.' And at that point, then I realized what my bookends were and how to structure it."

"It's funny because I just taught a course on research methods to history majors here at Georgia Tech. What I told them on the first day is that I have no clear method to teach. You have to be creative, and you have to think hard about what you have to work with and think about how to use it creatively. And then you need to work very hard to find things that other people haven't found."

"And," I said, "you have to talk to everybody."

"You really do. And you have to mull it over. I used a lot more statistical materials in my first book, but I decided in this case — no. Take them out. Just talk it. Talk the numbers. Which is what I wound up doing. I had really long sections, for example, on migration data and employment data. I realized that people would have skipped them. I worried that even if I spent too much time just talking about them that I would lose the characters."

I noted that Professor Flamming also interviewed people who were on the edges of important events.

"The edges matter too," he said, "because you know if someone is on the fringe, then the fringe tells you about the center."

"Do you have some final words?"

"Come to think of it, I will say this, that this is a very inspiring group of people. I say in the book that one of the key themes is civil rights as a way of life. But I wonder if there's not a more pointed lesson, which is, 'Never give up. Never give up on freedom.' Think about how many battles the community leaders lost. Yet in ways that just seem to me to be remarkable, particularly in America today, they wouldn't give up. They never quit. That's an inspiring lesson."

"Not just for African-Americans, not just for people in L.A., but for everybody. I had to say after the recent presidential election, when I was so devastated personally, and thought — it's all over; everything is lost, everything is suddenly gone — but it struck me, literally walking to class one day, that the lesson of the book I just wrote was 'Never give up.' 'Never give up on freedom.' And I said, 'Well, are you just going to ignore that lesson, or are you going to take it to heart and say to yourself, 'You'll never give up either?'"

"I'm not a big public figure. I'm very much of a homebody. I love to teach. I love to write. I love to spend time with my family. I can't imagine what it would be like to live a very activist life. That's not who I am. But I owe it, I think, to those who came before, including the people I write about, to have hope and to have determination and to do what I can and never give up, never give up on freedom." ■

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Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series commences with concerts by Piano and Wind Quintet. Program includes Beethoven's "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," the Mozart "Quintet for Piano and Winds in E Flat Major," and "Concert Piece No. 1 in F Minor for Clarinet, Bassoon, and Piano" by Mendelssohn.

Concerts presented on Thursday, January 27, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río), \$20 U.S.; and on Friday, January 28, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins

Drive), \$38. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA, LA JOLLA)

Pipes and Hammers, Claire Chase (flute), Ann Chase (soprano), Amy Dissanayake (piano) perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, January 27, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Founders Hall Concert Series begins with concert by Pipes and Hammers on Friday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Donation: \$10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

Alexander String Quartet performs Mozart's "Divertimento in F Major," "String Quartet in B-Flat Major," "Adagio and Fugue in C Minor," and "String Quartet in C Major" on Friday, January 28, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$34 general, available by calling 858-534-TIXS. Artists present informal pre-performance conversation at 6:45 p.m. (LA JOLLA)

"Winter Guitars," classical guitar favorites performed by Rafael Elizondo on Friday, January 28, 7 p.m., in Rosemary Lane Galleria of South Chula Vista Library (389 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-585-5755. (CHULA VISTA)

Imani Winds perform pieces by Falla, Bozza, Schiffrin, Piazzolla, and Hindemith for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, January 30, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets for "Prelude to the Afternoon": \$5 for students, \$25 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Concert follows free appearance on Saturday, January 29, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Performance features music from their new CD *Classical Underground*. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

Johann Strauss's Bubbly Die Fledermaus opens season for San Diego Opera, starring soprano Noëmi Nadelmann, Viennese brothers (and baritones) Paul Armin Edelmann and Peter Edelmann, countertenor Brian Asawa. Sung in English, with dialogue projected above the stage. Conducted by Valéry Ryvkin, directed by Lotfi Mansouri.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, Tuesday, February 1, and Wednesday, February 9; 8 p.m. on Friday, February 4; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 6. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Symphonic Sounds in Sacred Spaces, the San Diego Young Artists Symphony Orchestra presents concerts of Walton's "Shakespearean Suite," "Saint Paul's Suite" by Holst, and "Symphony No. 8 in F Major" by Beethoven.

Concerts continue on Saturday, January 29, 7:30 p.m., at St. Gregory the Great (11451 Blue Cypress Drive) and on Sunday, January 30, 2 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul (4080 Hawk Street). Donation. 619-235-8067. (SCRIPPS RANCH, HILLCREST)

"Viennese Nights: A Ball" hosted by San Diego Vintage Dancers on Saturday, January 29, 7 to 10 p.m., in Balboa Park Club (Pan American Plaza). Grand Pacific Waltz and Quickstep Orchestra provide music

for waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, schotisches, gallops, *zwiefachers*, more. Short dance exhibition, light refreshments provided. Fee: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-286-5848. Evening and formal attire; mid-to late-19th Century formalwear encouraged. (BALBOA PARK)

Acclaimed Hungarian Pianist Endre Hegedüs performs an all-Chopin program on Sunday, January 30, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive); \$10 adults, children under 12 free. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

The Luther College Nordic Choir performs on Sunday, January 30, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Concert features a variety of sacred works, both a cappella and accompanied selections, by composers including Knut Nystedt, Paul Christiansen, Eric Whitacre, Tschesnokoff. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door general; \$10 for students. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

The San Diego Youth Symphony presents concerts on Sunday, January 30, at 1 and 4 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Concert features performances by five of the symphony's orchestras and ensembles. Tickets: 619-233-3232. (DOWNTOWN)

Mozart's "Piano Quintet in E-Flat Major" and "Piano Quintet in E-Flat Major" by Beethoven are promised when San Diego Chamber Music Society, joined by pianist Pamela Monroe, perform on Sunday, January 30, 2:30 p.m., for San Diego Public Library concert series. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, January 30, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tango!" Piano concert of works by composers whose pieces date from 1913 to 1984 presented by Cecil Lytle on Sunday, January 30, 3 p.m., in Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club at UCSD. Lytle joined by Argentine *bandoneón* musician Jorge Coco Trivisonno in second half of concert. Program includes pieces by Satie, Weill, Nazareth, Seiber, Jolas, Stravinsky, Ginastera; \$35. Reservations: 858-534-0876. (LA JOLLA)

Duets by Schubert, Mendelssohn, Poulenc promised when pianists Diane Snodgrass and Mary Barranger present — on one piano — a mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 31, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Piano Music for Four Hands and Two Pianos composed by Wolfgang Mozart will be performed by Gustavo Romero and Massimo Somenzi during concert sponsored by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library and Promote the Music of the Masters, on Monday, January 31, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$29, \$34. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

SONOR, the graduate student and faculty ensemble at UCSD, performs in concert on Wednesday, February 2, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center; \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Along the Silk Road," music for flute and guitar from India, China, and Japan promised when Camarada chamber music ensemble performs

Thursday, February 3, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes "simple folksongs" of Japan to Indian raga-inspired pieces by Ravi Shankar and George Harrison, Toru Takemitsu's "Toward the Sea"; \$15. 619-231-3702. (BALBOA PARK)

Renaissance and Baroque Music promised when Courtly Noyse performs with traditional instruments for First Thursday Concert on February 3, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Three Passionate Tales," San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling joined by cellist Jian Wang for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, February 3 and 5. Program boasts Dvořák's "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra in B Minor," "Don Juan" by Richard Strauss, and Bartók's "Miraculous Mandarin Suite."

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Saturday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

"Paris Revisited and la Belle Epoque," group exhibit of original paintings "capturing the nostalgic romance of Paris" and French countryside, includes receptions on Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29, 6 p.m., at Simic Gallery (1205 Prospect Street). 858-456-5255. (LA JOLLA)

Romanian Artist Alexandra Nechita visits Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street) on Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29, 6 to 9 p.m., to showcase her newest works. Requested reservations: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

"Visions" by West Coast platinum printer Tom Millea and "Affirmations" by Donna Cosentino are on view through Saturday, February 19, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Meet the photographers during reception on Saturday, January 29, 4:30 p.m. 760-744-1150 x2304. Millea conducts walk and talk on Tuesday, February 1, 1 p.m. (SAN MARCOS)

"Kiss the Day Goodbye," featuring new work by Grace Gray-Adams, continues through Thursday, February 3, in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. Reception: Saturday, January 29, 6 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Heart to Heart VII," seventh annual show "featuring affairs of the heart" in a variety of media is on view through Saturday, February 26, at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech Street). Reception for the 24 artists is Saturday, January 29, 5 p.m. 619-233-6679. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Sole Searching," a collection of travel and surf photographs from around the world by Stacey Morris, are on view during exhibit and reception on Saturday, Jan-

uary 29, 7 p.m., at Old Presbyterian Church (230 Birmingham Drive). 858-449-8458. (CARDIFF)

"Light Reading," large-format digital work by local photographer Craig Fuller is on view through Friday, February 11, in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Meet artist during reception on Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

"Missing Stations," an exhibit of installation and sculpture by Toru Nakatani, John Dillemath, and Dina Rubiolo, opens with reception on Wednesday, February 2, 11 a.m., in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). 760-795-6657. Closes Thursday, February 24. (OCEANSIDE)

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, Downtown, "Terry Winters Painting, Drawings, Prints 1994-2004," features 160 works organized into seven chronological sections, explores the way the artist creates sets and subsets of images interacting with previous and current works. Exhibition closes on Sunday, April 17.

"Cerca Series: Kori Newkirk" includes an experimental form of the artist's "pony bead" curtains, created using small colored beads often seen in elaborate braided

hairdos. The curtain will be changed as light conditions change throughout the day. Newkirk blends medium and message in works critically examining identity and place. Continues through Sunday, March 13.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, ideas and influence of minimalist art explored in "Specific Objects: The Minimalist Influence," closing Sunday, January 30. The exhibit showcases works from museum's permanent collection, as well as newly commissioned pieces. Artists represented include Robert Mangold, Sol LeWitt, Dan Flavin, Agnes Martin, Robert Irwin, others.

"Eye Spy: Photography from the Permanent Collection," on view through Sunday, January 30, includes works by Anne Collier, James Drake, David Goldblatt, Nic Nicosia, Armando Rascón, and others, who "use portraiture and photography as tools for revealing more than the eye can see, demonstrating the construction of personal and cultural identity."

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Jeff Bridges — Pictures"

represents 30 years of photographic practice by the compelling actor. The included photographs "act as Bridges' personal and professional diary, with actors, directors, and crew appearing as equal participants in the task of making movies." Enjoy these images of "people at work" through Sunday, March 13.

Andreas Feininger photographed every form, shape, and structure that enthralled him. "Andreas Feininger: Man on the Street" celebrates his "peripatetic love of New York City in the 1940s with 35 photographs," on view through Sunday, March 6.

Concurrently, take in "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 heart-felt in each" of her subjects.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia," showcases "cutting-edge artists working in a diversity of media...who use contemporary approaches to reflect their respective cultural and artistic backgrounds." Each artist's work is featured in a separate section while

accompanying wall texts articulate how the artist is responding to historical precedents. Continues through Sunday, March 6.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited pieces, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 24.

"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

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"Make it personal, tell the truth, then write 'Burn this' on it."

Lanford Wilson's *Burn This* begins with Burton, a rich commercial screenwriter, wanting to script something new for him: a film with "humungous mega-passion, something felt much deeper than we know." Later he adds, "Make it personal, tell the truth, then write 'Burn this' on it." Wilson (who said, "Burton is a satire of me") also wanted to go beyond his usual fare. And you could call *Burn This* an urban *Talley's Folly*. In both, unlikely pairs come together. But while *Folly's* moonlight and crickets, *Burn* is fire and ice.

Anna and Pale won't qualify for an e-Harmony.com connection. She's a dancer/choreographer who's hid in her work and admits "no life experience to draw from. Or else I'm just too chicken to let anyone see what I really am." She's in touch with her feelings — okay, some of them, while others, the deeper ones, got exiled long ago. To grow as an artist she'll need to reconnect her entire zodiac.

Pale — his name comes from VSOP ("Very Special Old Pale") — is the opposite. Overwhelmed by his feelings, he tries to express them all at once. Hyper, maybe coked-up, he's a swirl of contradictions: violent (loves to pound pillows and walls, and people?); sophisticated (manages a chi-chi restaurant and drinks upscale brandy); as vulnerable and boundary-free as Anna isn't. She says he's "dangerous," and not just because he carries a gun. He's so unexpected, so unfettered, she fears he'll reawaken her dormant feelings.

They come together because his gay brother Robbie (Anna's creative partner and roommate) died in a freak auto accident. Neither Anna nor Pale's had any practice at grieving. Does anyone? The process, especially after a sudden loss, fractures "normal" behavior and explains why Robbie's death catapults both into uncharted emotional territory. Every time they meet, Anna and Pale say no, then step closer to each other.

Burn This doesn't reach the Wordsworthian "something felt much deeper than we know." And there are times when Wilson pushes for unmotivated significance (as when Anna non sequiturs, "I'm sick of the age I'm living in"). But the play, surprisingly funny and always emotionally charged, is quite good at opening the mind, and the heart, to outside-the-box possibilities.

And the Cygnet Theatre production is tremendous. I have never seen Jeffrey Jones perform anywhere near what he does as Pale. He's flippy, raw, visceral, and absolutely *now*. Wilson wrote the part for John Malkovich (who, one reviewer said, played more to the rear seats than to Anna). What makes Jones's performance so special: you aren't watching an actor doing unpredictable things; you're watching the actual Pale sprawl his anger and hurt and dreams across the stage with manic intensity.

Wilson wanted "bone honesty." Jones delivers it. So does Jessica John. Anna is the less showy part, calling for double reactions: to Pale's pyrotechnics and to unwanted stirrings she's

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Jeffrey Jones, Jessica John in *Burn This*

Burn This, by Lanford Wilson

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Kristianne Kurner; cast: Manny Fernandes, Jessica John, Jeffrey Jones, David McBean; scenic design, Sean Murray; costumes, Shelly Williams; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, Kenny Lewis

Playing through February 13; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-337-1525 x3.

Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck

Renaissance Theatre Company, 6th@Penn Theatre, 3704 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest

Directed by George Flint; cast: Joshua Everett Johnson, Daren Scott, Jack Banning, Jennifer Eve Kraus, Charlie Riendeau, Thomas Hall, Joe Nesnow, Jack Winans; scenic design, Marty Burnett; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Sally Stockton; sound, Danielle Hill

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determined to resist. Robbie's death and the sudden appearance of his loose-cannon brother dislodge Anna from her comfort zone. With deft, internal modulations, John shows that, although she doesn't tick as loud, Anna's as much an emotional time bomb as Pale.

Manny Fernandes does capable work as the play's throwaway character. On the surface, Burton has it all: fame, wealth, Anna (at first), even karate skills. But "all" leaves no room for anyone else. David McBean, San Diego's comic genius in residence, turns Anna's gay roommate, Larry, into a multifaceted being. McBean's reached the point where he can be funny just walking across a stage. And his deadpan deliveries inject blazing humor into the evening. But Larry's also a sheltered soul, which McBean registers in expressive silences.

Cudos to director Kristianne Kurner, not just for the rip-roaring moments but for a quality of daily life felt throughout. Much of what happens onstage should be second nature — making coffee, opening a champagne bottle, hugging a favorite pillow — and is at Cygnet, if less often elsewhere.

Sean Murray's solved a designer's challenge: Wilson said the set should be "the sort of place that you would kill for or wouldn't be caught dead in." Has to be a NYC loft apartment, spare, drafty, brick walls thick with mold outside permanently stained windows, to which Murray (and light wiz Eric Lotze) adds homey features. And Shelly Williams's costumes, from eveningwear to loungewear, have the same extremes Wilson wanted for the set.

Okay, Anna and Pale may not last ten minutes beyond the final curtain. In any event, each has midwived the other back into the present. And the process, at Cygnet's intimate theater, is a scorcher!

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And Cain said, 'I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?' " John Steinbeck was obsessed with the biblical tale. *East of Eden* resets it in the Salinas Valley, where generations of Trasks and Hamiltons reenact the primordial drama. In Steinbeck's first success, the novella *Of Mice and Men*, when George Milton decided to be his slow-witted friend Lennie's "keeper," he made a tragic choice.

There are compelling reasons to see Renaissance Theatre's *Of Mice and Men*, but also some puzzles, and a strange neatness to everything. The best reason is the leads. As George Milton, the

"keeper," Joshua Everett Johnson has the rawboned look, and serrated, Dust Bowl voice of a Depression-era "bindle stiff" (i.e. itinerant farmhand) — an assured, tender/tough, moving performance. Though his slurred speeches threaten to cartoon Lennie, Daren Scott plays the savage innocent with emotional truth.

Steinbeck won awards for his dramatizing of the novella, but the play's practically devoid of subtexts, and the dialogue, even in Renaissance's abridged version, does go on. Charlie Riendeau, Joe Nesnow, and Jack Banning give sup-

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M.D. Walton as "Darren Lemming" in TAKE ME OUT; photo by Chris Bannan.

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porting characters life, and Jennifer Eve Kraus turns Curley's nameless wife into a platinum-haired Norma Jean eager for Hollywood stardom.

Jeanne Reith puts Kraus in the white dress Marilyn Monroe wore when her skirt flew up. Reith's other costumes, however, are a puzzle. Not the design, the fussy maintenance: the Levi's and cotton shirts look *ironed*, as if the farmhands are at a dude ranch or doing *City Slickers III*, not bucking barley near Soledad under a blistering sun.

Overall, George Flint's direction has a contained, sweat-free feel. But the males in the cast should be as rustic as Marty Burnett's bunkhouse set. The production, in fact, is most tidy when it should be most expressive. *Of Mice and Men* has

two gunshots. Both are on tape, muffled. But each, especially the climactic second, should rock the walls at 6th@Penn. ■

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Burn This

Reviewed this issue. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

The Clean House

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sarah Ruhl's comedy about Maude, a cleaning woman who likes to tell jokes. Kate Whoriskey directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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Poway Performing Arts Company stages Donald Margulies's Pulitzer Prize winner about a couple's surprise breakup and its effect on their close friends. Jay Mower directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS AT THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

Einstein Comes Through

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents David Ellenstein's one-person play about Hank, an actor, who needs his alter ego, Albert Einstein, so the show can go on. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (NCRT OFFERS SELECTED WEDNESDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCES AND SATURDAY MATINEES; CALL THE THEATER FOR INFORMATION.) 858-481-1055.

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Grassroots Greeks: Ajax

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To 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: *Agamemnon*.

Worth a try.

EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 11; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-235-6125.

Greek to Me

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Life: A Guide for the Perplexed

Word of mouth takes forever. Don't wait for it. Go see the Flying Karamazov Brothers now! Along with being gifted comedians, versatile musicians, and experts at physical movement, they are a genius percussion section, only they don't play drums. They pound out the beat by juggling all manner of objects. By Act Two of their latest work, in fact, you half expect them to flip and catch each other. *Life's* about a midlife crisis. Realizing he's nearer to his end than to his beginning, narrator Paul Magid asks: "Is this what I want to be? Do I re-up or do something different?" Okay, profound *Life* ain't. Its rules and parables won't tell soon-to-be-seniors how to cope. They're more silly than wise (and some fall flat, as do puns on the far side of groaners).

But the piece shows that the magic — and the next life step — lies in the doing. Highlights are hard to single out. Some may nominate the song done to Melancholy Jaques's "Seven Ages of Man" speech; or the bizarre dance of an epididymus, selecting sperm for an upcoming voyage; or the Juggletron, a wide, metallic, donut-shaped device with electronic drum pads on the circumference, and the Karamazovs juggle bowling pins and *thwap* the pads and — aw, just go see these guys!

Critic's pick.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 6; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Life Before Sex (a comedy about growing up in the seventies) and Life with a Teenager...I Am Having a Hot Flashback

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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.

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National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActoTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people

acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
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.

Of Mice and Men
Reviewed this issue.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Romeo and Juliet
On Verona streets, the Capulets and Montagues talk trash and carry swords — and guns. A soprano, decked in red, sings Puccini. And the star-crossed lovers sprint to the vanishing point where love and death blur. On a spare stage, Richard Baird’s Poor Players dress in black and white, modernish, and make the bold choices that have become the company’s hallmark; when Friar Laurence performs the marriage, he’s like the ref of a wrestling match, having to separate teenagers *in flagrante delicto*. Not all choices work, as in a long stretch during Act Four where the Capulets sort things out. But, along with an unsentimental approach to the Bard, which releases the play’s true feelings, the production has many

pluses. Almost Falstaffian in size, Baird’s Friar centers the show and would dominate it were Rachael Van Wormer’s spritely, sage Juliet in less capable hands. Van Wormer lives all “seven ages of man” and grows and evolves and erupts while retaining a pitch-perfect 14-year-old’s voice. Romeo’s passive enough in the script, but Brandon Walker adds to that with some whiny intonations. Though he could enunciate more clearly (especially the Queen Mab speech), Max Macke does some of his best work as the witty, addled Mercutio. Also worthy of note: Bob Korbett’s creative lighting makes for tight playing areas and tableaux in the intimate Adams Avenue space.
Worth a try.
ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH JANUARY 31; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Take Me Out
The Old Globe Theatre stages Richard Greenberg’s Tony Award winner (2003) about a baseball star who “comes out.”
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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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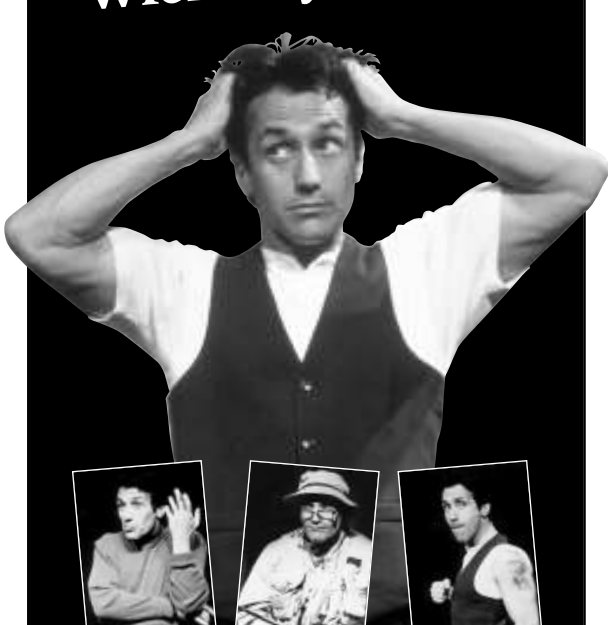
Wrinkles
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Mower drummer Dan Harper

has been found after being missing for five days. The Oceanside Police Department said Harper has

said the band is looking for a permanent replacement.

Mower appears 8 p.m. Sunday at Typhoon Saloon, must be 21 or over; admission is \$3.

— Ken Leighton

"The only F-word I wanted to say was 'freedom,' " says Mojo

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the inside track

been found and is at Tri City Hospital. Sergeant Rick Favela would not disclose Harper's medical condition.

Mower, together for over six years, recently opened for Metallica at the Sports Arena and for Slayer at Soma. Harper's abrupt disappearance forced the band to cancel two shows last weekend.

For their show this Sunday in Pacific Beach, a member of Mower said the band would be using a replacement drummer. He

Nixon in response to KGB exec Mike Thomas's quote in the *San Diego Business Journal* January 10 about why KGB lost its afternoon-drive personality to Sirius Satellite Radio.

Thomas was quoted as saying, "He wanted to be on satellite radio because he could talk about whatever he wanted to talk about. He is now able to do a show where, if he wants to say the F-word, he can say the F-word."

Nixon, 47, counters, "I wanted freedom from playing

the same 50 songs over and over again. Freedom to say what I wanted to say. And



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MOJO VALUES FREEDOM OVER PROFANITY

freedom from commercials."

Never asked for a response by the *San Diego Business Journal*, Nixon, Coronado's celebrity hillbilly (who gained national prominence in the 1980s playing alongside the Beat Farmers), says he never even knew about last month's article until it was read to him for this story.

Those who subscribe to Sirius can hear Mojo Nixon commercial-free from 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays on "Outlaw Country" Channel 36.

— Ken Leighton

"The Five Stages of Beer," a locally made film airing at the second annual Park City Film Music Festival this week, includes music by locals CLA (Steve Foth, Sam Chammas, and Dennis Borlek), Mercedes Scalzitti of Roomful of Nipsey, the recently disbanded Dragons, and Melanie Peters (whose fictional band, the Funky Spunk, makes its only appearance in the movie).

Shot in town over nine days, the film includes the Liars' Club in Pacific Beach, the Park Manor Hotel in Hillcrest, the Live Wire in North Park, and Kearny Mesa's Boxing Club. Local microbrew Arrogant Bastard Ale also makes appearances. The film debuted September 2003 at the San Diego Film Festival.

The script, by local video producer Brian Mix ("distant cousin" of western star Tom Mix) and longtime San Diego Comic-Con principal Mark Yturralde, concerns "the romantic trials and tribulations of Dennis, a man trying to get back on his feet after his wife leaves him for a clown...literally!"

Mix, who graduated from Patrick Henry High School

and SDSU, says, "The entire movie was self-funded for around \$75,000. Most of the



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LOCAL MUSIC WINS IN "FIVE STAGES OF BEER"

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Last year the Park City Festival awarded *The Five Stages of Beer* a gold medal for "Excellence in the Most Creative Use of Music Style."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Java Joe's is closing.

Insiders say Joe Flammini, whose Ocean Beach coffeehouse played an integral part in launching the careers of Atlantic recording artists Jason Mraz and Jewel, has sold his latest business, Java Joe's Pub.

The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) confirms that the process to transfer the alcohol license from Flammini to Pelbuck Enterprises LLC began

December 23. The final authorization could take place as soon as this week.

The principals of Pelbuck Enterprises LLC, Keith Bockmier and Mett Pelot, could not be reached for comment.

Before Flammini took over the beer-and-wine bar on El Cajon Boulevard, it was known as Kelly's Pub. Flammini presented local artists like Anya Marina, Greg Laswell, and Gregory Page at Java Joe's Pub since it opened a year ago.

The former Java Joe's coffeehouse began in Poway and then moved to two different locations in OB. According to the ABC, the new owners will change the name of Java Joe's Pub to the State House. It has a legal capacity of 142.

Flammini declined comment.

— Ken Leighton

Until recently, 4th & B

was controlled by Pacific Entertainment LLC, which had 15 owners. Now one of those owners, Ali Nilforshan of Del Mar, is buying out the other 14. Nilforshan was not available for comment, but Ray Johnson, general manager of 4th & B, said the others were not getting out over the

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fear of the arrival of a major competitor: House of Blues.

"We are spending seven figures to remodel 4th & B," said Johnson. "The first renderings will be ready in February. We want to make this place look completely different." Johnson said he expects remodeling to begin as soon as he gets the architectural plans back, which "should take three months. We might have to be closed for a few weeks in the summer."

Johnson said 4th & B will keep the same management. "It's been a tough year for the entire concert industry, but we did really well. We made money [in 2004]."

The new House of Blues reportedly will have a capacity of 1000, while 4th & B can hold 1500. As for the pace of House of Blues' construction (the club is supposed to open in May), Johnson says, "Have you walked by that building? It doesn't have a back wall yet."

— Ken Leighton

"Our guitar player, Mason Boogie, borrowed his roommate's pink girl's bike. He went to the store in OB to buy food. He got pulled over by the cops, and they said they had a report that the bike was stolen. They searched and found a little bit of herb. They gave him a ticket and he had to go to court. They had no reason to contact him in the first place."

Dandelion, lead singer with the rasta band Vegetation, says it's tough to be a musician with dreadlocks. Even in Ocean Beach.

"It happened to our drummer too. He was just riding on his skateboard. They said they stopped him because he was riding erratically. In my case, I was stopped because I



VEGETATION SHOULD STICK TO WALKING

was riding my own bike. They said they had a report that my bike was stolen."

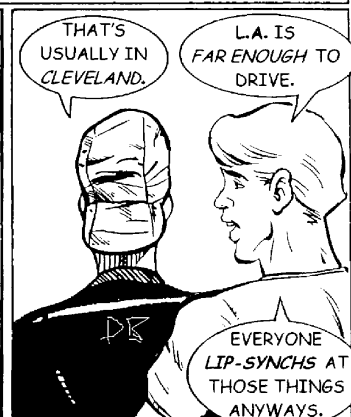
He said his band was treated entirely differently when they played the week-long Cannabis Cup festival in Amsterdam in November.

"We played at this place called Milkweg. It was an old

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD



milk factory across the street from the police station.... There were no incidences.... It all has to do with an abuse of power."

Vegetation appears 9 p.m. Saturday at the Belly Up Tavern with the Itals.

— Ken Leighton

U2's 2005 worldwide "Vertigo" tour

will open March 28 at the San Diego Sports Arena, with tickets going on sale January 29, says the January 21 issue of *Billboard* magazine. It's called the Vertigo tour because that's the name of the first single from their new album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*.

Billboard says, "Conservative estimates put the tour's gross potential at \$225-\$250 million." Ticket prices will run \$49.50 to \$165.

U2 will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame March 14 (in New York



U2 WHIRLS INTO TOWN FOR VERTIGO TOUR

City, not Cleveland).

— Jay Allen Sanford

When I asked Al Kooper if he would be selling shirts at his show (which was a couple of weeks ago at the United Methodist Church as part of their Acoustic Music Series), he said angrily, "I'm not a salesman!"

I'm a musician. People are coming to hear me play, not have me hawk things."

"What about selling your CDs? I can't find them in any stores."

"They only sell them in Japan. I'm big in Japan. You have to get them there."

The sold-out show started more than half an hour late. He did a tribute to Ray Charles but then said that Charles treated his band members horribly, as did James Brown, who he added "would charge bandmates \$15 every time they messed up."

Kooper talked about how Paul Shaffer played one of his songs (that Brown made famous) for three straight years on *Late Night with David Letterman*. "I got such big checks from them doing that, I remodeled my bathroom."

If he was going to talk money, I wondered, why not tell us how much he got for discovering Lynyrd Skynyrd and producing their first three records on his own record label. Or how much he got being Dylan's keyboard player. I guess another time.

The acoustics at the church were great, and upcoming shows include the Limelinters, the Strawbs, and Fairport Convention — although they won't have vocalist Sandy Denny, who died decades ago, but it doesn't matter who their singer is. Anyone's got to sing better than Kooper.

— Josh Board

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*"Someone compared us to Urge Overkill...
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We don't have a bass player, but for some reason when people see us for the first time, they think Davida [Milkes] plays bass," says Buzzkill Romantics' singer/guitarist Jason Hee. "I don't know why anyone should be surprised to see a three-piece with a female lead guitarist... Try saying to her, 'You play pretty good for a girl' and see what happens."

The bluesy hard rockers came together in the summer of 2003. Hee was fronting the more pop-oriented Rookie Card, and Milkes was in R&B group SDBO (San Diego Beat Organization). She brought in SDBO alum Charlie Brownell (founding drummer for the Nephews), and by July 2004 they'd made it to the legendary punk club CBGB in New York. "It was a long way from playing Nikki Sixx in a Mötley Crüe cover band," says Hee.

When asked to describe their music, Hee says, "Someone compared us to Urge Overkill... [that] the Nash Kato influence is unmistakable. I have no idea what that's supposed to mean." The Buzzkill Romantics appear Saturday, January 29, at Scolari's Office with the Displaced and the Stereotypes.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Jason Hee

1. The Von Bondies, *Lack of Communication* ("Angst, sex appeal, swing, electric guitars, and reverb.")
2. The Court and Spark, *Bless You* ("Moody cosmic American music that's not afraid to take its time.")
3. Royal City, *At Rush Hour the Cars* ("Clumsy, romantic, and knowingly earnest.")

4. John Coltrane, *Giant Steps* ("If I had enough time on a desert island, I might be able to figure everything out on this record.")
5. The Beatles, *Abbey Road* ("The End' is pure joy.")

Charlie Brownell

1. Can ("Avant-garde '70s rock.")
2. The Ruins ("Japanese progressive stuff.")
3. Sparks, *Kimono My House* ("Pop music from 1974.")
4. The Pretty Things ("From London, circa the late '60s.")

Davida Milkes

1. The Church, *Priest=Aura*
2. Sneaker Pimps, *Splinter*
3. Television, *Marquee Moon*
4. The Cure, *Disintegration*
5. David Bowie, *Scary Monsters*

FAVORITE DRINK?

Hee Root beer float ("Simply delicious from start to finish.")

Brownell Water ("Or pastis [licorice liquor] for the early and homemade mescal 'tequila from Sonora' for the late.")

Milkes Beer ("Love all beer, and red wine, and vodka.")

FAVORITE MOVIES?

Hee *Brazil*, *Star Wars*, *Sleeper*, *This Is Spinal Tap*

Brownell *Even Dwarves Started Small* ("1970, Werner Herzog. If you're reading this, I want my disc back, Alfred — you shmuck.")

Milkes *Lost in Translation*, *Fahrenheit 9/11*, *Annie Hall*, *Love and Death*, *Naked Gun*, *This Is Spinal Tap*



Hee, Brownell, Milkes

WORST SONG YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Hee "A Million Years' by Human Drama. They should win some sort of award for how bad this is."

Milkes "We Built This City' by Starship. There's so many, but I may have to agree with VH1 on this one."

BEST CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER?

Brownell "Hanging out with Rick Springfield talking music and culture on the set of *High Tide* [short-lived 1995 TV cop show starring Springfield and shot around San Diego]...we almost did a remake of his early hit 'Speak to the Sky.' I don't think he would have liked it."

Milkes "I worked room service at the Hyatt years ago and met Barry Manilow. Well, actually, I brought him a Caesar salad. Nice guy. No, really."

WEIRDEST GIG?

Hee "Guitar Center parking lot, four o'clock on a Saturday afternoon, to four of our friends. Or the time we played a rockabilly bar in Las Vegas and were told to stop fucking with our pedals and play a song. Or maybe the time we played Humphrey's Backstage Lounge after an evening of acoustic singer/songwriter types — a tourist tipped us \$20."

GINGER OR MARY ANN?

Hee "Mary Ann had a better smile."

Milkes "Neither."

FIRST CONCERT?

Hee "Jackson Browne and David Crosby at the Paramount Theater in Oakland. I was falling asleep, so my mom took us home a few songs into Jackson Browne's set." ■

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"Tribute to Glenn Miller": East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, January 27, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

SATURDAY

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.

The Doobie Brothers [561]: Rincon Casino, Saturday, January 29, 8:30 p.m., Valley Center Road, Escondido. 1-800-427-7247.

Laurie Anderson: Mandeville Auditorium, Saturday, January 29,

8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Blackmore's Night: 4th & B, Saturday, January 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 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.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

Kings of Leon: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, January 31, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 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.

WEDNESDAY

"Jazz in the Park" with **Benny Golson:** San Diego Museum of Art, Wednesday, February 2, 5:30 p.m., Balboa Park. 619-696-1966.

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Luna and Midnight Movies: The Casbah, Thursday, February 3, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Dave Alvin and Los Straitjackets [528]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February 5, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Brazil Carnaval 2005": 4th & B, Saturday, February 5, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Modest Mouse [593]: SOMA, Saturday, February 5, and Sunday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Bob Weir & Ratdog: 4th & B, Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Derek Trucks Band [950]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 9, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Steve Earle & the Dukes and Allison Moorer [783]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ronnie Milsap: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo [958]: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, February 11, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Bright Eyes [244] and **Neva Dinova:** Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [603]: 4th & B, Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.

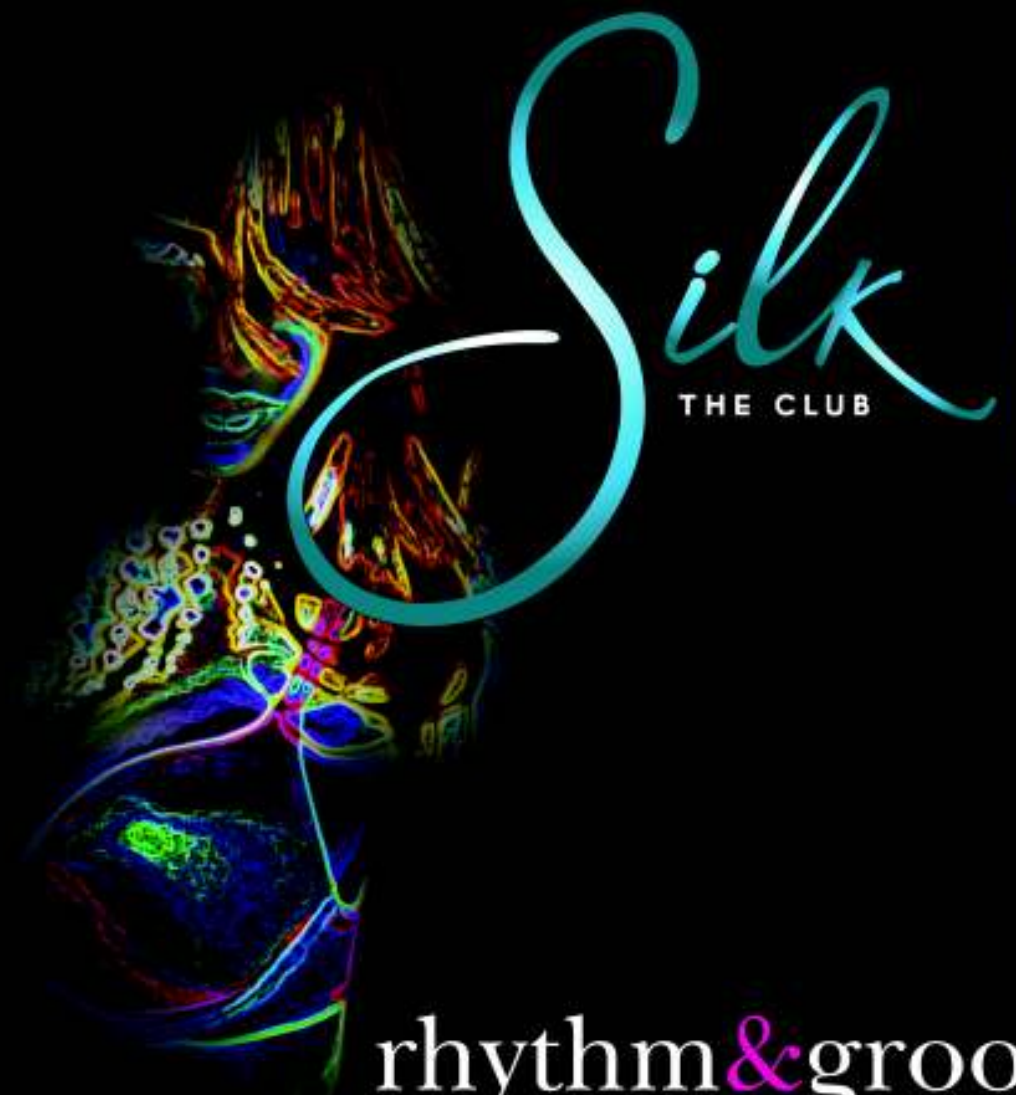
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Sugarcult [421], Hawthorne Heights, Anberlin, and more: SOMA, Saturday, February 19, 6:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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BY DAVE GOOD

In 1958 jazz critic Nat Hentoff summoned a cross section of some of the most famous jazz artists in the world to pose for *Esquire* magazine. Fifty-seven of them showed up. A photographer positioned them like a human waterfall, cascading down the steps of a brownstone. No one at the session, including sax man **Benny Golson**, could have known how famous the photo titled *Great Day in Harlem* would become. Or that it would be featured in a movie made decades later: The framed black-and-white print became a plot device in Steven Spielberg's movie *The Terminal*.

Benny Golson also appears in the movie. He plays himself. But Spielberg has Golson performing in the lounge of a Ramada Inn, something he was never reduced to in real life. At 76, Golson has outlived all but a handful of the musicians he posed with on that day in Harlem.

Golson was a hard-bop sax man of no small acclaim in the 1950s with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers but eventually hit his true stride as a composer. He's written more jazz standards than anyone I can recall. After "Killer Joe," my favorite is "Park Avenue Petit" from *Terminal One*, Golson's tribute album to *The Terminal*. Now advanced in years, the critical element in his playing is still...air. But instead of drilling sonic holes, Golson blows reedy, dark phrases that, in duet, warm the underside of the flügel-



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Kenny Wayne Shepherd [938]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 22, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Camper Van Beethoven/Cracker: The Casbah, Thursday, February 24,

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Donavon Frankenreiter, White Buffalo, and **State Radio:** 4th & B, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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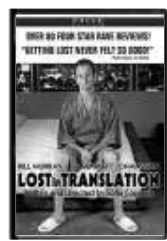


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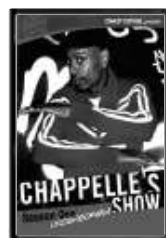
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- The Raking Bombs:** The Casbah
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- Riboflavin' [213]:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

- Sky Saxon & the Seeds:** The Casbah
- The Shapeshifters:** The Casbah
- Shining Thru and Ever:** Epicentre
- Siren:** 'Canes
- Slewfoot:** The Jumping Turtle
- Spell Toronto:** The Casbah
- Strato:** Soma
- Superunloader [208]:** Winstons
- Tabularasa:** Blind Melons
- Third Gear:** Dreamstreet
- Throttle Body:** The Jumping Turtle
- The Toast:** Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
- The Transit War:** The Casbah
- Unwritten Law [261]:** Soma
- Via Satellite:** The Casbah
- Your Favorite Something:** 'Canes
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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

- Damon Aaron:** Squid Joe's
- Bad Credit:** Blarney Stone Pub, Soma
- The Band in Black:** The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant
- The Bandits [451]:** Soma
- Cathryn Beeks [507]:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
- Bullets & Octane:** Soma
- Capellion:** Brick By Brick
- Jocelyn Celaya:** Epicentre
- Chevelle:** Soma
- The Clay Colton Band:** Rosie O'Sullivan's, Monterey Bay Cannners
- The Thomas Conner Band:** Humphrey's
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The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub

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51 Guns: Soma

Footloose: Fannie's, Oakvale Lodge

Gadfly: Blind Melons

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Hard Echo [510]: Fannie's

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's Cocktail Lounge

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

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Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Kings of Leon: 'Canes

Knight Fever: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

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Street Heart: The Kraken

The Swingin' Utters: Soma

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Uptown Groove: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Venice [432]: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The 80's All Stars: Viejas Casino

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Maybe it had something to do with punk rock, maybe it was the result of residual effects from the '60s, maybe it was a reaction to the Reagan administration, or maybe it was just all the coke people were doing then, but whatever the reason, the early '80s were very kind to avant-garde art. People paid high prices for paintings by downtown New York graffiti artists. Investment bankers saw the latest work by choreographer Twyla Tharp. Frat boys worshipped David Byrne.

In this environment, Laurie Anderson hit number two on the British charts with a single consisting of 11 minutes of electronic noises and electronically processed spoken-word vocals titled "O Superman" (in homage

to Romantic composer Jules Massenet's "O Souverain"). It didn't do nearly as well in her home country, the United States, but still she became well known. She worked with all sorts of famous bohemians, from William S. Burroughs to Peter Gabriel.

The second half of the '80s weren't so kind to the avant-garde. AIDS killed a lot of influential people. The bottom fell out of the art market. The government cracked down on drugs and cut back on grant money. The Talking Heads broke up. Still, Anderson carried on, turning to actual singing with the album *Strange Angels*.

In the '90s she released fewer albums but became a kind of elder stateswoman of or ambassador for the New York art scene. She wrote the "New York" entry in the Encyclopedia Britannica. In 2003 she became NASA's first-ever artist-in-residence. No doubt



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Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Aphrodesia: The Casbah

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II, The Calypso Cafe

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect, Aurora Trattoria

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

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Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Deejha Marie: Caffè Calabria

Delta Nove: The Casbah

Fattburger [648]: Humphrey's

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Calypso Cafe
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Band:** The Inn Suites
Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar
Sharon Shufelt: Caffè Calabria
Richard Smith: Humphrey's
**Reggie Smith & Pressed for
Time:** Jimmy Love's
The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's
Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzy's
The Swing Time Orchestra: Viejas
Casino
Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado
The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet:
Coronado Island Marriott
The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:
Tutto Mare
April West: Blind Melons
Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar
Zawna: The Book Works/Pannikin
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NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
Psydecar [740]: Winstons
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(San Marcos)
Skanic [743]: Martini Ranch
(Encinitas)
Slack String: Belly Up Tavern
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COUNTRY

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Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Nino & Quinn: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Off Campus: Crossroads Cafe & Coffeehouse
Carlos Olmeda: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Chuck Perrin [820]: Dizzy's
- Sara Petite:** Lestat's Coffeehouse
Kyle Phelan: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Proper Jive: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Raggle Taggle: Dublin Square
Joe Rathburn [871]: Galley at the Marina
Reserve 16: Borders Books & Music (Mission Valley)
Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort
Kelly Rudick: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Mike Ruggarillo: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Chuck Schiele [872]: Dizzy's
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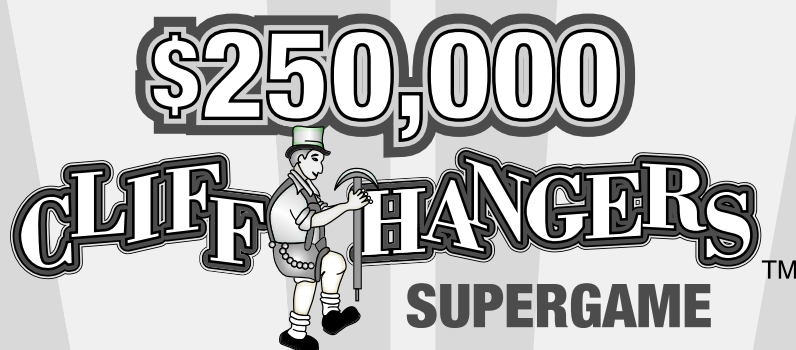
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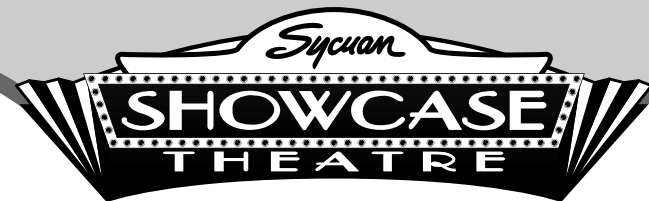
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Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

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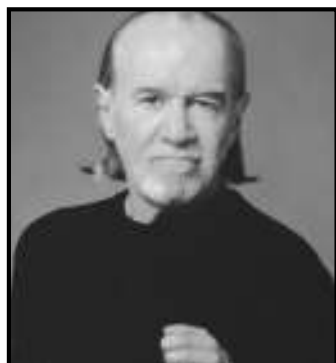
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Sabbot: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, The Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Ross. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hip-hop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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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.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Venice, rock. Friday, 9:15 p.m., *Common Sense* and *Slack String*, reggae. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., *the Itals* and *Vegetation*, reggae. Sunday, *Primo*.

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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., *Steve White*, blues, 9 p.m., rock. Saturday, 6 p.m., *Joanie Mendenhall & the Ex-Friends*, 8 p.m., *Eek-A-Mouse*, *the Mystic Roots*, *Spoken Gun*, and *the Shocks of Mighty*, reggae.



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album Name: *Room #11* (2004)

Artist: Alex Britton

Label: independently released

Songs: (there are no track listings)

Price/Where Available: available through an e-mail request to brittonalex@hotmail.com for \$5

Band Members: Alex Britton (everything), Mike Winter (flute), Taylor Hardin (hand drum)

Extra Info: Originally from the Detroit area, Britton moved to San Diego in 1997.

Describing his sound as a mix between experimental electronic and "organic instruments," Ocean Beach-based Alex Britton shoots for random hipness (for example, the EP's title was taken from the number of the hotel room in which it was recorded). Each track is inspired by a mishmash

of influences; among them Britton cites Squarepusher, Bob Dylan, Sonic Youth, Alpha Blondy, Johnny Cash, and Mozart. Occasionally Britton summons the same artistic passion, but what is most present are the insipid undertones disguised as disturbing synthetic daring.

The entire disc lasts less

Sunday, 4:30 p.m., *Break from Society*, reggae/ska. Monday, 10 p.m., live rock. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Knight Fever* and *Metal Shop*, rock. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Steal Dawn*, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Zawna*, jazz trio.

Borders Books & Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *T.J.R.*, Americana rock.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Thomas Lee*, acoustic.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Richard Samuels*, piano. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues/pop. Saturday, *Triple*

than 30 minutes. Moderately paced, longing melodies sharpened with foreboding Middle Eastern influences put a lackluster front on what is actually a rugged, unpolished slice of electronica. Britton excels in the simplicity of primal beats, but each song takes a while to sink in because of chaotic, midtempo randomness.

The weakest moments on the disc are found in the songs that don't seem to have the same amount of effort put into them. The first and final cuts are some kind of robotic, futuristic trip that never goes anywhere. The third cut is a highly recommended break from the straining, circular rhythms that build on the swelling momentum. After enough vocal distortion and repetitive percussion, the track breaks into a lolling electric-guitar meanderance. Often fuzz guitar helps Britton twist seemingly



Alex Britton

directionless noise into something likable.

A big part of the music's draw is its deceptive simplicity, and this one is definitely a headphone experience. (To hear a sample of *Room #11*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4536.)

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Jay's Gourmet Pizza and Seafood Restaurant, 2633 South Highway 101, Cardiff by the Sea. 634-3353. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Free Air*, acoustic pop/rock.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Friday and Saturday, live music.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Thursday, *Jimmy Seville & the RDR Ryders*, rock. Friday, *Throttle Body, the Lost Disciples, Loud Residence*, and *Slewfoot*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *Malachi Crunch, Code:Adam*, and *Erase the Day*, alternative/rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 *EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues. Saturday, *Street Heart*, classic rock. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*, rock/blues/reggae. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *the Dickies*, rock.

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.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Riboflavin, Skanic*, and *the Toast*, alternative/ska.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Kyle Jester Blues Show*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland music. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

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760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*.

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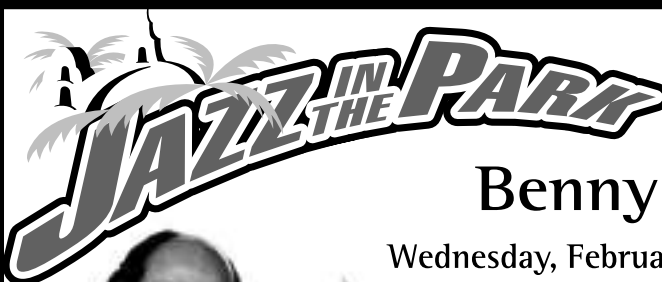
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Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Elliot Louis*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Gadfly*, rock. Friday, *Tabularasa* and *Pinheads*, alternative rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Michele Lundeen*, *Johnny Vernazza*, *Sue Palmer*, *April West*, and *the Shelltown Horns*, blues/jazz, 10:30 p.m., *d.Frost*, *Honey Bucket*, and *Dama*, alternative. Sunday, *the In-Laws* and *iD*, rock. Monday, open mike.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Coaster Saloon, 744 Ventura Place, Mission Beach. 858-488-4437. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Modern Day Moonshine*, blues/reggae/soul/rock.

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Friday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Saturday, 6 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Friday, *Malloy's Boiler*, *Meet the Richter*, *Just John*, and *Third Gear*, alternative/rock.

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Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

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La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ratz Pack*, American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Salvador & Cesar*, opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet*, jazz.

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Kush* and *Wadi Gad*, reggae. Friday, *Superunloader* and *Plump*, alternative rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Silver Springs*, rock. 9:30 p.m., *Psydecar* and *Pocket*, reggae/funk/alternative. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, blues. Monday, *Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday and Wednesday, live music.

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins*, Irish folk. Wednesday, *Larger Than Leon* or *Bad Credit*, rock.

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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Boogiemen*, R&B.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *the Soul Persuaders*. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Fabulous Ultratones*, dance, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, Motown/dance covers. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Thomas Conner Band*, original rock, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Richard Smith*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Chet Cannon*, blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger*, jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Corvelles*, sweet soul music.

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The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the *San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, live rock/blues.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, *the Bert Torres Band*. Sunday, contemporary music.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday and Saturday, live alternative/rock music.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. All music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Billy Shaddox*. Friday, *Bart Mendoza*. Saturday, *Anya Marina*. Sunday, *Gregory Page*. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Sara Petite* and *Kim DiVincenzo*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Rufus Rex*, rock. Saturday, *Roxx*, rock/blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m., open blues jam. Wednesday, hip-hop/funk/rock.

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Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci*, piano.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Rugarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Uptown Groove*, rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *Apple Seed*, rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative/punk. Thursday, *Chevelle, Helmet, Crossfade, the Future Leaders of the World, and Strato*. Friday, *Bad Credit, 51 Guns, Magnuson, Off-Track, and Private I*. Saturday, *the Swingin' Utters, Bullets*



MUSIC ► rock, acoustic

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CLIENTELE ► all-age venue; mostly La Mesa residents, average age in mid-20s; 80 percent Caucasian, 10 percent Asian, 10 percent Latino

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FIRE EXITS ► one at the main entrance and another through the back kitchen

BATHROOMS ► one for both men and women; one toilet (with can of air freshener), liquid soap, paper towels, a vacuum cleaner against the wall; clean and graffiti free

CAPACITY ► 40

SPECIAL AREAS ► couches and comfortable chairs, books and games; outdoor patio, where you can smoke, has four tables and

patio heaters

FURNISHINGS ► four plants, artwork on one side of the place and photographs on the other (all for sale), hardwood floors, blue ceiling, ceiling fans, six tables with four chairs at each, bookshelves with some *National Geographic*s and a few books, lots of games (Scrabble, Yahtzee, Go, Parcheesi, and chess)

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 104 when the band Free Air played; 115 last week at Woody's Sports Bar and Grill

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► Cambodian Hairdresser

QUOTABLE ► "That singer's father was in that Christian metal band Stryper."

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—Josh Board

Chris. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Kim DiVincenzo, Midnight Rooster, Kevin Tinkle, Tiana, and Pete Stewart*. Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Monday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless

otherwise noted. Thursday, *Alfred Howard & K23, Delta Nove, and Aphrodesia*, jazz/pop. Friday, *the Transit War, Spell Toronto, Operatic, and Paper Dolls*. Saturday, *Via Satellite, Goodbye Blue Monday, Comfortable for You, Manuok, and Kissing Tigers*. Sunday, *Radio 4, GoGoGo Airheart, and Raking Bombs*. Monday, *Shapeshifters, Hangar 18, and One Be Lo*. Wednesday, *Sky Saxon & the Seeds*.

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Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live music by *Raggle Taggle*, Irish fusion. Call club for information.

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Davis, variety. Saturday, *the Joe Marillo Quartet*, jazz.

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Ray Correa*, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Sandy Chappel* and *Sammy Canonizado*, jazz/blues.

Club Caribe, 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-472-2400. Thursday, live reggae band. Friday, salsa/meringue/bachata/reggae.

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Galley at the Marina, 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista. 619-422-5714. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Joe Rathburn*, acoustic originals/covers.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita & Dave Lindgren*, vocals. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*. Palm Court: Thursday through

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McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic. Friday, *Nino & Quinn*, folk.

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *Pale Black*, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, country rock.

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Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Friday, live rock/jazz. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Los Reyes del Ritmo*, Latin.

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The approach of Mardi Gras always makes me hungry for Louisiana cooking — not that I require a special occasion for that craving. For months, my partner and I peeked through the windows of a “coming soon” Louisiana restaurant, wondering, “When? *When?*” Each visit to the nearby Home Depot, we’d make a side trip to the new Market Creek Square to check on Magnolias’ progress. The reason for our eagerness? Not only would the restaurant specialize in the cuisine of southern Louisiana, but judging by the architecture, Magnolias would serve it in style.

We’d have been even more excited had we known that Magnolias’ chef-owner is Bessie Johnson, who ran the popular Bessie’s Garret in Encanto and later La Jolla. That restaurant closed before I moved here, but I’ve read raves for it and always regretted missing something good.

Magnolias opened two months ago, catty-corner from the Food4Less that anchors the mall. After entering via a chromed-steel Art Deco gate, you can head for the large but cozy bar or let the hostess lead you into a spacious dining room with floor-to-ceiling windows and wooden ceiling-fans. An overhang painted as a fantasy French Quarter balcony is rendered in the Mardi Gras colors of purple, green, and gold, with white magnolias floating above the *trompe l’oeil* railing. The room’s sections feature groupings of artwork or crafts — wooden wine-plaques, for instance, or black-and-white silkscreens portraying jazz giants. The floor is carpeted, the well-spaced tables are ample, and the napkins are linen. Staff and patrons are diverse at Magnolias, and everyone is made to feel comfortable. And, my, you will be well fed!

Warm corn muffins come first, sweet and crumbly. (While we were boxing up the leftovers of our meal, the waitress brought us another batch to take home as lagniappe — a word that means “something extra,” a little gift. Lagniappe is a key concept in Louisiana hospitality.)

The choice of soups includes a crawfish bisque, a combination file gumbo (the favored style in Cajun country, west of the Mississippi), and a Creole okra-seafood gumbo (which is generally preferred from New Orleans on north up the river). You know the food’s going to be authentic when a menu makes this regional distinction, instead of offering a one-thickener-fits-all rendi-



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

tion. We began with the bisque, which seemed less bisque-like and more a simple cream soup (such as cream of asparagus). If you’ve never tasted crawfish, this is a great introduction: The rich liquid showcases the smoky flavor of bayou mudbugs, which the restaurant has shipped in from Louisiana.

Unlike the bisque, which comes as a cup or a small bowl, the gumbo comes big and bigger. I opted for a “small” (ha!) bowl of file gumbo, laden with andouille sausage, shrimp, dark-meat chicken, and a large crab leg. The liquid, thickened by a mahogany-colored roux, is tangy from tomato. It arrives with a scoop of steamed rice on top, so you can choose how much you want to stir in. The bowl comes with implements of crab-crunching destruction and wet linen napkins for the mop-up operations.

Salads also have a lively Louisiana touch. Our “Seafood Caesar Salad” featured fried crawfish tails with a hint of cayenne in the batter, tossed with crisp torn-up hearts of romaine and house-made croutons. It would make a splendid lunch.

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

The appetizers prove as generous as other restaurants’ entrées. A trio of crabcakes, for instance, bears no resemblance to California crabcakes. These are not little hockey pucks but crab pancakes (or perhaps croquettes) the size of jumbo burger buns. The sweet blue-crab meat includes no breadly filler, just a binding of parsley mayo. The cakes, their lightly breaded surfaces streaked with a mustardy *remoulade* sauce, sit beside a heap of coleslaw, with two colors of cabbage and carrot shreds in a thin, sweet dressing.

Louisiana’s deceptively named “BBQ shrimp” aren’t barbecued at all — they’re pan-sautéed with a lively sauce. In New Orleans, that usually means a spicy garlic-butter sauce, but the Johnson family comes from the Lake Charles region, not the Crescent City. Mrs. Johnson bathes a dozen-odd “barbecued” shrimp in an authentic, regional barbecue sauce that’s weightless and tangy, with a balance of tomato, sugar, vinegar, liquid smoke, and hot pepper. (You’d never mistake it for a Texas “Q” sauce.) You can opt for “peel and eat”

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or “we peel it for you,” which costs two bucks more. The peel-your-own is messy, but the flavor penetrates the shrimp because the shells trap the sauce. The dishes come with baguette slabs painted with Parmesan. I wished they’d come with the gumbo’s wet napkins, too.

We wanted to taste the Southern-fried chicken without committing ourselves to the entrée portion (half a bird’s worth). An appetizer of fried chicken wings came to the rescue. Mrs. Johnson rubs her own seasoning mix into the chicken, then flours and fries the pieces. With no liquid to weigh down the batter, the wings emerge crisp and savory. They’re served with a ramekin of garlicky

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An entrée of crawfish *etouffée* (meaning, "smothered") wraps a smoky, roux-based red-brown tomato sauce around peeled tails served over steamed rice. I was delighted when the flavors took me back 20-plus years to my first-ever taste of the dish in Henderson, Louisiana, a tiny bayou town dedicated to the craft of crawdad cuisine. Returning to the present, I ordered a side dish (called "lagniappe" on the back of the menu) of hush puppies. Accustomed to leaden versions fit for dogs, I was astonished by their lightness and subtle onion flavor. (The secret is slivers of scallion greens.) The pups were sprinkled with powdered sugar, a touch rarely found outside Louisiana.

When my boyfriend tried the shrimp and sausage jambalaya, he said, "Odd, this tastes familiar." "Yeah," I said, "that's because you ate this same jambalaya at home two weeks ago. This is *my* jambalaya." Obviously, I'd consider Magnolias' the ideal, tomatoey, but cohesive rather than soppy. Seasonings include the "Cajun holy trinity" of sautéed onion, green pepper, and celery — plus garlic, cayenne, and other secret ingredients. The shrimp are added near the end of cook-

ing, so they remain tender. With this dish, we chose a lagniappe of fried okra, though neither of us much enjoys okra unless it's gumbo-ed to death. If you're into okra, however, these fritters are perfect.

In the South, you are unlikely to get a pork chop that's pink in the center unless you're paying \$35 for it at a "New Southern Cuisine" temple of gastronomy. Magnolias' "Southern-Style Pork Chops" are overcooked to my tastes, but they're flavorful, with outer rings of fat to moisten the meat and a deep-down-delicious spice rub. The chops are swathed in an oniony gravy and accompanied by cornbread dressing with assertive herbal seasoning and the homogenous texture of soft polenta — this bears no resemblance to that gritty November offering from Mrs. Cubbitson. Mrs. Johnson is a magician with cornmeal. For the included side dish (from the "lagniappe" menu) we chose candied yams, as sweet and sexy as a Middle Eastern dessert, with cinnamon to sharpen the flavor. We added another side of macaroni and cheese, made with four different cheeses, including cheddar. The flavor was interesting, but reheating had congealed the texture.

One menu section of entrées is titled "Magnolias'

Favorites," and along with the ideal jambalaya, it includes my least favorite entrée, a Louisiana/California/Mex mutant called "Crawfish Enchiladas." The cheddar overwhelms the crawfish, and the flour tortillas (instead of cornmeal) are soggy, unfit for enchiladas. The side dishes are plain-and-pleasant meatless red beans and "dirty rice," done here as herbed rice with lean ground beef. (This dish more typically includes ground chicken gizzards and hearts; if they were present, I couldn't tell.)

An oyster po' boy was also disappointing. The garnishes of shredded lettuce, tomato, pickles, and "Cajun mayo" dressing were zesty and authentic, but the fried oysters seemed scant given the bread's thickness, and the bivalves tasted of iodine (which can be a function of their age, type, local water conditions, etc.). Fortunately, there are six other choices of fillings for the sandwich, including grilled Portobello mushroom for a veggie version.

All desserts are house-made. My boyfriend fell hard for the fruit cobbler, a giant portion made with canned peaches and shards of pie-crust dough. The wedge of sweet-potato pie was so sweet and rich, it took two of us three days to finish it, in bits and nibbles and satisfied sighs.

The bread pudding is warm and fluffy, anointed with rum-butter sauce. I don't think I'll try to avoid those Home Depot schleps anymore, knowing that at the end of each trek there'll be — not a rainbow, but a gumbo.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I came here from De Quincy, Louisiana, about 35 years ago," says Bessie Johnson. "It's just outside of Lake Charles. My sisters had already moved here. We were young and just wanted to leave Louisiana. But I started cooking much earlier than that, when I was ten years old. My mother was in an automobile accident when I was really young, and being the oldest girl at home, I started cooking for the family. Then my mother had a little café in Starks, Louisiana, a sort of family café. We had that the whole time I was growing up, and I helped her out when I wasn't in school.

"When we came out to California, my husband Charles had gotten a job out here as a medical researcher. We didn't go right into the restaurant business. I was a stay-at-home mom for quite a while, and when I decided I wanted to work, I worked for Pacific Bell for 10, 12 years. Then I decided to come back home and stay with my son, who was a

teenager and needed my attention. As he grew older, I wanted to work again, but not for somebody else. I couldn't think of anything I knew how to do other than cook.

"I had no intention at the time of opening a big restaurant. My thought was to have a little takeout place. But I don't really like takeout, myself. I like going in and having a place to sit down. So that's what we did. My first restaurant, Bessie's Garret in Encanto, had 150 seats. I was kind of naïve — but it worked out fine. I learned a lot. After we stayed there four or five years, we closed that one and opened up again in La Jolla. We stayed there a couple of years, and then I went out to do catering only. La Jolla turns out to be very seasonal. It's busy from March to September, but after Labor Day, business really quiets down."

While the Johnsons were enjoying semi-retirement, the Market Creek Square shopping center started construction. It was designed as a focus for the community, a source of pride for its up-and-coming multi-ethnic neighborhood. In an area overdosed with burger, taco, and fried-fish stands, the developers planned for a stand-alone, sit-down restaurant, serving top-quality African-American cuisine. "People started asking for me — that's what the land-

lord here told me," says Mrs. Johnson. "They had these community organizations, and the landlord was asking them what kind of restaurant they should have here, and who, and my name kept coming up. So they started calling me and asking me if I would do a restaurant here. When we decided to do this, we had to put a lot of thought into it, because — it's a little scary. But we live near here, and we thought, 'Why not have a nice restaurant in the area?' And after much prayer and consideration, we thought, 'Okay, we'll give it a try.'"

To create Magnolias, Charles Johnson worked closely with the contractors and builders, and together they came up with the present concept. From initial idea to plan to reality took three years. "I couldn't do this without my husband," says Mrs. Johnson. "He retired from UCSD, and he does the running around, he does the books and the PR work. It's always been a family-run restaurant. My son used to work with me, and now he's away at school, and my daughter Tracy works here as the manager. Hopefully, we're passing something down to our three grandchildren. Some of them already enjoy coming in and helping me work — so we hope this restaurant will have some longevity." ■

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"Never combine peach with papaya. It causes trouble."

The green liquid bubbles down my throat like a cold witch's brew.

"Well, I'm a cactus," says Hank.

"You know, dude?" I mumble. "This ain't half bad."

My breakfast is a humungous-sized cocktail glass filled with thickish nectar. Cactus. *Nopal*. Plus spinach and OJ, to help gentle down that "nyuck!" flavor of the cactus.

Did I mention? We're in Rio.

Zona Rio, that is. Tijuana. Heh heh. But I tell you what: It could just about be the real Rio. Spiffy tree-lined boulevards, smoked-glass office buildings rising out of the pavement, looking like architectural drawings of themselves. Government departments, Office Depots, Nextels — the whole *capitalista* enchilada. In fact, we're here in the building with the giant "Nextel" sign on it, a new cream-and-terracotta place, mostly doctors' offices. Across the road is the *Secretaría de Economía* and PROFEPA (*Procuraduría Federal de Protección Al Ambiente*), the Mexican EPA. We're talking sophisticated foot traffic.

Hank brought me down after a buddy of his told him about *Al Natural*. "It's a health food restaurant in a pharmacy," he told me. Who could resist?

We caught a \$6.00 yellow cab from the border and jumped out just before the Baja Inn hotel. *Al Natural*'s on the corner, all white tile and mustard-yellow walls, with models of fruit in blue

box-frames as art. There's an open kitchen on one side, a pharmacist's counter on the other.

Fernando Calzada's the guy who started this up. He's the pharmacist brother of a homeopathic doctor upstairs. That explains why half the people eating here are Americans, popped over the line for a little alternative medicine.

Fernando runs the pharmacy while Tania, his wife, is in charge of the eatery. She suggests we start off with a fruit-smoothie thing. She has a dozen on the menu, all around \$2.15 (depending on the exchange rate).

Like the *Conga*, with papaya, pineapple, melon, apple, guava, and water melon, or the "Tijuana" — papaya, strawberries, bananas, and orange juice.

There's only one rule. Fernando rubs his belly in warning. "Never combine peach with papaya. It causes trouble." On the other hand, he says, if you want to get your waters flowing, "Take the *diurético*, pineapple and orange juice. Soon you'll be running, guaranteed."

I chose the *verde* smoothie, the one with spinach, OJ, and cactus, mainly 'cause my friend Willy, the folk singer who lives down here, swears by cactus juice. Takes a shot every morning. Says it keeps his diabetes at bay. Makes him feel good. "Taxi driver told me about it. I haven't missed a day since," he said.

But Hank's getting twitchy. "Breakfast, pal. Let's get some real breakfast."



By now, I'm full of cactus juice, but I go back to the counter anyway. "It's all natural," explains Tania. "Everything we buy is organically grown and raised. No chemicals." She hands over the English menu. Hmm. Guess that applies to the chickens in the "three-chicken enchiladas" (they come with frijoles, avocado strips, corn tortillas, \$3.50). And the eggs. Omelets (like the one with mushrooms, spinach, turkey, ham, and same sides, \$3.00). I like the sound of *chikichiki* eggs (any style) with onion, tomato, spinach, lettuce, and cheese (\$3.00). Or, you can abandon breakfast and do lunch. A *sandwichazo* (chicken, turkey, ham, mozzarella) costs \$3.50. A green salad with chicken is \$3.50. The *Al Natural* sandwich is spinach, romaine lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, onion, alfalfa, and cheese (\$2.75).

"We bake our own bread too," says Fernando. "It's 12-grain. Organic. Twenty calories. Eating here I've lost weight myself. You should have seen me before."

He holds his hands out to surround his stomach.

Hank does the omelet, and I go *chikichiki*, scrambled. It's nice. Taste is fine. Not something you'd wake up nights craving, like an *adobada* taco, but hey, it's healthy. Eat good, feel good, do good to that big bad bod of yours. Plus you

get frijoles and hot corn tortillas in round plastic tortilla boxes.

Half the interest here is the other people. They've mostly come for a purpose. Helyn, at the window table with her husband Russell, has traveled all the way from Ogden, Utah. "I've just had my last mercury filling out. Dr. López, upstairs," she says. "I feel so-o good about it."

She's been eating a veggie omelet (\$3.00). "If I had my druthers, I'd go for the fruit salad," she says. "It has lots of fruit with cottage cheese, honey, and granola. Three dollars. But not today."

Turns out Russell is a naturopath too. Says he sends patients down here from Utah to see Fernando's brother.

Why come all this way? "Because Mexican medical doctors are better trained," he says. "In the US, doctors are God. Patients just obey. Mexican doctors have a heart. They see themselves as servants of the people."

Wow. Food for thought. For some reason, it makes me hungry again. So Hank and I go halves on a "sandwichazo" (\$3.50). To go. We munch through the chicken, turkey, ham, and mozzarella all the way to the border. "God, that bread's good," Hank says. "I think I'm becoming a convert. How 'bout you?"

"Me, I'm becoming a cactus," I say. ■

The Place: *Al Natural Restaurant*, Suite L-1, 2800 David Alfaro Siqueiros Street, at Ramos Martínez, off Paseo de los Héroes, Zona Rio, Tijuana, tel. 011-52-664-634-2935

Type of Food: Health

Prices: Verde health drink (cactus, spinach, orange), about \$2.00 (all prices approximate and subject to exchange rate fluctuations); *Conga* (papaya, pineapple, melon, apple, guava, watermelon (\$2.00); three-chicken enchiladas (with frijoles, avocado strips, corn tortillas), \$3.50; "Chikichiki" eggs (any style) with onion, tomato, spinach, lettuce, cheese (same sides), \$3.00; "sandwichazo" (chicken, turkey, ham, mozzarella), \$3.50; green salad with chicken, \$3.50; fruit salad (with cottage cheese and granola), \$3.00

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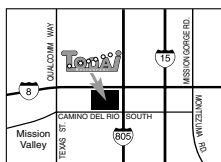
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Mike Rohner — the newish, youngish general manager at the WineSellar — didn't discover wine until he left Northern California's wine country, heading down to UCSD in '89 from a home not two miles from the Kathryn Kennedy Winery in Saratoga. He came south because UCSD accepted him and because of its gorgeous situation, walking distance from the beach. He bounced from this focus to that before ending up a lit/writing major with poly sci and math as areas of concentration. And he started drinking wine with friends, "a little bit earlier than some of our peers."

Rohner continues, "We started off with red wines, one and a half liters for \$4.50, straight out of Vons. Then we built up to Louis Jadot. We were drinking reds; we weren't connoisseurs, but we were trying to experiment with wine given a very limited budget. I lived in Pacific Beach, and we traveled to what we called the 'little Golden Triangle': Henry's to Trader Joe's to the 99-cent store for sundries. Trader Joe's was the home of the discount buy, where you could get a \$4 bottle that at the time was very drinkable. It was survivable beach living."

"Meeting the right lady" — Kristen, who eventually became his wife — when he was 23 helped raise Rohner's sights a bit and sent him northward on periodic tours of Santa Barbara's

wine country. It was a good time to be visiting Santa Barbara — roughly a decade ago, when many of the region's stars were still rising, their celestial status as yet unfixed. Rohner got to know his way around, to the point where he could discuss the wines from the Santa Rita hills as opposed to the rest of the region.

Then, instead of pushing north to Sonoma and, inexorably, Napa, Rohner took a detour. He paid a visit to his parents in their new home on Long Island and "got to discover a region that I never knew was there. I had no concern for it when I went there to taste wines, but I loved virtually every drop I had" — the region's Cabernet Francs in particular. "I thought, 'Wow, this is a nice up-and-coming region.'" Upon his return, he visited another lesser-known region, this one closer to home: Temecula. Again, he was surprised and impressed. "Maybe it wasn't quite as progressed as Long Island, but I thought the wines were worth visiting."

So he kept on visiting, year after year. Eventually he met Steve Hagata, winemaker at Falkner Winery and owner of his own label, Las Piedras. Hagata needed help harvesting the Las Piedras fruit; Rohner signed on. "I helped out, and I ended up with grapes all over me for a week straight, and I loved it. I loved diving into a tank and having to scoop out 8000 pounds of expired

must and getting the unique high of the carbon dioxide splashing in your face the first time the cap breaks" on a fermenting batch of wine. "It was such a new experience for me."

Family matters called him (and his wife Kristen) back to New York for nearly a year. When he came back to California, Rohner decided he didn't want to return to his old career — writing for an educational software company. He went back up to Temecula, back to Falkner Winery. This time he met Ray Falkner and landed a job working the tasting bar, giving wine tours, and eventually serving as an assistant to the wine-maker. "I got to learn as much as I was willing to ask questions about, and I feel like I could make pretty bad wine right now. And if Steve were behind me, I think I could make pretty decent wine."

Rohner began to dream. "I thought — and I still believe this — that if you had the energy and drive to go up and find a way to buy property in Temecula, you could make some pretty good wine out of that valley and probably still make a profit. Whereas Napa, I think it's probably impossible now to start a winery and make a profit. Santa Barbara is borderline. I thought that if you got to know the right people, built the right plan, you could go to the banks with confidence and say, 'This is the model for how you make money in Temecula.' And I had this pedigree of success from working with Steve Hagata," whose wines Rohner still admires.

"Steve and I had discussed the future: Grenache, Syrah, probably Tempranillo — another hot-zone grape. I started learning about the powers of Aussie Shiraz, the saignee method of Syrah production." In a hot climate, "You know you're not going to be able to achieve optimum pH before you've got physiological ripeness, sugars enough to make a 13, 14 percent



Mike Rohner

alcohol wine. Australia and Paso Robles started really experimenting with bleeding off juice, which puts everything in a relative balance" by reducing the proportion of sugar (in the juice) to phenolics (in the skins) prior to fermentation. "Temecula was such a parallel to southeastern Australia; I started getting hope for Syrah in the region. If we vinify like Australia, we're going to get hyperconcentrated, hedonistic wines that people go nuts over."

"My intention was, 'I'm going to own a winery soon.' Then reality kind of played in." For starters, Falkner couldn't offer him anything like 40 hours a week year-round. "I needed another job, so I started to think, 'Where did I used to buy wine?' The WineSellar stood out because Kristen and I had gone to Santa Barbara to celebrate our first anniversary of being together, and we went to a restaurant where they recommended

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the Chalone Reserve Chardonnay to go with the lobster corn chowder. It was just an idyllic match. But when we got back, we could not find that higher-end Chalone wine anywhere in San Diego. We walked into the WineSellar, and there it was. It was the first time I had ever sought out a specific wine, and it was just cool that they had it."

He approached David Derby, then working under general manager Steve Frederick. "I said I was looking for a job, and immediately he asked, 'What are the five grapes of Bordeaux?' I had to spout them out real quick." The quiz continued: "Five first growths? The grapes of Champagne? Okay, you didn't get Pinot Meunier, but it's not a big deal — nobody uses it. Grapes of Tuscany? Now, just a Brunello?" I didn't need to get every answer right; I realized that it was mainly 'Are you getting scared enough to just leave?' It's that first little bit of fire that pares down potential employees."

He stood the heat and moved on to a second interview with Frederick. "I learned, 'Thou shalt not have no idea.' You should always try to have an answer or do your best to let the person know you're going to find out that night." Frederick asked him about up-and-coming regions; Rohner rhapsodized about Santa Rita. "I had tasted enough from Santa Barbara, and I was really impressed with Babcock. And Melville was just starting." It was enough; he got the job. "I started like everyone here. We're the Nordstrom of the wine world. I was a stock boy/answer the phone/mark empty boxes, whatever. After a few weeks, if you can talk about a wine, they'll let you start talking to the customers." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw...

Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistible lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is fam-

ily-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café's sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunch-wiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted together on grilled sourdough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get two orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after

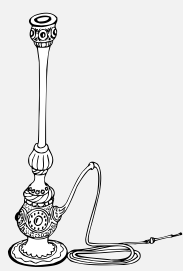
you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (9/98)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (mussels with *frites*, crumb-coated rack of lamb, etc.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (6/04)

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The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "tamale pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more

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ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and char-broiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with

six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting

and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant's kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — *A.M. (6/04)*

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy

balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces, including *penne agnello*, a treat for lamb aficionados. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — *S.M. (7/04)*

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (sword-fish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup,

diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this

Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust).

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Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a yarmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.B. (11/01)

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

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Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphi theatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hang-out. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out

of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Lotsa Pasta 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. At this large, loud family restaurant, you pick your noodles (from nine flavors and six shapes, plus seven stuffed pastas) then choose one of 17 sauces to dress them. Entrées come with soup or salad and garlic bread. For a little extra, you can choose a pasta combo or add ingredients such as garlic shrimp, breaded meatballs, or good spicy sausage. The big deal is *timpiano*, a bread-shell enclosing a cornucopia of pastas, sauces, cheeses, and meats (made famous by the movie *The Big Night*). But don't expect authentic Italian (or even New Jersey Italian) cooking. The fare is more midwestern American-Italian, with all pastas cut to the same hefty thickness and mostly weighty sauces. (The vodka sauce and Thai peanut sauce are lighter choices.) Wines live up to their rock-bottom price tags. A retail counter offers most pastas and sauces to go. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier),

Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice—all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl—a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner—and most of the conversation around you—is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamsee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous—check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two—and some not so famous.

The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Lao & Chinese Cuisine 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pas-trami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early din-

ner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (2/01)*

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove,

619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B. (12/01)*

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's—here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual *Stolichny* chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, including airy crêpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want



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Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m. weeknights, 9:30 weekends). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W. (5/04)

Rodeo Bar and Grill 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash

browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Colored shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

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Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de*

choclo (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers,

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Fifth And Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801-2805 University Avenue,

North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (7/98)*

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically

Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghormeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through early-ish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu

while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*


The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of

the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Buster's Beach House and Long-board Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spiciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and decent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*



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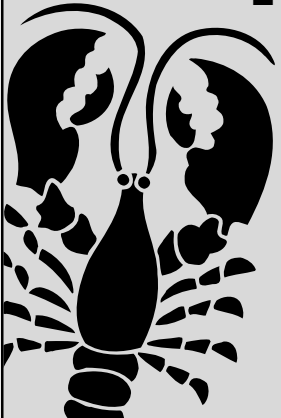
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The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: in-

expensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekdays until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Ra Sushi 1014 Fifth Avenue (at Broadway), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Reserva-

tions accepted, even for sushi bar. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Rice Hotel W, 421 B Street (at State), downtown, 619-398-3082. The W's several amusing bars and lounges serve as a weekend amusement park for a spiffy singles crowd. Rice is there to feed them on Fusion-lite nibbles created by corporate chefs far away, emphasizing appetizers and desserts over entrées, as you'd expect. Cool, witty decor and a loud, nonstop pop soundtrack drive home the point: This is a scene. Reservations usually necessary for lunch or dinner. Pricey valet parking, but easy street parking weeknights. Three meals daily to 10:45 p.m. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Seven-17 717 Fourth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-4440. Steaks, seafood, and eclectic Cal-cuisine are the fare at this friendly spot with a highly competent kitchen. If many of the selections are San Diego standards (e.g., ahi tartare, crab cakes), they're cooked expertly enough to make your mouth forget how often you've eaten them before. Appetizers are the kitchen's forte: Don't miss the pistachio-crust sea scallops or the crab-stuffed portobello mushroom. A couple could easily make a tasty meal by splitting three starters and one of the veggie side dishes — say, the lush, gratinée creamed spinach. Mains are okay, but plainer and pricier. The

wine list is long and interesting with plenty by the glass; full bar. Valet parking weekends. Near Petco, offering pre-game/post-game appetizers and drinks specials. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends and after home games if there's a crowd. High moderate (grazing) to expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-400 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners.

Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Bob's on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob's, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista. It's a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pretend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch. Casual, family-friendly to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the

Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

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BAJA

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El Rincon Del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This lit-

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Fonda Roberto's Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chiles en nogada* (seasonal). Portions are small, so two people may

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Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/20)

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Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst

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The Champ

He understands a ballad is not an opera.

Kudos have come raining down on Clint Eastwood in monsoon proportions. If these are perceived to be a little excessive for his latest directorial venture, *Million Dollar Baby*, it would be hard to begrudge him. He had to wait longer for his due than he should have. Today he stands as something like the dean of the Hollywood

film industry, its supreme lord and master, a footing impossible to have foreseen around the time of *Heartbreak Ridge*, *Pale Rider*, *Sudden Impact*, in the mid-Eighties. From my perspective, no American filmmaker since Griffith, before his decline in the mid-Twenties, or in other words a bit before my time, has so towered above his compatriots. (Sure, I exalt the Coens. They have maintained, by my calculations, a higher batting average, albeit through fewer than half as many at-bats, but they have not attained as high a stature. And there are worrisome signs of a slump. Let's not get ahead of ourselves.) Griffith and Eastwood, a distant tandem, are of course very different cases. For the former, film was in its infancy and competition was thin; for the latter, film has slid into a state of decrepitude — affluent decrepitude, but decrepitude all the same — and competition is once again thin. Griffith was invent-

ing an art form; Eastwood is conserving it. And unlike the fading Griffith, Eastwood has pulled away from the pack with a late surge and a second wind.

It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of *Mystic River*, he were to have reverted to the relaxation mode of *Blood Work*, *Space Cowboys*, *True Crime*, *Absolute*

Power, steeply downhill from *The Bridges of Madison County*, *A Perfect World*, *Unforgiven*, and *White Hunter, Black Heart*. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. *Million Dollar Baby* sets up as a nice, light workout of fight-film conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. Eastwood, back in front of the camera as well as behind it, plays the Irish Catholic proprietor of a seedy L.A. gym called the Hit Pit, a seasoned manager, trainer, and cut man, lately cutting back on his own workload, with a current stable of one fighter, an up-and-comer impatient with the cautious, even timid, approach of his veteran handler. When the fighter jumps to a new manager who promises a shortcut to a title shot, the Eastwood character has little to do but nurse his wounded feelings and go back to reading his Irish poets, studying Gaelic, attending church regularly and pep-



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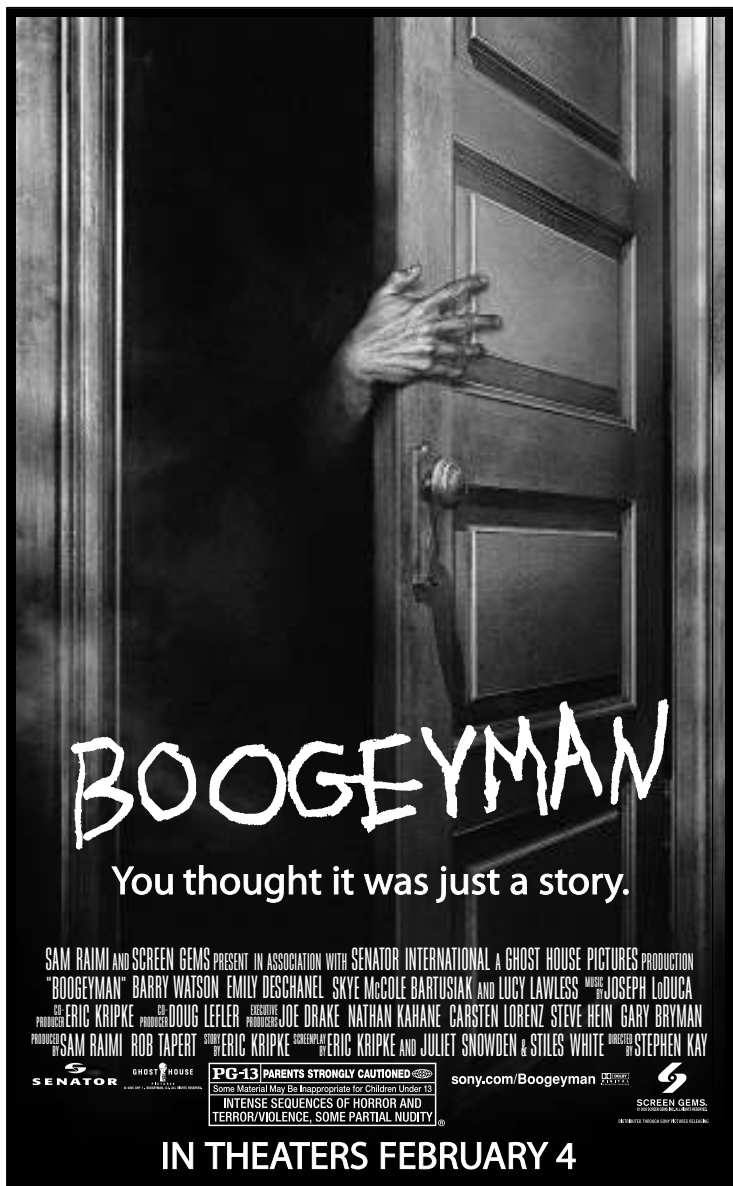
pering the priest with pesky theological questions, while the priest counterpunches with needling recommendations that Eastwood write his weekly letter to the grown-up daughter with whom he has lost touch. The only solid relationship in his life is the bickering one with the gym's live-in janitor, Morgan Freeman, an ex-boxer who lost an eye in his last fight (replaced

by the mismatching blue one) and keeps the other eye on the habitués of the Hit Pit.

But a new relationship looms: an eager-beaver female fighter from the Ozarks, Hilary Swank, who wears down Eastwood's initial objections to training and managing her: first, that she's a woman and boxing's a man's game; second, that she's already too old: "You

wouldn't start training to be a ballerina at thirty-one." With the defection of his only fighter, however, he eventually relents. Lets down his guard. Admits into his life a surrogate daughter who in turn needs a surrogate father. The film turns out to be more than just an old-fashioned fight film; really more a relationship film.

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Eastwood and Freeman, two old co-stars from *Unforgiven*, spinning out their lines, making them their own, is a pleasure of a high order, Eastwood a little more cadaverous now, a little creakier in movement, not having an easy time of it kneeling in prayer at his bedside, but still impish in his prickly delivery of a barb or a zinger, and Freeman matching him jab for jab as a verbal sparring partner: "Why don't you talk a little Yeats to her? Show her what a treat that is." I have some reservations, on the other hand, with Swank, beginning with her hackneyed redneck accent, extending through her Minnie Pearl exuberance, and ending with her slender

but knotted physique: if a cut torso were the measure of a prizefighter, Ken Norton would have been the premier heavyweight of his day. I also have reservations — the usual ones of bookishness and uncineaticness — with the voice-over narration recited by Freeman ("People love violence..."), although these are swept away in the end when we realize that he has not been addressing us directly, but rather that we have been eavesdropping on a private communication.

And — a bigger reservation — the boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's handicap as a late-starter. (Far greater tension and excitement are generated when Freeman, seeing that Eastwood is once more bringing his fighter along too slowly, goes behind the back of his

best, his only friend, and tries to broker a deal with a new manager.) Even during this whirlwind of success, though, the seed of something more has been planted. For a stepping-stone match in England, the wily old trainer, the student of Gaelic, confers on his protégée a new silk robe emblazoned with a new unpronounceable nickname, "Mo Cuishle," which the local audience evidently understands but which the fighter herself does not. The trainer pledges to tell her what it means once she becomes champion. Her chance at that, when it comes, is ridiculous in a different way: a fearsome adversary, like Mr. T in *Rocky 3* or Dolph Lundgren in *Rocky 4*, whose curriculum vitae as a villain consists of her previous employment as a German streetwalker (great training for an athlete!) and her history of dirty tactics in the ring, and who, in reality, would have forfeited the bout by disqualification after our heroine momentarily forgets the first rule of boxing: "Always protect yourself." (First rule of life, by extension.) At that point, the film takes an unex-

pected, if not unprecedented, turn. It takes us, in the common phrase, from the ridiculous to the sublime. Or pretty close.

While it is not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as *Mystic River*, it proves in the last analysis to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional *Mystic River*, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. (I am purposely withholding the particulars of the plot. I will say only that when he

gets around to telling his protégée the meaning of "Mo Cuishle," tears will be brought to plenty of other pairs of eyes as well.) Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry Callahan, Josey Wales, et al. More than just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. No one else has applied for the post. ■

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Are We There Yet? — Road-trip comedy with Ice Cube and Nia Long, directed by Brian Levant.

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Assault on Precinct 13 — Remake of the John Carpenter shoestring of 1976, about an armed siege on a police station à la the Alamo. But the revised plot, just to give the new team of filmmakers some Creative Input, has been altered for minimum interest and sense. The besiegers are no longer an insatiable street gang, but are now policemen themselves, the members of the elite Organized Crime and Racketeering unit, bent on snuffing out an incarcerated cop killer not because he has killed a cop but because he can blow the whistle on their collusion with him. It takes all the terror out of the terrorism. A specific goal, a quenchable bloodthirst, an air of reason. And surely a squad of policemen could gain easier entry to a police station than by stealth and by force. Further plot twists tie themselves up in nonsense. (The "inside" man would have had numberless opportunities to put an end to the siege, even before it began.) Still, the movie is not unbearable. It moves right along, under the imported director, Jean-François Richet. (Whose French heritage, however, does not guarantee he will partake in Carpenter's *homages* to that auteurist treasure, *Rio Bravo*.) The action is rough and ruthless, if at times a bit idiotic. The snowstorm effects — for Detroit on New Year's Eve — are evocative. And there are good contributions from Laurence Fishburne, authoritatively menacing as the cop killer, John Leguizamo as a comic-relief junkie, Maria Bello as a police psychologist with an obsessive-compulsive disorder of her own, and Drea de Matteo as a hot-to-trot police secretary. Ethan Hawke, on the other hand, is in the lead. Reason enough for desertion. With Brian Dennehy, Ja Rule, Gabriel Byrne. 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT

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The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio, deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics *circa* 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell's Angels*; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in *The Outlaw*, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well — if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Bad Education — An Almodóvar *paella* of priestly pederasty, transvestitism, female impersonation, film, stage, assorted spices and savories. (Gael García Bernal in the persona of cabaret artiste Zahara looks strikingly like a blond Julia Roberts.) The presentation is polished and colorful as always; the onion-y layers of reality — of fiction within fiction — appear muddled and murky. What his fans will nonetheless be certain to find a satisfying dish will be judged by others to be show-offy and self-indulgent. A tasty bit on which everyone might agree: the predatory priest and boy soprano in a guitar-and-vocal duet of “Moon River” *en español*. A true crossover number. Fele Martínez, Javier Cámara, Daniel Giménez-Cacho. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, *Theatre*. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by

Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo. 2004. ★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Beyond the Sea — Vanity film from Kevin Spacey, directing himself in the part of pop star Bobby Darin in a free-form, fantasy-riddled biopic, throwing in a gratuitous impression of Jerry Lewis in the bargain (not bad), and doing his own singing in a 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 film-within-the-film, “He’s too old to play this part,” will not be answered by the rhetorical question, “How can you be too old to play yourself?” You can be too old to play “yourself” if you are really Kevin Spacey and not Bobby Darin, and you are already eight years older than Darin at the end of his life, never mind when he was recording “Mack the Knife” or courting Sandra Dee. (Kate Bosworth, who roughly recalled that actress in *Blue Crush* and *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, fails to measure up when trying to cram her hoof into the actual glass slipper.) Spacey does manage to win some sympathy — no small feat — for the teen idol’s makeover into the mustached, sideburned, wigless, and politically involved Bob Darin of the late Sixties (a sudden cousin to Bob Dylan), perhaps partly because his physical resemblance is closer at that point. But at all points we are conscious of contemplating not the life and legacy of

Bobby Darin but the chutzpah of Kevin Spacey. Not without interest of its own. John Goodman, Bob Hoskins, Brenda Blethyn, Caroline Aaron. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Blade Trinity — Third installment in the god-awful series about the preening and posturing vampire-hunter out of Marvel Comics. The previous installment at least had the curiosity of a slumming Guillermo del Toro at the helm. He, in the meantime, took his slumming elsewhere (*Hellboy*), leaving the scriptwriter of the first two installments, David S. Goyer, to assume command. If so gifted a filmmaker and so strong a personality as del Toro could make no (or little) difference, a novice will have no (or little) chance. Especially if the novice has been the man writing these god-awful scripts. The present one literally digs up the original Dracula (in Iraq, to be exact, “about six months ago”), now going by the name of Drake and looking rather like a skinhead soccer hooligan (Dominic Purcell), when he isn’t shape-shifting into a gargoyle Lucifer. The lone-wolf hero, Blade, is joined for the occasion by an independent team of swaggering, swashbuckling vampire-hunters, calling themselves the Night Stalkers (“We were going to go with the Care Bears, but that was taken”), under the leadership of an *au courant* Kick-Ass Chick (Jessica Biel). This turns out to be the daughter of Blade’s personal weapons manufacturer, wheezily played by Kris Kristofferson, who gets killed

for the second time in three movies. (As that character was called Whistler, the new character would be Whistler’s Daughter.) Right-hand man of the Kick-Ass Chick is a traditional Smart-Ass Sidekick (Ryan Reynolds), who lowers the tone another couple of octaves: “Unlike typical vampires,” he says of the Parker Posey vampire, “her fangs are located in her vagina.” 2004. ● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Chorus (Les Choristes) — Sweet and sentimental French film, a remake of a 1945 one, about the new supervisor — nicknamed Old Baldy — at a school for

“difficult” boys, whipping his class into shape as a tight-knit choral group, for one fleeting term in 1949. One of the boys grows up to be the “World’s Greatest Conductor” (Jacques Perrin, who also co-produced the film) and remembers the events in flashback. A *Mr. Holland’s Opus* with taste and discretion. Gérard Jugnot, François Berléand, Jean-Baptiste Maunier, Marie Bunel; directed by Christophe Barratier. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/28)

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in its dirty talk and its romantic disillusion. The quartet of players — two American females, a stripper (but of course) and a portrait photographer, and two British males, an obituarist and a dermatologist — align and realign over an extended period of time. (The title is presumably to be pronounced with a soft *s*, synonym of “nearer,” not a hard *s*, synonym of Mariano Rivera.) A lot of important events transpire off-screen — in between scenes, in the blink of an eye — and it would not be amiss to say that the most interesting parts of the film are the skips. Nor would it be amiss to point out that these are common devices in theater, where indeed the film originated. While the action has, as they say, been “opened up,” the brittle dialogue still echoes of the stage. (Patrick Marber adapted his own play.) Clive Owen, normally a bit of a Gloomy Gus, is surprisingly the liveliest member of the ensemble; and Julia Roberts, hardly less surprisingly, is the most restrained, the most recessed. (She nevertheless remains the gracious recipient of the contractually required line: “You’re beautiful.”) Natalie Portman and Jude Law occupy the middle ground, fighting uphill battles to humanize their porcelain perfection. 2004.

★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18;

GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10;

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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.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Elektra — Resurrection of the character of that name, not from Greek tragedy, but from the superhero fantasy of a couple of years previous, *Daredevil*. Resurrection, literally. Just because she got herself killed off, back then, doesn’t mean the spinoff has been relegated to a prequel: “Somebody must have brought her back from the dead.” She is still, of course, Jennifer Garner (*sans* Ben), built like a railroad spike and just as cuddly, with her chest thrust out in the manner of a teenager impatient with her growth. That last characteristic is significant, inasmuch as the film emerges, from the depths of its muddy color and shadowy cinematography, as an empowerment trip for early adolescent girls, similar to *13 Going on 30* featuring the same leading lady. This one brings together a thirteen-year-old and a thirty-year-old on the same screen at the same time, when the heroine, the world’s highest-paid assassin, opts to cancel her “contract” on a handsome widower and a motherless daughter who reminds her of herself in her younger days, and opts instead to take up their defense. Besides insecure young girls, it might appeal to indefatigable fantasists of both sexes who

believe there can be no such thing as too many Marvel Comics movies. Everyone else is apt to see this as precisely such a thing. With Kirsten Prout, Goran Visnjic, Terence Stamp; directed by Rob Bowman. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Fascination — Tale of romantic obsession, with Jacqueline Bisset, Adam Garcia, and Alice Evans, written and directed by Klaus Menzel.

(FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 1/28)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: “There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, *and why!*”) The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie’s stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright’s prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or

revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play’s subtitle, “The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up,” applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what’s more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she’s not going to be allowed to cough unless she’s going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Flight of the Phoenix — Stripped-down remake of Robert Aldrich’s near-perfect survival adventure of 1966, about a new plane constructed from the wreckage of an old one in the middle of the desert. Among the things stripped away are all vestiges of character and thematic interest: no more humanism versus pragmatism; no more lingering hostilities of the Second World War; no more division between military and civilian; no more tension between the old school and the new; no James Stewart (a pilot for real in the Second World War as well as in *The Spirit of St. Louis* and *Strategic Air Command* on the screen), no Richard Attenborough, no Hardy Kruger, no Peter Finch, no Ronald Fraser, no Ian Bannen, no Ernest Borgnine, no George Kennedy, no Dan Duryea. And nothing put in their place. Nothing, that is, except a computer-cartoon sandstorm and plane crash, a handful of pop songs, and a lusterless cast assembled for demographic rather than dramatic purposes: a headstrong woman (“This is bullshit!”) where the original cast was all-male (save for Barrie Chase in a momentary hallucination), plus a couple of blacks, a Mexican, a Middle or Far Easterner, a virtual Rainbow Coalition. Director John Moore covers the same distance in half an hour less, hitting none of the right notes but hitting them faster and louder. Dennis Quaid, Giovanni Ribisi, Tyrese Gibson, Miranda Otto, Hugh Laurie. 2004.

● (VOGUE)

Guerrilla: The Taking of Patty Heart — Robert Stone’s historical documentary on the domestic terrorist group, the Symbionese Liberation Army. (KEN, 1/28 THROUGH 2/3)

Hide and Seek — Thriller with Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning, Famke Janssen, and Elisabeth Shue, directed by John Polson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/28)


Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between *The Killing Fields* and *Schindler’s List*, it mercilessly plays the shame game (“Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them — the French, the English, the Americans”), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed by Terry George. 2004.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18)


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an underground movement (and, evidently, a 9th-century forerunner of Zatoichi) opposed to the tottering Tang Dynasty. 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 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 falling-off 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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Incredibles — A Pixar computer cartoon about a married-with-children team of superheroes in enforced retirement under the Superhero Relocation Program. The tweaking of superheroes has long since progressed beyond a mere trend into a full-blown state of cultural decadence, but there's no particular reason to hold it against this little tag-along. The topography of the volcanic island that serves as the archvillain's lair is well rendered, and the imitation-007 musical score hits a high number of right notes. With the voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, and Jason Lee; written and directed by Brad Bird. 2004. ★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

In Good Company — A new spin on the old boss's-daughter romance. And not just new, but contemporary, up-to-date, timely, topical. The romancer is now the boss himself — a fast-track junior executive fresh out of business school and still wet behind the ears — and the daughter's father is now the romancer's underling, an old-school backslapping glad-handing salesman twice his boss's age. The relationship with the college-age daughter really takes a backseat to the relationship between the men: "I think you have the potential," the pipsqueak throws a bone to the graybeard, "to be an awesome wingman here." Dennis Quaid seems a touch heavy for comedy, or for drama, either, come to that, but he makes sure you always clearly understand his position. Topher Grace, a shade too nice and naive to have climbed so far so fast, still too much the hometown boy of *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, has scads of charm, albeit of an overpracticed, unctuous, sitcommy type. And the alabaster-complected Scarlett Johansson keeps her lips inflated and her waist whittled, the very model of the Girl Next Door down at Androids R Us. The direction by Paul Weitz, who also wrote the smart script, shows abundant evidence of a mind at work, making connections, drawing parallels, placing emphasis, finding significance. He had along way to go to live down *American Pie* and *Down to Earth*, but if *About a Boy* took a step in the right direction, this one has earned him a fresh start. Marg Helgenberger, David Paymer, Clark Gregg, Malcolm McDowell. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made

possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near

to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's *Gods and Monsters*), amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 (Jimmy 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 jaded — 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. ● (ENCINITAS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou — With, more factually, Bill Murray in the role of Zissou, an over-the-hill, or over-the-wave, oceanographer *cum* filmmaker, a cut-rate Cousteau: "What happened to me? Did I lose my talent? Am I ever going to be any good again?" Director Wes Anderson, a critical darling and "indie" bellwether for *Bottle Rocket*, *Rushmore*, and *The Royal Tenenbaums*, took a lot of money from Disney for the sake of some animated marine life and a marvelous cross-section set of the oceangoing vessel, the Belafonte (shown off to excellent effect on a single-take trek from the belly to the deck). To his credit, he hasn't let the larger investment alter the size of his ambition. He still goes after the muffled chuckle in a quiet corner; and he aims, foremost and hindmost, to please his loyal followers instead of the anonymous crowd.

The action scenes, either beyond him or beneath him, are so ridiculous (one-man-army Murray against a boatload of cut-throat pirates) that they play as if they must be fantasies, except they're not. Maybe they're a "comment" on contemporary action films in general. The bonding between father and long-lost son (Owen Wilson with an uncertain Kentucky accent) takes an unexpected turn at an unexpected juncture. And the quest for revenge against a man-eating sea monster ends not with a bang but with an ooh-ahh. Willem Dafoe has more than his share of good moments as a German crew member with a thin skin; and Seu Jorge as another crew member, endlessly strumming a guitar and singing David Bowie tunes in Portuguese, and Cate Blanchett as a pregnant journalist with a two-shades-too-dark suntan, have their moments, too. The whole thing, though, seems quite daftly pointless. Or pointlessly daft. Anjelica Huston, Jeff Goldblum, Michael Gambon, Bud Cort. 2004. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Meet the Fockers — Twenty-five, thirty years earlier, a cast of Robert De Niro, Dustin Hoffman, and Barbra Streisand would have tilted the earth's axis. Nowadays they — or at any rate Hoffman and Streisand, pickups for the sequel to *Meet the Parents*, as the hippie-dippy, touchie-feelie, loosey-goosey parents of the groom-to-be —

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are just riding the coat-tails of Ben Stiller, happy to prolong their careers and to pretend they are partly responsible for a financial windfall that would have been infinitesimally smaller with Ron Leibman and Lainie Kazan in the parts. To do so, they have only to swallow their pride, if any, at such moments as when the preserved snipping from baby’s circumcision gets catapulted into the fondue pot (Hoffman has been entrusted with the compulsory punch line: “Anyone for Chinese?”) or when playing second banana to an undersized and oversexed pooch who will hump a foot, a cat, a doll, anything. As if all this were not demeaning enough, the two newcomers are introduced on screen via answering machine. De Niro, by comparison, comes off as almost dignified. Everything’s relative. With Blythe Danner, Teri Polo, Owen Wilson; directed by Jay Roach. 2004.

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The Merchant of Venice — You’d never guess, from the weight of the thing, that this is one of Shakespeare’s comedies — unless maybe by the device of the woman-disguised-as-a-man and fooling her own husband. Further, the naturalistic acting (faltering delivery, *sotto voce*, peppered with pauses), the cut-aways to authentic Venice locales, and the drowning-out background noise and music do their damndest to obscure the fact that it’s Shakespeare at all. So scrupulous to avoid suspicions of anti-Semitism, it presents Shylock (Al Pacino, faintly echoing the inflections of the old-time Jewish character actor) as the righteously motivated hero of a revenge tragedy; and the tribunal scene, with the sweating, fainting, vomiting Antonio strapped to a chair for the extraction of the pound of flesh, is as torturous as any death-row countdown in an anti-capital-punishment screed. With

Jeremy Irons, Joseph Fiennes, and Lynn Collins; directed by Michael Radford. 2004. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 1/28)

Million Dollar Baby — Reviewed this issue. With Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank, and Morgan Freeman; directed by Eastwood. ★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/28)

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 (Jon Turteltaub the nominal director) blends bombast and grandiosity with insolence and insouciance, in such a way as to appeal strictly to the tone-deaf or tone-indifferent (or more exactly, juveniles). Nicolas Cage reverts to his action-hero mode, which is to say his take-the-money-and-run mode. Justin Bartha, the mentally challenged younger brother in *Gigli* (if you’re one of the forty-two people who saw it), is the sardonic sidekick who seems to be doing an impression of Dennis Miller. Diane Kruger,

the Face That Launched a Thousand Ships in *Troy*, is Just Another Pretty Face. And Sean Bean is just another British baddie, albeit slightly more justifiable as a present-day descendant of the Redcoats. With Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Christopher Plummer. 2004.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Ocean’s Twelve — The gang of eleven, the ersatz Rat Pack, reconvenes (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, et al.); the newcomer, the apparent twelfth, is not a member of the gang at all, but a member of law enforcement (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Even the victim of the previous heist returns (Andy Garcia), rounding up each of the thieves in a laborious preamble, demanding repayment plus interest, or roughly \$19 million per head, after having been informed of their identities and whereabouts by a rival heister known only as the Night Fox (Vincent Cassel), who wants to force them into a bragging-rights competition to swipe the “famous Fabergé coronation egg” on exhibit in a Roman museum. Smugness, rather than the promoted “coolness,” would seem to be the predominant attitude, not only of the cocksure crooks but also of the filmmakers,

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Alone in the Dark (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:35, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:35) 7:10, 9:35; **Are we There Yet?** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40) 6:45, 9:15; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 7:55, 10:20; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:50, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:55) 8:30; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 3:20) 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:00) 7:05, 10:05; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:30, 8:00, 10:40; Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:45) 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:10) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:05, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:55; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:15) 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:10) 8:15; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:10) 6:55, 9:30; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:20) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 2:55, 3:40) 5:05, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 10:45; Sun. (1:15, 2:55, 3:40) 5:05, 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:55, 3:40, 5:05) 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50; **Beyond the Sea** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:10; **Closer** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:55) 4:35, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; **Darkness** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:10) 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:50) 8:45; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:30, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 8:05, 10:25; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 1:20, 3:00) 4:05, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 1:45, 3:00, 4:05, 5:40) 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:35) 5:35, 10:30; Sun. (12:35) 5:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 6:15; **The Life**

Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:15, 9:55; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 5:10, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 8:15; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:25, 7:35, 10:40; Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 7:35; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 5:00, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:00) 8:20; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:45) 7:05, 10:15; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:55) 6:20, 8:40

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Alone in the Dark (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 3:35, 4:10) 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 9:50; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 7:00, 9:35; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 8:30; **Being Julia** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:50, 9:55; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:20) 6:30, 9:40; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:00, 5:30) 8:15; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 7:35; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 4:05) 7:05, 9:05, 9:45; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15, 12:40) 6:05, 7:20, 10:10; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:45, 3:30, 4:00) 6:45, 7:10, 10:05, 10:25; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15) 6:10, 9:10; **The Work and the Glory** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (3:55) 10:30

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Hide and Seek: The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou; **Assault on Precinct 13**; **Are We There Yet?**; **Coach Carter**; **In Good Company**; **Racing Stripes**; **White Noise**; **Beyond the Sea**; **Meet the Fockers**; **The Aviator**; **The Phantom of the Opera**; **Finding Neverland**

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.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 5:15) 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:15) 8:15; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Mon. (1:40, 4:20) 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; **William Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Alone in the Dark; **Hide and Seek**; **Million Dollar Baby**; **Fascination**; **Assault on Precinct 13**; **Are We There Yet?**; **Elektra**; **Coach Carter**; **In Good Company**; **Racing Stripes**; **White Noise**; **Hotel Rwanda**; **Meet the Fockers**; **The Aviator**; **The Phantom of the Opera**; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zis-**

sou; **Spanglish**; **Ocean’s Twelve**; **Closer**; **Finding Neverland**

Mann Hazard 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
Assault on Precinct 13 (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:20, 9:40; Sat.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:35) 7:20, 9:40; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 4:15) 8:00; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:40, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:05) 7:40, 10:20; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:30, 10:10; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:45) 6:45, 9:50

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Alone in the Dark (R) Fri. 11:05, 1:30, 4:00, 6:35, 9:10, 11:35; Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:30, 4:00, 6:35, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:00, 6:35, 9:15; **Are we There Yet?** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 11:55, 1:40, 2:25, 3:55, 4:50, 6:25, 7:15, 9:05, 9:55; Mon.-Wed. 1:35, 2:25, 3:50, 4:45, 6:25, 7:05, 9:05, 9:45; Thu. 1:35, 2:25, 3:50, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:25, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 3:00, 6:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 4:50, 8:30; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 12:45, 4:15, 6:10, 7:35, 11:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:05, 4:20, 6:45, 7:25, 10:40; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:55, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:20, 1:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:50; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri. 11:10, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:10, 12:00, 1:45, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 2:30, 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 9:40, 10:35; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:25, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30; **The Incredibles** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:35, 2:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:20; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri. 11:40, 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50; Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50; Sun. 11:40, 2:30, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. 2:20, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 2:10, 3:15, 5:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 2:05, 3:55, 5:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:45; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:35, 4:40, 7:55, 11:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 5:05, 8:10, 11:10; Mon.-Thu. 4:35, 7:35, 10:30; **Ocean’s Twelve** (PG-13) Fri. 4:30, 7:45, 10:55; Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 4:15, 7:10, 10:10; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 4:05, 7:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:55, 5:05, 8:15; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri. (2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:30,

5:35) 7:45; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri. (2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 7:50; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:05, 9:55; Sat. (12:30, 3:30) 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:50) 7:30; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri. (3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sat. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:40) 8:00; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:20) 7:35; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:50) 8:05

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Guerrilla: The Taking of Patty Hearst (Not Rated) Fri. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Bad Education (NC-17) Fri. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:35, 10:10; **The Chorus** (Les Choristes) (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:20, 9:45; **The Motorcycle Diaries** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:05) 9:55; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:25, 4:15, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15) 7:20, 10:05; **A Very Long Engagement** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 7:00; **The Woodsman** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:45) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:45) 7:30, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys-IMAX (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Forces of Nature** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00 Night on Dream Mountain Sat. 10:00; **Roar: Lions of the Kalahari** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 9:00; Sat. 11:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00; Mon. 1:00, 3:00; Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Alone in the Dark (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:45, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Are we There Yet?** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Assault on Precinct 13** (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 7:10; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:15; **Elektra** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 4:40) 9:50; **Fat Albert** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:40); **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu.

(11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 4:25, 4:55) 7:00, 7:30, 9:35, 10:05; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:40; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:40) 7:25, 10:10; **Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 9:40, 10:20; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:20) 7:00, 7:30, 10:10, 10:40; **National Treasure** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:05, 10:10; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:15) 6:30, 9:45; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:05; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25; **White Noise** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50

LA MESA

fresh from laughing all the way to the bank. Steven Soderbergh, as he found out on the first film, has built up enough credit with critics (some of it well earned) that they will go a long way to make excuses for him. This time they will need to go a long way and a little farther. It oughtn’t to be necessary, though, to pick apart the nonsensical plot in detail in order to demonstrate the contempt of the filmmakers for their material and their audience. It ought to be sufficient to cite the lame comic twist whereby the character played by Julia Roberts is asked to put on a Southern accent and impersonate the *real* Julia Roberts; is accepted as such by the Roman press as well as by Bruce Willis (playing himself); and is put in the position of speaking over the telephone to “herself” on her Taos ranch. Far from being some postmodern Pirandellian prank, this smacks of the desperation of an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood comedy such as *Take Her, She’s Mine*, in which the character played by James Stewart gets hounded in France on the grounds that he looks like James Stewart. Of course an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood hack such as Henry Koster had no one to make excuses for him. 2004.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15;

GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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, meanwhile, following his impressive screen debut as Travis in *The Alamo*, proves to be strangely bland in his own element. And Gerard Butler

is an uncharismatic Angel of Music (a nicer alias of the Phantom), but at least his habitually noisy nose-breathing gets drowned out in the din. Miranda Richardson, Minnie Driver. 2004. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Racing Stripes — A zebra on the racetrack, with Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere, and the voice of Frankie Muniz, directed by Frederik Du Chau. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot of back and forth between his childhood in

rural Florida and his manhood *circa* 1948-65, to ensure that Jamie Foxx will never be absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There’s a nice scene of the newly blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie taxes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial exploitation, marital infidelities, drug abuse, backstage discord among band members, etc., hope to be ennobled by the brand name of Ray Charles — or more broadly, by the customary blackmail of True Story. Foxx does a commendable job of mimicking the trademark mannerisms — the rocking motion whether walking or singing, the self-hug, the twenty-four-tooth grin — but it’s a performance condemned to stay on the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and wine-tasting a week before the former’s wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let’s say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About Schmidt*, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

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Hide and Seek; White Noise; Racing Stripes; Meet the Fockers

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Palm Promenade 24

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White Noise; Meet the Fockers; The Aviator; Fat Albert; The Phantom of the Opera; Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events; Spanglish; Closer; Ocean’s Twelve; Blade Trinity; National Treasure; The Incredibles

Rancho Del Rey 16

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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; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN

MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spanglish — Heart-on-sleeve comedy from James L. Brooks, told in the form of an admissions essay to Princeton University, a document that must, by the end, have stretched to 60,000 words. It has, in the pattern of a Well-Made Sitcom if not a 19th-century Realist Novel, a set of characters and relationships in a socially “relevant” milieu: a master chef fearful of the effect of a four-star review on his cozy little neighborhood restaurant; his high-strung, motormouthed, hardbodied wife, who requires domestic help now that she has been downsized into a full-time mom and part-time adulteress; her bibulous live-in mother, a former jazz singer; an adolescent daughter with a weight problem less burdensome than her mother’s jabbing reminders of it; a younger brother who you often forget is in the movie; and a beautiful Mexican housekeeper who knows no English and has a beautiful preadolescent daughter of her own. Naturally, Brooks being Brooks, there are occasional scraps of observation and sensitivity: e.g., the maid’s inability to express her indignation in language when the lady of the house appropriates the other’s daughter. Yet the entire project looks to have been sabotaged in the casting. Adam Sandler remains a highly mannered actor even when he attempts to tone down his shtick; and his standard recipe of juvenile awkwardness and bashfulness, with a dash of infantile temper, seems rather unattractive in “the best chef in the United States.” Téa Leoni, as the wife, is portraying so unattractive a personality to

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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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. 2004.

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I don't like when they call really early or really late. When they call me first thing in the morning, it bothers me the most because I tend to wake up a little later than most people. Getting calls in the morning kills me. I never swear, but I'll say "No, thanks," and, boom: I hang up. You gotta get off the phone quick and they can't do anything. If I get bad service or anything like that in a restaurant, I don't hesitate to get a manager to my table and complain. I'll complain about somebody with a pissy personality because it takes away from the whole dining experience.



Roy Murphy
Grocery Clerk
South Park

I used to do it in high school, so I know the secret is to hang up. When I was a telemarketer, people used to try and make up any excuse not to talk to me when I called. People would flip out and tell me, "Fuck off, why do you keep calling here?" I never took it personally; I was just trying to make money. I had a little card where I had to fill in the blanks when I called people; it wasn't too hard. You go through these spiels where you try to say as much as possible; people are less likely to hang up when you're talking. You want to hang up before they think that they have their foot in the door.



Jessica Martin
Retail
Rancho Bernardo

Yes. I usually just say, "I gotta go." I never swear or anything. I don't even get angry when bums ask me for money on the street; more often than not I end up without any change. If somebody asks me to save the environment or something like that, I say, "I'm a bad person — I don't save trying to make money. If someone is mean to me, I'll be mean back. If I'm mean to people, they probably deserved it. The meanest I get is calling people "fat" and "ugly."



Laura Mathis
Cell Phone Sales
Mission Beach

Telemarketers? Oh, yeah. I'll say, "Don't call here again. Take me off your lists. If you call again, I'll report you." If they're mean, I'll give them a little piece of my mind. I do feel sorry for them because I know what it's like [to do sales]. Still, if they're the least bit mean, I can be pretty mean to them. I don't take any pity because they know what they're doing. I know that, with my job in sales, I sometimes bother and pester people; it's all about sales.



Abraham Infante
Cell Phone Sales
North Park

I'm not rude to telemarketers because I used to do it myself. I didn't do cold calls; I worked for a carpet-cleaning service, and I would call previous customers when we had sales. Even they'd get angry, though, especially when they'd already requested to be taken off the call list. A lot of times it happened that they had told someone else, but there wasn't any communication between us, and the people would get angry when I'd call. I had one woman who told me, "I'm gonna kill you." One woman took my name; she called and made sure that I was from the company. She was really paranoid. They make me feel bad. I know people don't want to be bothered, but it's a job. At least I wasn't out selling drugs or something like that.

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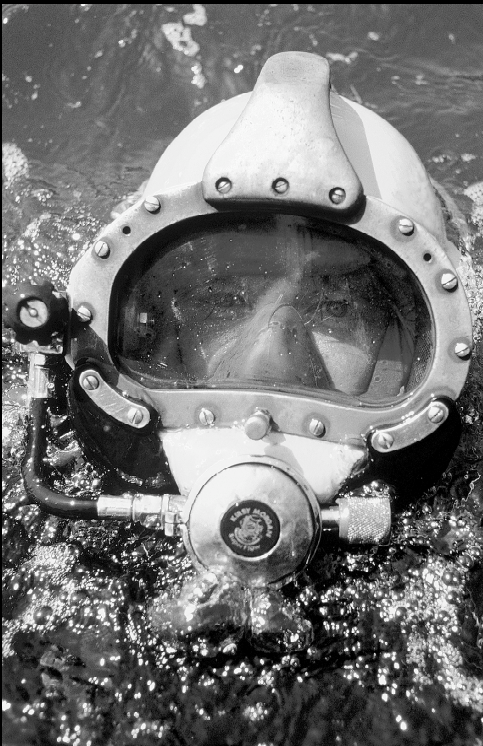


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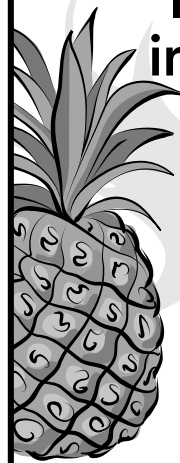
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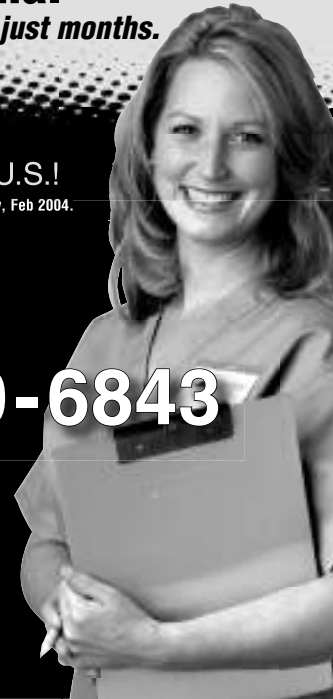
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Across

- Rescues, with "out"
- 1/60 of a min.
- Faux pas
- Middle of a suit?
- Princely initials
- Cry before applause
- Sch. where Woodrow Wilson was president
- "_____ sure you know ..."
- The "S" in FSU
- Rapunzel's abundance
- Roof design in some sports cars
- A Baldwin
- Spanish 101 verb
- Where some sisters and fathers like to hang out
- New Testament bk.
- Battleship letters
- Free from the flesh
- Its slogan is "The Racer's Edge"
- Area
- Like an Allen wrench
- Notorious Amin
- What gossipmongers want to hear
- Motion picture angle: Abbr.
- Figure portrayed in "The Motorcycle Diaries"
- Kind of choir
- Writer Murdoch
- Now's partner
- The earth is on one
- French articles
- Commemorative quarter honoree
- Part of the Corn Belt
- Pipe-cleaning company
- Israeli resort
- Hit CBS drama
- Woman with a degree
- Saharan
- Richard Boone TV role
- Amendment of the U.S. Constitution invoked by this puzzle's long stretches of black squares

Down

- Ernie's pal
- Song for a diva
- "Say it _____ so!"
- Founder of Time and Life magazines
- Opposite of NNW
- Gathered in schools
- WWII correspondent
- "_____ Chat" (classic "SNL" skit)
- Condition
- When Jesus said "One of you

will betray me"

- Dopes
- Argentine grassland
- FDR had three
- Jennifer Lopez album "J to _____ LO!"
- Audiophile's collection
- Hurry
- 1861-65 event
- No longer on active duty: Abbr.
- XLI x XXII
- Home of "The Sopranos"
- To a T
- Who ran Iran, once
- Duo with the 2002 hit "All the Things She Said"
- 2002 Olympics host: Abbr.
- It's left of F1 on a PC
- Reverend's deg.
- Inquisition target
- Feels sorry for
- American Leaguer since 1954
- Singer Charlotte
- Express
- That, in the barrio
- Individual performances
- Rocker's schedule
- 20 providers
- One up all night at camp?
- Time in history
- Brit. fliers in WWII

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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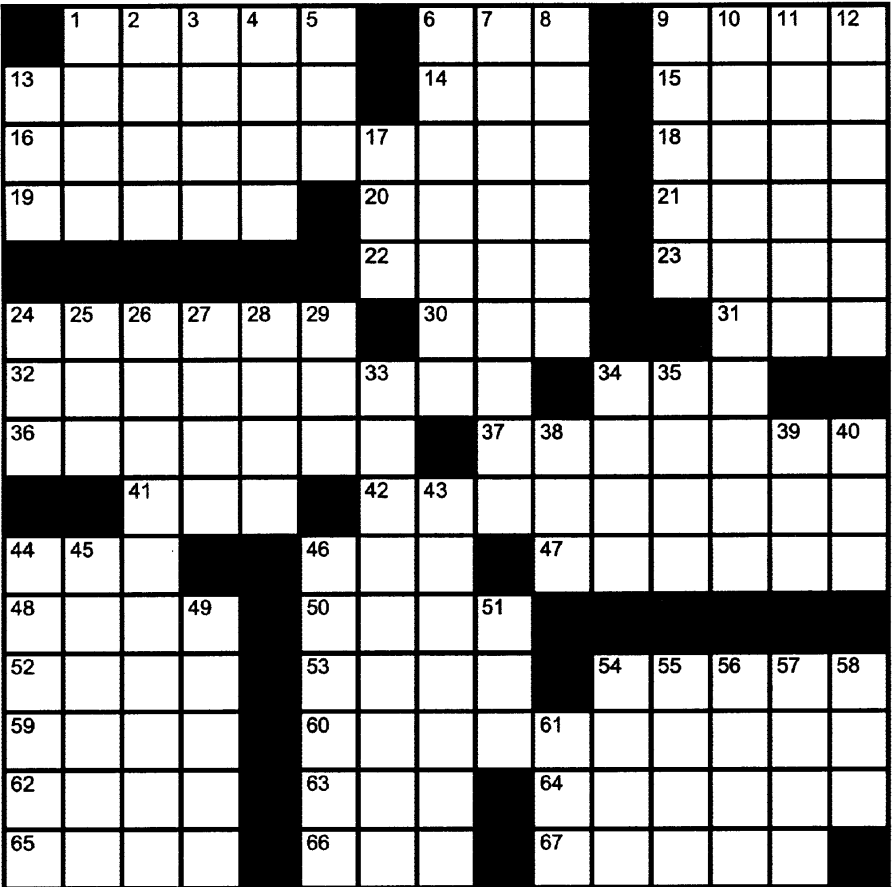
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/20/05.

Of the 56 entrants, 52 were correct. The winners are:

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- John L. Drehner, *San Diego*
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Q: Allison Wonderland?

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThisPlace@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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I LOVED DEEPER, and I spoke sweeter, and I gave forgiveness I'd been denying. I'm praying and working for peace.

KICKED IN THE THROAT. I'm writing this to see if you recognize anything. That's how it felt when I knocked and you ignored me.

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Write soon! Important that we hear from you. Don't let time pass you by. WI WI WI.

PERHAPS, some leaders' propensity for inordinate greed, lies, hypocrisy, corruption, innate contempt for public/ethics/laws, perhaps, we should look for, train for leaders to be of order of melchizedek.

THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT for prayers answered. A.L.L.

YOU ARE WINKY, and you are predictable to reply in the same issue. Who am I?

MATCHES

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SEEKING SENSITIVE MAN. Blonde/blue, 51, 5'7", 118lbs., sweet, friendly, loves being outside with my dog, flowers. Seeking bright, fun-loving, sexy, playful, smiling man. (2/9) ☎33912

SAY YES TO ATTRACTIVE, blue-eyed blonde widow. Looking for educated, fit guy, 65-75. Enjoy walks, movies, cards, travel, cultural events, each other. (2/9) ☎33925

WANTED: TEDDY BEAR. 44 year old female, North County Christian believer seeks friend, lover, companion. I'm outgoing, love travel. You: professional, honest, caring, great kisser! (2/3) ☎33883

LET'S GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY. Petite, affectionate senior lady of color from the island. You: 60+, classy, senior gentleman. Let's meet for coffee. (2/2) ☎33885

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeks tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (2/9) ☎33907

58, EASYGOING TEACHER seeks nice guy for support, kindness, love, friendship, sports. 5'5", 130lbs., attractive; loves children, dogs, outdoors, hikes, beach. Will return all calls. (2/9) ☎33910

VIBRANT, EDUCATED, enchanting East Coast lady, 56, with gentle and loving personality seeks gentleman, 53-60, for honest, meaningful, loving, long-term relationship. Are you ready? (2/3) ☎33881

SOUTH AMERICAN, PETITE, pretty, 56 years young. Seeking 54-58, Christian gentleman; romantic, honest, nonsmoker, good sense of humor, outgoing, financially secure. Possible long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎33871

SAN MARCOS CAUCASIAN LADY seeks caring man, 65-70, who is a nonsmoker. I enjoy good health, music, dancing, travel, cooking, gardening, and much more. (2/2) ☎33873

ATTRACTIVE HISPANIC, 38, 5'5", 114lbs., intelligent, caring, loyal, healthy, fun. Seeking handsome, intelligent, financially independent, loyal, fun, caring guy, 38-46, for committed relationship. (2/9) ☎33916

I AM CUTE, HAPPY, emotionally stable, slender, brunette. No pets, no baggage. You are 45-54, compatible. I like classical music, dancing, cooking, traveling, reading. (2/9) ☎33914

ASIAN, SINCERE, LOYAL, caring, positive, 58, petite. Seeking 60-70s gentleman with same qualities, plus humor. You're successful, generous, unencumbered, likes movies, dancing, travel, friendship/relationship. (2/9) ☎33904

PETITE ASIAN, SINCERE, honest, warm, 59 years. Seeking love/companionship. Love to dance, walks, travel, music, simple living. Seeking man: caring, loving, fun, enjoy life. (2/9) ☎33911

CUTE, ENERGETIC, EASY to be with, educated, in shape, fun. Looking for a nice, 58-68 year old. I am eagerly awaiting your call. (2/9) ☎33932

PRETTY BLACK FEMALE, full figure. Seeking male for friendship, possible relationship. Have good sense of humor. (2/9) ☎33930

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous. Let's share movies, dining, sports, great conversations. Seeking outgoing professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, love and exploring the city. (2/2) ☎33893

INTELLIGENT LATIN/CUBAN female, 47, 5'5", 140lbs. Seeking gentleman for rewarding, serious relationship. Please have good morals, and be ready to enjoy a good relationship. (2/9) ☎33920

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DIVORCED WHITE FEMALE, 50, 5'7", slender, educated. Seeking tall, non-smoker, no drugs, for fun times. (2/9) ☎33926

BEAUTIFUL, BRIGHT, full-figured, shapely educator, brown sugar, artistic, political. Seeking honest, respectful, loyal, stocky, rugged looking white male, professional, for committed, passionate, monogamous relationship. (2/2) ☎33872

FUN, SEXY, CURVY brunette with wicked sense of humor seeks handsome, funny prince charming, 47-54 years young. No kids, so let's have fun. (2/2) ☎33898

DYNAMITE IN A SMALL package. 40s, into cooking, sports, outdoors, ocean. Seeks counterpart. (2/9) ☎33903

WON'T YOU BE MY VALENTINE? Blonde, blue eyes, 5'3", 125lbs., in good shape. Seeking male between ages 40-50 for honest, sincere relationship. (2/2) ☎33888

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED, other ethnicities welcome. I dig Australian culture and a variety of other interests. To learn more about me, see my profile! (2/2) ☎33878

MULTI-FACETED, FUN, sultry, 5'7", 170lbs., adventurer. Enjoys nature, music, art, Indie films, cultural activities, spontaneity, humor, honesty, travel and romance. What about you? (2/9) ☎33927

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TALL, TAN, TERRIFIC teacher, retired. Affectionate, attractive, active, adventure-some. Seeking gentleman, late 60s early 70s for fun, companionship, lots of laughs, hugging, snuggling, travel, excitement. (2/9) ☎33933

INTELLIGENT, CURVACEOUS, 5'2", lovable, long blonde/blue, 55. Desires tall, honest, well-educated, traditional, confident, emotionally strong, sincere man of integrity for a fantastic relationship! (2/2) ☎33875

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, 60, 5'6", Caucasian, nonsmoking, Christian, compassionate, professional, good listener; likes dining, music, theater, sunsets, travel. Seeking compatible, successful man with similar interests. (2/9) ☎33908

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, EXOTIC, nice legs, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs.,

healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, generous, compatible, financially stable, 35+, Caucasian/Asian bachelor. (2/9) ☎33900

SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, real estate agent, 59, who likes travel, a glass of wine, and good conversation. Seeking an attractive, reasonably fit companion. (2/2) ☎33879

SASSY 60-ish SIREN seeks merry, mature male for dancing, romancing around town, prancing. You are Caucasian, interested in life, open to change, anticipating me. (2/2) ☎33868

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NORMAL, PASSIONATE, Latina lady. 40s, fun loving. Seeking a great kisser, down to earth. Ready to have fun and possibly find love. Serious, race open. (2/9) ☎33915

CUTE, CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, energetic, enjoy beach, music, boating, laughing, dancing, kissing,

ing tall, healthy male, 55-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (2/2) ☎33874

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 40-52, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy sports, culture, and travel. Let's talk. (2/9) ☎33921

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STILL LOOKING. Words: kind, caring, tall, male needed. Describe me: 5'7", humor, like dancing, dining, nonsmoking, ocean, mountains, lakes. Goals meet in '05. Call? (2/9) ☎33902

WIN WIN, DOES THAT relationship appeal to you? Chemistry, communication, compatibility sought by curvaceous, outgoing, articulate divorced white female. Be attentive, smart, fun, 65+. (2/2) ☎33887

CUTE AND CUDDLY, attractive, petite, blonde, 49. Looking to enjoy life and all it

has to offer. Many interests and open to learning new ones. (2/9) ☎33909

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, Mexican, 5'8", 140lbs., 39, fun, easygoing, educated. Seeking attractive Caucasian man, 40-50. Fun-loving, romantic, possible long-term relationship. Please, no games. (2/9) ☎33917

BIG SMILE! 33, 5'4", professional, curvy, sensual, fun, affectionate, spirited, caring, active woman. Seeking nice guy, 29-43, educated, nonsmoking, honest, upbeat, communicative, for sincere relationship. (2/2) ☎33897

JERSEY GIRL. Attractive, intelligent, Jewish, into fitness, outdoor activities, music, dining, good conversation. Let's talk. Seeking professional with humor, integrity, intelligence, depth, 44-52. Possible relationship. (2/2) ☎33867

BEAUTIFUL, SHAPELY WOMAN, fun, honest and caring. Seeking mellow, easygoing, patient, understanding, honest and caring gentleman, 50-60, to be my very best friend. (2/2) ☎33882

GERMAN BORN, long blonde hair, blue-green eyes, 5'6", curvy, very good looking. Seeking tall, attractive, degreed professional, with great sense of humor, 140-50. (2/3) ☎33880

HISPANIC, 47, SMILES, honest, sense of humor, easy to get along with. Enjoys jazz, arts, dining, movies; adventurous, romantic, affectionate, sincere. (2/2) ☎33889

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, petite, Caucasian lady, young at heart. Looking for active, 70+ gent, nonsmoking and financially secure, for companionship or long-term relationship. (2/9) ☎33931

CLASSY BLONDE, 5'8", bikini looks. Seeking handsome quality man, 45-55, 5'10"-6'4", well-groomed, financially secure, homeowner; time for dates, dancing, fun, romance. (2/9) ☎33928

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EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no-baggage man, friendship, supportive/sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (2/2) ☎33876

NO MILLIONAIRES or gymaholics, please! 40s, looking for fun, articulate, intelligent gentleman with some free time. Enjoy movies, street fairs, music, outdoors, dining, new adventures! (2/2) ☎33890

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NATIVE OF SAN DIEGO, Italian likes to have fun when not working. Business owner looking for Mexican lady to share activities with. I'm drug-free. (2/9) ☎33616

PICK FAVORITE COLOR. Narrow down from there. 6', Caucasian, 50, doing swell. Seeking the right educated, sweet black lady for good company, long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎33592

ATTRACTIVE PROFESSIONAL, 57, looks/acts much younger, 5'8", 155lbs., brown/brown, Herpes. In search of compatible woman, age/race not important. Take a chance. (2/2) ☎33585

DESIRE A SPECIAL GIRL who can appreciate a special guy. The body is David, the mind resembles Einstein. Strap yourself in; it's a wild ride. (2/9) ☎33620

IN HILLCREST, tall, fit, nice looking, retired professional, eclectic interests. Seeking nonworking lady for loving, caring, sharing, mutually fulfilling, long-term relationship. 55+. (2/2) ☎33587

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE, older woman sought by tall, white male, 52. I'm warm, loving, caring, and very affectionate. Enjoy fun times, quiet times, closeness, intimacy. (2/9) ☎33629

LET'S BE REALISTIC, man and woman are meant for each other. 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, hiking, biking, simple pleasures. You're somewhat attractive, monogamous, got ideas. (2/2) ☎33599

LIGHT-HEARTED, self-employed white male looking for attractive, healthy woman, 50-60, to enjoy beach walks, traveling, dinners, movies, adventure. Nonsmoker. Let's talk. (2/9) ☎33627

ASIAN BEAUTY REQUESTED by a very loving, kind hearted, 30-year old Latino, 5'8", hazel eyes, fit. You: kindhearted, loving, fit. (2/2) ☎33582

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TALL, FIT, FUN, handsome, 43, blue eyes, good communicator, happy with life, sense of humor. Seeking slender, attractive soul mate, for dining, dancing, travel, relationship. (2/2) ☎33597

SENSUAL, CREATIVELY, passionate, romantic, saturate the senses, deep sweet kissing, dancing, love nature. Male, 6'1", self-employed, supportive, loving, dancer, understand the goddess, happiness, 40s. (2/2) ☎33576

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56, GRAY/BLUE, 5'11", 160lbs., simple, surfy, Leucadia trailer owner, liberal Taoist, healthy, caring, ecological, resourceful, employable, enjoys wine. No savings, medical or debt. You: my clone and local. (2/2) ☎33584

TALL, SLIM, FIT, 52, father, degreed, fun, kind, humorous, tenderhearted, not wealthy. Seeking trim, feminine lady, 42-52, North County, bright, nonsmoker. Enjoy nature, music, conversation. (2/9) ☎33625

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outdoor and retirement. Seeking a nice lady. (2/9) ☎33631

SENSE OF HUMOR, HONEST, spiritual, psychological-minded, passionate, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/gray. Enjoy coffee-houses, conversation, foreign films, music, nature. Seeking someone to share life. (2/9) ☎33638

LATIN LOVER! 38, 5'11", 170lbs., athletic. Very humorous, who enjoys travel, beach, movies, good conversations, music, sports, Italian food. Outgoing and normal, too! Race unimportant. (2/9) ☎33634

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, blue eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (2/2) ☎33589

HANDSOME AFRICAN-AMERICAN Christian, 57", 150lbs. I am seeking an attractive Christian lady, physically fit, small-medium size, 50-60, race open. (2/2) ☎33588

APPEALING TO MY BEAUTIFUL goddess: this attractive, white male, professional, obedient, servile; awaits you with romance and respect! All races welcome! (2/9) ☎33615

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MR. RELIABLE. Feel safe with responsible, calm, nice-looking homeowner male (tall, trim, 55). Seeking heels-and-hose wearing lady for talks, warmth, committed relationship. (2/9) ☎33640

SINCERE, HONEST, CARING, 49, 5'2", red hair, blue-eyed professional tour driver. Seeking 30-46, Hispanic, Caucasian lady for friendship. Likes: jazz, rock, metal, and animals. (2/9) ☎33635

WANTED. Female, 45-49, white, nonsmoker, slender, active, smart, playful, caring; loves music, movies, animals, great food; for fun and more, for attorney, 53. (2/9) ☎33633

MAN OF FAITH, GROWING spiritually, blessed with honesty, integrity and love, seeks a special woman who is spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically balanced with me. (2/9) ☎33630

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 60, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (2/9) ☎33614

36, 6', WHITE MALE. Interests are: cool dive bars, vampire folklore, collecting rare records, classic horror movies, cajun food, anything vintage, jazz, meeting freaky people. (2/2) ☎33600

HISPANIC, 53 YEARS, 5'8", 155lbs., attractive, good shape, nice personality, stable finances, likes desert, dining, movies. Seeking fair skinned, petite lady, long-term relationship. (2/2) ☎33610

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoking. (2/2) ☎33612

JUST SOME COFFEE, some conversation, some company. 38, handsome, single black male. Seeking single, white female, age 25-40, nice shape/looks, appreciates a good man! (2/9) ☎33632

HANDSOME, 54, African-American seeks sexy, white or Hispanic female, serious relationship, nonsmoker, serious only re-

ply. Are you real, fun and love happiness, romance. (2/2) ☎33578

FUN PROFESSIONAL, likes sailing, motorcyle trips, wine-tasting, swap meets, travel. Looking for nonsmoker, 35+, morning person, spontaneous, who laughs and has fun. (2/9) ☎33623

VIRTUE, QUALITY, SOMETIMES it takes a while to find someone special. Dynamic businessman seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romance, possibly more. (2/9) ☎33639

STILL BELIEVE IN HONESTY, traditional values, lasting relationships. Seeking nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (2/2) ☎33613

GREAT CATCH! Down-to-earth Jewish male, 35. Enjoys movies, hiking, cats, 80s, music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (2/2) ☎33603

ELIGIBLE BACHELOR, 45. Looking for friendship, companion and love. Apply for position by answering this ad. Requirements: strong woman, 25-40, with sense of humor. (2/2) ☎33594

FULL TIME MINISTRY, 77, attractive, good listener, Caucasian, Ph.D., radio broadcaster. Seeking dedicated Christian companion for outreach, seeker small group ministry, and fellowship. (2/2) ☎33606

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NICE GENTLEMAN, attractive, professional, financially secure, emotionally available, divorced Caucasian, 66, would like to meet nice lady to share the joys life has to offer. (2/2) ☎33611

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TALMADGE/KENSINGTON. \$1050. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Small fenced front yard, fireplace. Small dog welcome. \$200 off first month. 4487 44th Street. 619-282-1191.

TALMADGE/KENSINGTON. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house with study, 1/2 off first month with 9 or 12-month lease! Washer/dryer. Small dog welcome. 4421 44th Street. 619-282-1191.

TEMECULA. Gorgeous 4 bedroom with 1 loft, 3 bath. Living/family/dining rooms, kitchen, 3-car garage, fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator. \$2000. Dinah, 619-540-4626.

UNIVERSITY CITY. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Remodeled, immaculate, view, 2 car, fireplace, gardener. No pets/smoking. \$2200. Open 1122-1/23, 10am-3pm. 4496 Camrose Avenue. 714-893-4879; 714-345-3718.

UNIVERSITY CITY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus dining room/den. Fireplace, hardwood floors, appliances, pool. Beautiful home. Immaculate. \$2450. Includes pool care, water/gardener. 858-549-2265.

UNIVERSITY CITY. \$1725. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great home located in quiet neighborhood. Dish ready. Large backyard. Small pets OK. 7131 Whipple Avenue. 858-598-1111, x190. www.utopiamanagement.com.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1650. Beautifully restored, 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, private yard. Great location. Available 3/1. Nonsmoking/pets. 619-299-9519.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. Quiet.

ALPINE. \$825, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1025, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No deposit OAC! Fireplace, Balcony, Pool/spa. Laundry facilities. Small pet on approval. Available now. 1434 Marshall Road. 619-445-2669.

BALBOA PARK. Clean, quiet, furnished studios from \$59/day or \$210/week. Private bath, shower, microwave, refrigerator, phone, cable TV. Air conditioning, laundry, barbecue. Weekly maid service. Downtown/Banker's Hill location near trolley/bus/freeway. Ideal, affordable, short-term stays. 1840 4th Avenue. 619-236-1600. www.sdreader.com/rent/2037.

BALBOA PARK, WEST. Bay view. Large, refurbished, gated one bedroom, dining room, bonus space, 2 walk-in closets, balcony, quiet complex. Mature cat welcome. \$1095, 858-453-9656.

BALBOA PARK/SOUTH PARK. \$1295. Newly remodeled, retro modern, 2 bedroom. Hardwood floors, ceiling fans, carport, laundry, storage. Nonsmoking, no pets. 2229 31st Street. 619-497-0446.

BALBOA PARK EAST. \$1200. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Across from zoo. Patio. View. Forest-like. Secure building. Parking. Laundry. Available 2/12. No pets. 619-299-1530.

BANKER'S HILL/HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, panoramic bay view condo, tall ceilings, 2 parking spaces, private patio, on-site laundry. SOHO Award Winner. \$1375, 619-222-4071.

BANKER'S HILL. \$860. 1930s 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, skylight, large closets, clean and quiet, indoor cat ok, Front and Maple. 619-226-1021.

BANKER'S HILL. \$715. Small studio apartment. All utilities paid. Laundry. 2142 Fifth Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

BANKER'S HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$790-\$890. Studios, hardwood floors, pet-friendly. 1/2-month free rent. 2311 Fourth Avenue. Ask for Linda or Mike, 619-260-1262.

BANKER'S HILL. Studio, \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$895. Cozy, near Downtown, hardwood floors, laundry, cat OK. 345 Laurel Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

BANKER'S HILL. 1 bedroom, \$875. Pets welcome! Fireplace, laundry facilities on site, gas stove, private entrance, parking. Close to Downtown. Available now. 2525 First Avenue. 619-696-6611 or 619-990-4628.

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BANKER'S HILL. \$875 cute 1 bedroom, \$950 unique 1 bedroom. Deck, canyon views, small complex, laundry, controlled access, cat accepted. 3102 and 3108 First Avenue. Call for appointment, 619-299-7727.

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BANKER'S HILL. \$625. Lovely remodeled studio. Classic building designed by Gill. Gas included. Laundry in building. Near bus. No pets. 619-236-0452.

BANKER'S HILL. \$525. Studio apartment. Cozy studio apartment in Victorian home. On-site laundry. Monthly rentals. No pets. 2330 Union Street. Xilarent.com. 858-492-8744.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1295. 2 bedroom, upstairs apartment. Hardwood floors. Spanish-style building. Close to park. On-site laundry. 2419 5th Avenue. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

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BANKER'S HILL. \$750. Studio, all utilities paid, close to all. Small pet ok. 320 Grape Street. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

BANKER'S HILL. Studio with private bath and kitchen. Utilities included. Minutes from downtown. \$700 month/\$500 deposit! 2100 First Avenue. Phone: 619-325-7332.

BANKER'S HILL. \$850. Remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath home with new carpet, viny, paint and more! Located in a restored 1920s building with private balcony and laundry on site. 1964 Fifth Avenue. 858-270-5500, www.msbrowar.com.

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rooms. Quiet, secure building, new appliances, gated garage. 619-299-9069.

BANKER'S HILL. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Cat OK. Upstairs, upgraded, hardwood floors. 438 East Fir Street. 858-483-3534; www.cal-prop.com.

BANKER'S HILL. \$725. Large studio. Newly renovated. Full separate kitchen. Security gate/intercom. Quiet. Laundry. Parking available. No pets. 3502 First Avenue. Michael, 619-296-1918. mtercerda@pacbell.net.

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BANKER'S HILL. \$1400. Brand new 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Granite countertops, Berger carpeting, air conditioning, marble floors, parking. 121 Juniper Street. 619-582-9436.

BANKER'S HILL. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Beautiful Bay view, fireplace, dishwasher. Garage. 2 underground parking spaces. Cable included. Cat OK. Available now. \$1485. 234 West Juniper. 619-696-9130.

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BANKERS HILL. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2130 Second Avenue. \$1300. Hardwood floors! Laundry room, off-street parking. Chris, 619-698-0945.

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BAY HO/BAY PARK. \$995. 1 bedroom. Pool, clubhouse, laundry, parking, all appliances. 619-347-8470.

BAY HO/BAY PARK. Upper level, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, canyon/ocean views, large kitchen, breakfast bar, all appliances, washer/dryer, fireplace, balcony, carport. Pets negotiable. \$1425. Granite Management 760-438-9545, or Mrs. Clifton 760-390-3689.

BAY PARK. \$1350. Upscale, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Panoramic bay view! Berber. Dishwasher. Gated. Laundry. Parking. Cat friendly! 2805 Morena. At beach/freeway. 858-459-1544.

BAY PARK. \$895 month to month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath near Mission Bay. Parking, pool. 2556 Chicago Street. 858-483-3534 or 619-275-1160. www.cal-prop.com.

BAY PARK. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in quiet complex. Great location close to bay and freeway 5. 4344 Ingulf Street. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

BAY PARK. 1 bedroom at \$860 in beautifully maintained property. No pets! 619-405-7200.

BAY PARK. Park-like setting. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with patio. Amenities include heated pool, laundry facilities on ground, secured/gated parking. Appliances include built-in microwave. \$875/month, security deposit \$720. Cats OK. 619-276-6728.

BONITA. \$1000-\$1050. Upscale 2 bedroom, 1 deluxe bathroom in beautiful view property of Bonita Valley. Fireplace, covered parking, extra storage, pool, spa. Move-in special! 5151 Robinwood Road. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-470-6693.

BONITA. \$2500. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, 300 square feet. Fireplace, laundry room, 2 car garage. Pool with service included. 3009 Bonita Woods Drive. 619-640-7530.

BONITA. \$925. 1 bedroom condo, totally refurbished with all appliances. Right off Highway 54. Optional garage. Park-like setting. Lots of light. Available. 619-933-7969. Espanol, 619-200-0750.

CARDIFF. \$1695. Ocean lagoon view 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. 1250 square feet. Near beach. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. 2416 Caminito Ocean Cove. 760-942-2597.

CARDIFF. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1100' square, new kitchen/bathroom, tiled throughout, large deck, washer/dryer. Pet friendly. Available 2/1/05. \$1900. Paul, 760-917-1610.

CARDIFF. Studio. \$900, \$600 deposit, provide credit report. Full kitchen. Bath. Balcony. Park/ocean view. Parking

space. No pets. Quiet. Call Craig, 760-942-2551.

CARLSBAD. Up to 1-1/2 month free! Brand new gated 1, 2, 3 bedroom townhomes! Ocean, lagoon views! From \$1440. \$199 deposit! New appliances, washer/dryer. Computer riches, Internet. Central air. Patios/balconies. Sports club. 2 pools, spas. Barbecues. Archstone Pacific View, 5162 Whitman Way. 1-866-716-0704. www.sdreader.com/rent/2087.

CARLSBAD. \$1255. Extra large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace. Fully equipped kitchen with breakfast bar, on-site laundry. 3563 Roosevelt Street. Call 760-720-4693.

CARLSBAD. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 2 bath garden apartment. Fireplace, new fixtures, Berber carpet, clean. 760-729-2908.

CARLSBAD. \$1600. 4 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. 1452 square feet. 3475 Roosevelt Avenue #2. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scubarentals.com.

CARLSBAD. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, just like new! Fireplace, double garage, high ceilings, ceiling fans, skylights, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. New carpet, tile. Lush, quiet, fenced yard. 760-729-7771.

CARLSBAD. \$1850. Alta Mira II. Newly remodeled, 2 master suites, 2-1/2 bath, ocean view. Fireplace, Garage, washer/dryer. 901-C Caminito Madrigal. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARLSBAD. \$1500. Alta Mira. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, ocean view upstairs. Common pool/spa, garage, laundry room. 914-B Caminito Madrigal. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARLSBAD. \$1180. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome. Clean garden complex. 2 blocks to Tamarack Beach. No pets. 362 Chinquapin Avenue. Torrey Pines Property Management, 760-729-8132.

CARLSBAD. 2 bedrooms from \$1240. Charming, intimate community with babbling brook, fireplace, appliances, pool and spa. 2 blocks to beach and village. 327 Walnut. 760-729-2155. www.rasnyder.com.

CARLSBAD/VILLAGE. \$1,175, luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Near beach, Coaster. Gated community. Like new! Microwave, laundry on-site. 760-720-0849, 760-214-2894.

CARLSBAD/VILLAGE. \$895. Luxury 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Near beach, Coaster. Gated community. New paint/carpet, microwave, laundry on site. pets ok. 760-720-0849, 619-302-2156.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE, SOUTH. \$1100-\$1175. Walk to ocean, ocean view, lagoon/trees. Screened porch, privacy, quiet, bright, 1000-square-foot 2 bedroom apartments, patio townhouses. Garage available. No smoking/pets. 699 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE. \$875. South of Vista Way, walk to ocean. Quiet, bright, newer decor. Older, charming 1 bedroom apartment. No pets/smoking. 701 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

CARMEL VALLEY. Looking for affordable luxury living? 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1165! Move-in specials! Quiet! Near Del Mar beaches, shopping, easy freeway access, award winning schools! Free tennis, swimming lessons! Washer/dryer. Covered parking. Fitness center. Pool. No pets. Club Torry Pines, 12646 Torrey Bluff Drive. 1-866-354-2096. www.sdreader.com/rent/2106.

CARMEL VALLEY. Brand new! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2-level townhome. 2-car garage. Fenced yard, pool, spa. Near shopping, restaurants, theater. \$2990. Available March 2005. No pets. Agent, 619-370-7103.

CARMEL VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Beautifully remodeled. Private patio, fireplace. All appliances including washer/dryer. 1-car garage. Pool, tennis. Available 2/4/05. \$1700. 619-339-9340.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Elysian unit, 2-car garage. New carpet and paint. Pool, gym. No pets/smoking. Available 3/1. 858-344-2921.

CARMEL VALLEY. Private, nice studio with full bath, big walk-in closet. Close to beach, freeway and UCSD. \$695/month includes utilities. No pets. 760-533-9651.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1499/month. 2 bedroom, covered parking. 1-year lease. Washer, fireplace, balcony, new carpet. Like Hawaii pool, clubhouse. No pets. Beach, restaurants, shopping. 858-204-3732.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse. Garage, private patio, dishwasher, washer/dryer. 3666 Caminito Carmel Landing. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CARMEL VALLEY. Arborlakes. \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. Fireplace, carport, washer/dryer. Common pool and spa/tennis. 4059 Carmel Way #31. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$1590. 2 bedroom, water paid. Spotless, upgraded corner unit with view. Pool, tennis, workout room, barbecue. Between middle school and park. Manager, 858-509-0017.

CARMEL VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1575. Large unit in the Collage Community. Upgraded with great view. Hardwood floors, fireplace, close to freeways. Must see! 858-598-1111, x190. www.utiopiamanagement.com. 858-458-7446, Jen.

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CASA DE ORO. \$1150. Large 2 and 3 bedrooms available now. Move-in special. Pool, jacuzzi, playground, laundry and parking. Pets OK. Call 619-464-8343.

CHULA VISTA, NORTH. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1050. Beautiful courtyard building near village. Sorry, no pets. 122 3rd Avenue. 619-426-5233. www.WexfordLiving.com.

CHULA VISTA. Starting \$795, including garage. Large 1 bedroom apartment, walk-in closets, laundry on site. Pool, jacuzzi, gas grill, park-like setting. 619-425-0670.

CHULA VISTA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors, newly remodeled, balcony, carport. 695 Seavale #243-D. Call 619-696-7941.

CHULA VISTA. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Luxury townhome, large 2-car garage, full complex amenities. Large balcony, open floorplan, desirable Lomas Verdes. Louis, 619-804-7709.

CHULA VISTA. \$740-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. \$400 deposit. Refrigerator, stove, microwave. Off-street parking. Freeway close. 619-425-6460.

CHULA VISTA, EAST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, garage, washer/dryer, patio, vaulted ceilings, ceiling fans. Pool. 465 Belle Vista Drive #175. \$1450/month. 619-994-2812.

CHULA VISTA. \$100+ move-in special! Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, pool, barbecue, ceiling fan, dishwasher. \$805. 581 Arizona Street. 619-691-9415. www.melroyproperties.com.

CHULA VISTA. \$100+ move-in special. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities paid. Laundry, barbecue, pool. \$765. 556-60 Arizona Street. 619-691-9415. www.melroypropties.com.

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CHULA VISTA. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. Laundry onsite, parking! Very quiet building, great location! \$400 deposit. 265 H Street. Manager, 619-409-7141.

CHULA VISTA. \$750. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath single story apartment home with newer appliances. New carpet/vinyl. Quiet complex. Close to trolley. Call 619-420-2205.

CHULA VISTA. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special! Free utilities! Pool. Off-street parking. Laundry. No pets. Central location. Near trolley, bus, freeway. 619-427-3484.

CHULA VISTA/OTAY MESA. \$2500. 5 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 story, new house with 2 car garage. Large back yard with spa, built-in barbecue, swing set and Koi pond. Pergo and ceramic tile flooring throughout downstairs. Washer/dryer hookups upstairs. No refrigerator or air conditioning. 619-220-8317.

CHULA VISTA. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment in garden setting. Controlled access. Laundry. Air conditioning. No pets. 540 Naples. Torrey

Pines Property Management, 619-422-5709.

CHULA VISTA. \$950. Newer luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath with gated parking. Upper unit. Laundry. No pets. 452 F Street. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA. \$725/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

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CHULA VISTA, EAST. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, walk-in closet, washer/dryer, 2 car garage, \$1500, 1/2 off first month's rent or rent to own, \$2000/month. 619-742-0078.

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CHULA VISTA. \$1400. 2 bedroom (large, walk-in closets in both), 2 bathroom, attached garage. Washer/dryer upstairs next to bedrooms. Laminate flooring. Available 2/1. 619-429-1005.

CHULA VISTA. Brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. 1-car garage, washer/dryer, gated community, balcony, off-street parking, barbecue area. \$1400, \$1000 deposit. 619-962-0724.

CHULA VISTA. 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms from \$875. 1/2 off first month! Beautifully renovated apartments, conveniently located near downtown Chula Vista, close to dining/shopping. Pool, parking, on-site laundry. Office open daily. 515 Glover Avenue. 619-476-6659. www.rasnyder.com.

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CHULA VISTA. \$875. 1 bedroom, \$60 more for garage. New windows, new bath, new tile floors, new appliances, designer colors. 6 unit complex in quiet neighborhood. 268-B Church. 858-459-9170.

CHULA VISTA. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1000 square feet, 1930s Spanish 4-unit complex, laundry hookups, hardwood floors, garage storage plus 1 parking, 1/2 block to downtown shops and park. 329 G Street. 858-459-9170.

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CHULA VISTA. Deluxe new interiors! \$825, large 1 bedroom. Very spacious. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo-style, from \$975. Garage or covered parking. Sparkling clean new interior includes beautiful new carpet, tile, much more. Island kitchen, walk-in closets, patio/balcony views. Gated community in excellent location. Near major shopping, all. Easy freeway access. Must see. No pets, please. Open daily. Call 619-427-1122.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath close to all, easy freeway access. 4030 38th Street. See manager in #7 or call agent, 619-440-4607.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, close to all, easy freeway access. 3770 40th Street-see manager in #10 or call agent, 619-440-4607.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725-\$800/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$325 first month. Deposit \$400-\$600. Renovated. Gated, secure parking. 4058 51st Street. Se habla espanol. 619-280-8167.

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CITY HEIGHTS. \$625. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Move-in special: 1st month's rent moves you in! Coin laundry. Controlled access. 5234 Rex Avenue. Call Sunrise Management at 858-571-1970.

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CITY HEIGHTS. \$625. Huge downstairs studio with large kitchen and bath. Gated. Off-street parking. Laundry. New carpet. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Upstairs, in gated building. Tiled kitchen and baths. New carpet. Garage. New appliances. Laundry. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$875/month. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 cash back move-in special! Best unit in complex. Great condition, views, upper unit. Small complex, on-site laundry. 5273-1/2 Wightman Street. 619-417-4392.

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CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. Wexford Manor. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms in beautiful complex with pool, spa, laundry, air conditioning, dishwasher. Sorry, no pets. \$925-\$1195. www.WexfordLiving.com. 7870 Stalmer Street. 858-277-4843.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Call for move-in special! Coral Bay Park. 1 bedrooms from \$885, 2 bedrooms from \$1035. Renovated units; 1 bedrooms from \$960, 2 bedroom/1 baths from \$1160. Pets welcome (size limit). 25 meter lap pool, spa, sundeck. 3309 Cowley Way. Toll free: 888-500-0471. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1070.

CLAIREMONT. Move-in special! Sunny, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhome, \$1105/up. Pool, private patio. No pets, please. 5544 Balboa Arms Drive. Call 858-278-5862.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. \$1275. 2 bedroom duplex in great location. New carpet, paint. Own yard, garage. Pet OK. \$800 deposit. Available 2/1/05. 3414 Luna. Scott, 619-954-1706.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Coral Bay Canyon, 33

CLAIREMONT. Furnished studios. From \$375/week. From \$975/month to month. Corporate housing available. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, daily continental breakfast. Great central location. Weekly maid service, includes all utilities, linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. 5415 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Call toll free, 1-800-562-2217. www.sdreader.com/rent/2035.

CLAIREMONT. \$1100. Large 1 bedroom unit, separate office/second bedroom, attached garage. Custom lighting and paint. Wooded complex. Tennis, pool, spa. Available 2/1. 858-272-8798.

CLAIREMONT. 1 bedrooms, \$925 and up. 2 bedrooms, from \$1100 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

CLAIREMONT. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Dishwasher, fireplace, coin laundry. No pets. 1204 Vega Street. kandrproperties.com, 858-492-1600.

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LA MESA. \$925 plus move-in special! Spacious 1 bedroom. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Model open! Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955. www.sdreader.com/rent/2054.

LA MESA. \$750, studio. \$350 deposit. Carport space, storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. \$1500. Immaculate, very large 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus office condo. 2-car garage. Hookups. Appliances. Air conditioning. Slate/tile. Marble fireplace. Vaulted ceilings. Balcony view. Cable included. No pets/smoking. Available mid-February. 7780 Parkway Dr. 707-843-6257.

LA MESA. \$2400. 4 bedroom, 2 bath gorgeous home in the heart of Rancho San Diego. Newly remodeled. New landscape, beautiful backyard and jacuzzi. 619-339-5820.

LA MESA. \$775. Quiet 1 bedroom, upper unit. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Walk to village, shopping, trolley. Available now. 8288 Orchard Avenue. 619-466-6062.

LA MESA. \$975. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet gated complex, air conditioning, on-site laundry. Upper unit. No pets. 4641 Date Avenue. Donna, 619-469-3809.

LA MESA. \$100+ move-in special. Beautiful complex! 1 bedroom, \$675-\$750. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury apartment for \$950, \$500 deposit. Upgraded units with pool, dishwasher, air conditioning, laundry on site. Gated. Assigned parking. Carports available. 7481 Mohawk Street. Call 619-466-6149.

LA MESA. \$800. Low deposit! 1 bedroom, 1 bath spacious apartment homes. Quiet, peaceful living within lush, beautiful landscaping and wide open spaces. Excellent location, sparkling heated pools, soothing spas, lighted tennis court. Water, trash, recycling included in rent. No pets. Baltimore Properties, 5353 Baltimore Drive, 619-466-9966. www.sdreader.com/rent/2074.

LA MESA. \$895, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$975, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet neighborhood. Lots of amenities. Close to shopping and freeways. Cats welcome. 4515 3rd Street. 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$675. Studio apartment, close to the village, parking, laundry, jacuzzi. 7883 La Mesa Boulevard #A. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

LA MESA. \$995, \$700 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Laundry. Move-in special! 7656 Normal. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

LA MESA. \$850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs with large storage unit. Quiet residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. 6289 De Camp Drive. 858-650-3582.

LA MESA. \$1100. Spacious 2 bedroom duplex. Large kitchen, cabinets galore! Washer/dryer in unit. Large fenced yard. Pet friendly. Agent, 619-298-7724.

LA MESA. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Carpet, blinds. Dishwasher. Private patio. Washer/dryer hook-ups. 1 assigned parking space. 7410 Lime Street. 619-298-7724.

LA MESA. \$725-\$1125. Very nice studios, 1 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms. Pool, patio. Fireplace. Carport. Near freeway and shops. 5639 Jackson Drive. 619-462-3447.

LA MESA. \$715. 1 bedroom. Small, well maintained community close to I-8. No pets. Call 619-463-3882. www.villaparks.info.

LA MESA. \$1015. Deposit \$900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit with stove, refrigerator, new carpeting, off-street parking. 6004 Lake Murray #C. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. \$775. Nice 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Quiet cul-de-sac street. Parking. 5045 Woodyard. Drive by and call. Agent, 619-246-7715.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$850 and \$925. Spacious, near all, air conditioning, pool, laundry. 4201 Spring Street. 619-464-4255.

LA MESA. 1 bedrooms, \$835/up. 2 bedrooms, \$1025/up. 2 heated pools. Lap pool, jacuzzi. Sauna. Tennis and putting green. Exercise room. Air conditioning. Playground. Lounge. Billiards. Patio or balcony. Sorry, no pets. 5333 Baltimore Drive. See: www.sdreader.com/rent/1004 or call 619-461-3541. E-mail: heatherwoodApt@att.net.

LA MESA. 1 and 2 bedrooms from \$866, tucked in quiet, park-like gardens. Newly renovated. Refreshing pool, laundry, air conditioning, barbecue. No pets. 619-464-7676.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom at \$895. 2 bedroom at \$1195. A meticulously cared for community with lots of extras. No pets. Call 619-884-7900. www.villageapts.com.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, air conditioning, 950 square feet, excellent landscaping with trees. Pool, parking.

\$900/month. 4261 Lowell. Call Annabelle, 619-295-1100.

LA MESA. 2 bedroom duplex, washer/dryer hookups, garage. Cats OK. Call 619-296-2787.

LA MESA. 4841 Parks Avenue. 1 bedroom, 1 bath or studio apartments. Park-like setting. Nonsmoking apartments. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$725. Studio, \$625. 619-262-0909.

LA MESA. Beautiful, peaceful La Mesa location. 1 bedroom, \$900/up. 2 bedroom, \$1050/up. Ask about move-in special! Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Laundry. Gym. Patio or balcony. Covered parking. Clubhouse, pool, spa, sauna. VillaSangriaApts@att.net. Villa Sangria Apartments. 8633 La Mesa Boulevard. www.sdreader.com/rent/1002. 619-462-1633.

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LA MESA. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/paint, tile, bath, and kitchen, dishwasher. 2nd story. Large patio/deck off living room. \$1100. 619-423-7542.

LA MESA. North of I-8 near Costco. From \$950, 1 and 2 bedrooms. Remodeled units. Imported tile floor, extra storage, air conditioning. Pool, grills, balcony/patio/yard. Small pet OK. Garage available. Call Barbara, 619-589-0802.

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LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$750. 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, carpet, vertical blinds, barbecue, laundry facilities. Security building. No pets. 619-507-7119; 619-466-4547.

LA MESA/SDSU. Junior, \$785. 1 bedroom, \$825/up. Ask about deposit specials. Secluded hillside convenient to all. Air conditioning. Dishwashers. Disposals. Patios/balconies. Exercise room. Laundry area. Clubhouse, billiards. Barbecue. Heated pool. Spa. Sauna. Month-to-month lease. SouthridgeApts@att.net. Southridge Apartments. 7200 Saranac Street. www.sdreader.com/rent/1001. 619-462-1940.

LA MESA/CASA DE ORO. Best value for your dollar! 3 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1325! 1 bedrooms from \$850! 2 bedrooms from \$1075. Elegant, sculptured flower gardens, fountains, gas lamps, park benches. Charming, New Orleans style community. Patios/balconies. Restricted access gates. Small pet OK. 3903 Conrad Drive. 619-462-1212. www.sdreader.com/rent/1017.

LA MESA/SDSU. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer, private yard. Pet friendly. Water and gardener included. \$1000. 619-516-4629.

LA MESA/SDSU. Studio, semi-private yard. \$700. 619-516-4629.

LAKESIDE. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom guest house. \$900. Brand new carpet, shared fenced yard. Easy access to Highway 67. No pets. Available now. 619-561-0711.

LAKESIDE. \$1095. Large 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Newly renovated, new washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator. Centrally located, walk to lake. Off-street parking, pet-friendly. 619-405-3688.

LAKESIDE. \$1295. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 story, hardwood floors, dining room, air conditioning, yard, carport, pool, playground, 8010 Wintergardens #A. 619-698-6911.

LEMON GROVE. \$680. 1 bedroom, 1 bath; \$860, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Central location. Near trolley and shops. Clean, cozy and quiet apartments. Move-in ready. Sorry no pets. 619-252-5175.

LEMON GROVE/ENCANTO. \$795. 1 bedroom duplex. Bright and remodeled. Tile floors, dishwasher, laundry. Private, fenced-garden area with patio. Parking. Close to trolley, shopping, restaurants. Small pet OK. 619-263-3171.

LEMON GROVE. \$1095. 2 bedwroom, 1 bath townhouse. New paint, carpet, verticals, private patio, air, microwave, pet ok with added deposit. Nonsmoking. 7525 Pacific Avenue. 619-944-2816.

LEMON GROVE. \$675-\$750. Big 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Move-in special! 1/2 off first month's rent OAC! #1 newly refurbished, laundry, parking, with big yard, great location. Close to all. No pets. Available now. 3320 Vista Avenue, #6 and #9. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

LEMON GROVE. Charming 1 bedroom cottage, behind front house, hardwood floors, freshly painted. Small pet on approval. 619-296-2787.

LEMON GROVE. 2 units available. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, approximately 1000 square feet, gas stove, refrigerator, shared garage, water/trash paid. No pets. \$1150/rent, \$1150/deposit. Teresa, 619-972-6870, 619-660-9200.

LEUCADIA. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1/2 block to beach. Off street parking. Laundry facilities on site. No pets. Security deposit. For appointments, 760-632-1900.

LEUCADIA. \$1050-\$1300. 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Walk to beaches. Large units. Off street parking. Laundry facilities on site. No pets. Security deposit. Call for appointment, 760-632-1900.

LEUCADIA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Quiet, 5 blocks to beach. \$1850. Call 760-419-7311 and leave message or e-mail: njiem51@hotmail.com.

LINDA VISTA. \$660, studio, utilities included. Laundry, gated parking. \$400 deposit. No pets. Astro Vista Apartments, 2285 Ulric Street. Call Monday-Friday for appointment. 858-277-4213.

LINDA VISTA. 1 mile to USD. Less than 10 minutes to beaches. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly renovated. Large yard, laundry. Pets welcome. \$1500. 619-770-9890.

LINDA VISTA. Newer 3-level townhome. 2 bedroom plus den, 2.5 bath. 2-car garage. Great location! All appliances. No pets. Available 2/1/05. \$1650. Agent, 619-370-7103.

LINDA VISTA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities included, \$1250/month. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathrooms, \$1550/month. Move-in special! Very convenient, across street from shopping. 858-569-4981.

LINDA VISTA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Dishwasher, parking, storage. No pets. 3262 Ashford Street. 858-490-1600, kandrproperties.com.

LINDA VISTA. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo in quiet gated community with swimming pool and assigned parking. Upstairs with washer and dryer. Very light and bright. 619-296-2787.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1995. Lowest priced condo with full ocean view. Brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, granite kitchen, pool, gym, parking. 714-969-0078, 714-330-7668.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1650/month. New, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, balcony, luxury condo, sunny with city view. Pool and amenities, washer/dryer, valet parking. Rebecca, 858-509-4733.

LITTLE ITALY. \$2450. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 1221 square feet, dishwasher, range/oven. Wood floors. 1221 Square feet. Tandem parking. 1240 India Street. www.sandiegobestrentals.com. 858-815-7368.

LITTLE ITALY. \$2350. La Vita, New 2 bedroom, 2 bath with large den. Balconies. 2 parking spaces. Granite, fireplace, washer/dryer, pool, spa, gym. 619-944-5478.

LITTLE ITALY. Beautiful, sunny Treo 1 bedroom. Granite/stainless steel kitchen, pool, jacuzzi, gym. Covered parking. Air conditioning, fireplace, washer/dryer. \$1350. No pets. 619-933-2448.

LOGAN HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments available. Laundry on site. Gated complex. 3117 Valle Avenue. 619-640-7530. www.sdforrent.com.

MIRA MESA. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Granite counters, mirrored wardrobe doors, new refrigerator, new blinds. Washer/dryer. Pool, spa, gym. Pets OK. \$1550. 858-271-8843.

MIRA MESA. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Washer, dryer. Patio storage, pool. Two on-site parking. Immaculate, ready to move in. Call agent

MISSION BAY. 1 bedroom at \$860 in beautifully maintained property. No pets! 619-405-7200.

MISSION BEACH. Beautiful 2 story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car garage, air conditioned, alarm. Steps to bay and beach. 2 patios, bay views. Washer/dryer. Pets considered with deposit. \$2450/month. 619-261-8295.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$895. Large studio. Tile floors, spacious, Murphy bed, lots of windows, new paint. Steps to the beach/bay. Outside decking. Agent, 858-488-4800.

MISSION BEACH. Oceanview lower duplex, one house from Boardwalk. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Renovated with patio. Utilities included. \$1925/month. Small pets OK. Available 2/1. 858-518-6656.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. 1 bedroom, 1 bath ground floor apartment. One garage. Steps to bay or beach! Available now. \$1100/month. Agent, 619-296-1000.

MISSION BEACH. \$800. Studio. Upgraded windows. Separate kitchen, bath. Wall bed. Front yard. Steps to beach and laundromat. Off-street parking. No pets. Available February. 6-month lease. 619-225-8446.

MISSION BEACH. \$850. Comfortable, private studio. Appliances. Parking. Laundry facility on-site. Across from Catamaran Hotel. Close to beach, shopping and restaurants. 760 Wavcrest. 858-272-9547.

MISSION BEACH. \$745. Upper studio. Steps to ocean/bay. Includes utilities, stove, refrigerator, parking. Excellent condition. No pets. 3667 Mission Boulevard. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$600. Year round. Studio. Tiny 1-room plus bath, unattached. Stove, refrigerator. Near bay and all. Quiet. Cat ok. 825-1/2 Pismo, rear. Deposit. Clara, 858-488-5435.

MISSION BEACH. \$950. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet, appliances, vertical blinds. Steps to beach. Available 1/29/05. Gas/water paid. 725 Queenstown Court #C. 858-689-0602.

MISSION BEACH. \$900, rent. \$950, deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Cute downstairs unit. Steps to beach and bay. Off-street parking. Available 2/14. No pets. 3764 Bayside Lane #2. 858-539-7433.

MISSION BEACH. Studios and 1 bedrooms starting from \$800. 1/2 off the first month's rent. 300 yards from ocean. Hurry, going quickly for summer! Penny Realty, 858-272-3900 x107.

MISSION BEACH SOUTH. \$795. Large studio. No pets. One building from beach. Share parking. Carpet/paint. Appliance. Nice. Quiet. 717 San Fernando Place. Agent, 619-275-3455.

MISSION BEACH. Furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo in ocean-front complex, \$1900/month. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. 1 parking. Available now through mid-June. 858-488-2550.

MISSION BEACH NORTH. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Laundry. Steps to ocean! Available now. 720 San Jose Place. 619-990-8398.

MISSION BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$2200/month until 6/1/05, then \$2200/week summer rental. Fully furnished, cable TV, washer/dryer, 1 parking. Walk to all! 714-363-1309.

MISSION HILLS. \$1700. Huge, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Carport, air conditioning, washer/dryer, elevator. Huge deck with view. 4-unit complex. 3276 Reynard Way. 619-283-5252.

MISSION HILLS. \$775. 1 bedroom. New paint and carpet. Off-street parking, gas appliances. 4-unit complex. 3272 Reynard Way. 619-283-5252.

MISSION HILLS. \$1395. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with downtown/bay view, your balcony. Gated parking (2 spaces)/gated complex. No pets. On-site laundry. 619-296-9393.

MISSION HILLS. \$1795. 3 bedroom, 3 bath Penthouse condo. Downtown, ocean and bay views. Washer/dryer in unit. Dual pane windows, tiled kitchen/dining/living

room floors. 3826 Kettner Blvd. 619-507-4172.

MISSION HILLS. \$900. 1 bedroom with garage. Quiet complex, walk-in closet. Cat OK. Open house: Thursdays, 5-6pm. 3282 Reynard Way. 619-847-4963.

MISSION HILLS. Extraordinary! Must see! Brand new, 3-story townhouse with fantastic view of downtown/bay/Point Loma. 1 bedroom, plus loft. 2-terraces. Stainless appliances. Solid maple floors. Water/gardener included. Pets considered. 3618 Pringle. \$1995. 619-294-3555.

MISSION HILLS. \$1050. All utilities paid. 1 bedroom apartment, private patio, screened porch. Coin laundry, off street parking. Pets allowed. 1770 West Washington. 619-299-6622.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartments. Quiet, near shopping and bus lines. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS. \$940. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. New carpet, paint, blinds. Stove. Refrigerator. Off-street parking. No pets. Near schools. Available now. 760-294-2555.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedrooms with garage. \$1175. Nice, quiet neighborhood. Laundry facility on site. Nice yard. 619-234-7572.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200/up. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry. Parking. Pets OK. La Paloma Apartments. Open daily, 1-5pm. 3911 Dove. 619-297-1134.

MISSION HILLS. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath backhouse charmer! Separate entrance, parking space, courtyard, fruit trees, on-site laundry. Pets OK. Dove Street near Washington. 619-602-1519.

MISSION HILLS. \$995 and up. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, new carpet/paint. No pets. Near Downtown! Laundry. 3549 Reynard Way. 619-464-1652.

MISSION HILLS. 1 bedroom plus den, 2 bath. Great view, remodeled kitchen and bath, large patio. On-site laundry. Pet OK on approval. \$1250/month, includes utilities. 1563 Linwood (at Chalmers). 619-244-6085.

MISSION HILLS. Large 1 bedroom apartment, 1000+ square feet, private deck, canyon view, off-street parking. No pets. Nice area. \$850/month. 3105 Hawk Street. 619-291-0595.

MISSION HILLS. \$1750. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, view, balcony, fireplace, appliances, new carpet, washer/dryer, air conditioning, subterranean parking. 619-886-3146.

MISSION HILLS. \$1300. 2 bedroom apartment, very clean, hardwood floors, on-site laundry, 1-car garage. Walk to dining, shops. 1 block to bus. No pets. 858-531-6767.

MISSION HILLS. Quaint and charming studio, gated and quiet complex. Laundry. Walking distance to shopping and restaurants. Call 619-296-2787.

MISSION HILLS. \$975. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with balcony. Carport parking. Laundry on site. New carpet, blinds and paint. No pets. 3679 Keating. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-546-5739.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. \$1325. 1 bedroom. Spectacular city/bay view. Private balcony. Enclosed parking. No pets or smoking. Utilities included. 2919 Columbia. 619-224-5970.

MISSION HILLS. \$700. Studio apartment with half kitchen. On-site laundry. No pets. 3659 Keating. Torrey Pines Property Management, 619-546-5739.

MISSION HILLS. Duplex: \$1295. 2 bedroom, upstairs, tandem parking, free on-site laundry. Charming building on a cul-de-sac. Walk to all. 4053 Brant Street. 619-778-8888.

MISSION HILLS. \$1575. Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath flat, covers entire upper floor of Craftsman triplex. Beautiful hardwood floors, fireplace, built-in cabinets, dining room, deck, yard, laundry. Clean/

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MISSION HILLS. \$895. 1 bedroom apartment. Patio. No pets. Nice location. Parking. Laundry. Available now. 1686 Puterbaugh. Agent, 619-226-7368.

MISSION HILLS. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fireplace, partial bay view. No pets. 1320 West Redwood. Available 2/3. Agent, 619-295-6005.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$595/\$695. Large studio. Full kitchen, bath. Large closet area. Small, quiet complex. No pets. 3970 Goldfinch Street #3, #5. Agent, 619-297-7368.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 1 bedroom duplex with bay view, fireplace, laundry hookups, parking, 1324-1/2 West Redwood. No pets. Available now. Agent, 619-295-6005.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. Great manager's specials! Low \$350-\$450 deposits! From \$1120. 1, 2 bedrooms. Luxury gated community. Spectacular views! Pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Cat on approval. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. 866-806-7377. www.sdreader.com/rent2011.

MISSION VALLEY. First full 6 weeks free! \$199 deposit special! Brand new, gated luxury 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1475. Lofts from \$1685. Pets welcome. Pool. Spa. Patio/balcony. Garage available. Computer niche. Washer/dryer. Dishwasher. Internet. Fitness, business centers. Near all Portofino, 2500 Northside Drive. 1-866-802-2218. www.sdreader.com/rent/2086.

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MISSION VALLEY. La Mirage-experience the lifestyle! Spacious 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, townhomes from \$1120. Deposits from \$299! Views! Washer/dryers. Central heat/air. 5 pools. 7 spas. 5 tennis courts. Tennis pro. Basketball. Sand volleyball. Jogging trail. Fitness center, cardio. Cat friendly. 6554 Ambrosia Drive. 1-866-282-8737. www.sdreader.com/rent/2058.

MISSION VALLEY. \$950. \$500 deposit. Large 1 bedroom apartment. Gated off street parking. Near Qualcomm Stadium and trolley. No pets. 619-284-0171.

MISSION VALLEY. \$995. Totally remodeled! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet complex. On-site laundry. Near USD and shopping. Close to beach. No pets. 619-683-7805.

MISSION VALLEY/FASHION VALLEY. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo, nice view, Master bedroom upstairs. Patio and balcony. Pool, spa, jacuzzi, and other amenities. 619-440-4607.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 2 bath corner unit. 1017 square feet. Underground parking/gated access. Pool/spa. Washer/dryer. Fireplace, central air, fitness. Cats, small dogs welcome. 619-203-9186.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. From \$695. Unique studios. 5411 Linda Vista Road. Private. Nice landscaping. Gated. High ceilings. No smoking. No pets. Near trolley/bike path. www.info101.net. 619-297-3000.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath River Run condo. Washer/dryer. Pool. Jacuzzi. Clubhouse. Close to everything! Available 2/1. No smoking/pets. 858-268-4099.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1650. 3 story, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2+ car garage, fireplace, treetop views in North Rim, greenbelt overlooks golf course, new appliances, carpet, washer/dryer. Near USD. 858-699-3992.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1600! 2 bedroom, 2 baths from \$1190. Call for move-in specials! Tropical. Dishwasher. Microwave. Intercom. Pool. Spa. Sauna. Fitness center. Central air

conditioning and heat. Balcony, patio. Gated, parking. Laundry. Cat OK. Mission Pacific, 4454 44th Street. 1-866-813-5684. www.pacificliving.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/1010.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1400. Move-in special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, parking, pool/jacuzzi, gym. Close to all! mkleifer@hotmail.com; 619-835-9530.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1375. 2 master bedroom, 2 bath condo. Security. Private road. Air conditioning. Pool. Spa. Tennis. Fitness center. 10425 Caminito Cuervo. #214. Agent, 619-563-6656.

MISSION VALLEY/FASHION VALLEY. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, great condition, tennis, pool, spa. 619-220-8317.

MISSION VALLEY/FASHION VALLEY. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Mission Ridge, new carpet and paint, pool, spa, tennis. 619-220-8317.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1550. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. River Run. No pets. Washer/dryer all appliances, fireplace. Agent, 619-692-4121.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1275. Move-in special: \$200 off first month's rent! 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with view of golf course. "The Franciscan." Pool, spa, gym, gated community. Water and paid. 6750 Friars Road #244. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1195. Spectacular 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Like new appliances, carpet, ceramic tile and blinds. Washer/dryer included. Quality apartment looking for a resident who appreciates quiet, convenience and a patio overlooking a canyon. 619-857-1187. Located at 1215 Hueneme #C.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1050. Friars Pointe. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Downstairs. Carport. Pool, spa. Cat OK. 6354 Rancho Mission Road #501. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

MISSION VALLEY. \$895. Rancho Mission Villas. Small, downstairs 1 bedroom. Remodeled! Must see! 5900 Rancho Mission Road, #29. Tile floor. Trolley. Sorry, no dogs. 619-583-7346.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1 parking space. Fireplace. No pets. 1017 square feet. 640 Camino de la Reina, #1304. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

MISSION VALLEY. Beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Pool, spa. Assigned parking. Laundry on site. New appliances, floors. Freeway access. Pets OK. Available 2/1. \$1200. Email: mriva_47@yahoo.com.

MISSION VALLEY/HOTEL CIRCLE. \$795, includes cable, water and gas. Great locale. New carpet and paint. Overlooks

pool, jacuzzi, gym, tennis. No pets. 619-850-0306.

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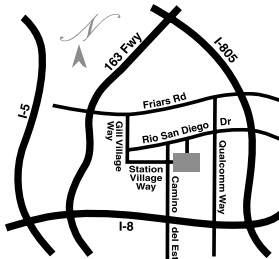
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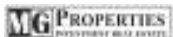
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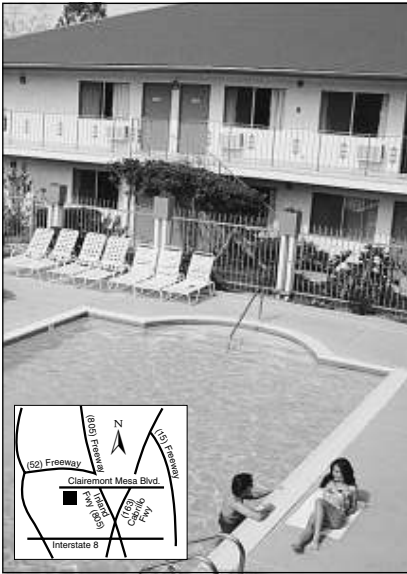
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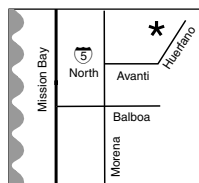
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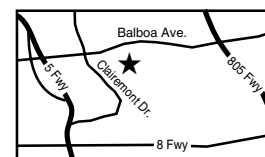
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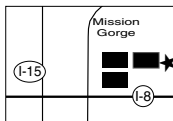
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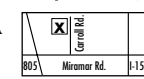
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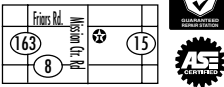
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LEAD STORY

— Is It Safe Yet? The head of security at Boston’s Logan Airport revealed in December that travelers continue to appear so unfamiliar with restrictions that, three years after 9/11, his screeners seize 12,000 prohibited items per month. Nationwide, the total since 2002 is nearly 17 million, including 2200 guns, 79,000 box cutters, and 5 million knives. ... In December, a Republican congressman blasted the Department of Homeland Security for making “a joke” out of President Bush’s 2003 order to compile a comprehensive list of potential domestic terror targets. The list so far (of 80,000 sites) is termed by critics as too large (unlikely targets inexplicably included) and too small (imaginable targets inexplicably left off).

City Council Tedium

— In December, a California appeals court ordered a re-hearing on a zoning case because the petitioner, who was denied an extension of business hours, had not had a fair chance to argue before the Los Angeles City Council. A videotape of the hearing showed that during the petitioner’s presentation councilmembers talked on the phone or among themselves, wandered around the room, and read their mail, and the appeals court ruled that “due process” requires them to pay attention. ... Councilman Dennis Pate of Eagle Lake, Fla., said in January that a formal rule was needed to prohibit spitting at meetings because a former city manager allegedly tried to unload on him at a December session (but she denied it).

Scenes of the Surreal

— (1) Following the Dec. 5 Newtown, England, charity Santa Claus race (in which 4000 Saint Nicks in full costume competed), police had to use noxious spray and nightsticks to break up a brawl of about 30 Santas when the festive spirit got out of hand. (2) Researchers at the Royal Veterinary College in Hatfield, England, told *New Scientist* magazine in December that they’re studying why ostriches are able to run so fast

(about 20 mph) even though they are heavy (over 200 pounds) and awkward-gaited. The team’s work: They observe 15 ostriches running on treadmills.

Finer Points of the Law

— In Durham, N.C., in December, gang member Robert D. Johnson was sentenced to 15 years in prison for shooting off the genitals of a fellow Blood who was trying to leave the group. The jury rejected the harsher penalty of “malicious castration” for “nonmalicious castration” because Johnson shot the man in the leg and the bullet exited his thigh and hit his penis.

The Litigious Society

— Mr. Jerry Colaitis of Old Brookville, N.Y., died of complications from spinal surgery in 2001, and the next year his family filed a \$10 million lawsuit blaming everything on the Benihana Japanese restaurant chain. Benihana hibachi chefs engage in colorful hand acrobatics while skillfully slicing and grilling food at tableside, and on the night in question, Colaitis flinched at a shrimp the chef had tossed his way. The flinch jarred two vertebrae in his neck, which eventually required surgery and then a second surgery, after which complications developed, leading to Colaitis’s death. In November 2004, a judge cleared the case for trial.

— In February 2004, two 11-year-old boys cut classes at the Ronan Middle School in Ronan, Mont., found some alcoholic beverages, and hours later died of hypothermia in a snow-covered field. In November, the parents of the two filed a lawsuit, asking \$4 million in damages from the local public schools for not preventing the truancy. School personnel should have known, according to the lawsuit, that the kids were of Native-American heritage and that there is a high rate of alcoholism in the community, even though neither boy had any alcohol-related incident on his record.

— Ladell Alexander, serving a 16-year sentence for molesting a child in a public library in South Bend, Ind., filed a lawsuit in 2004 asking for

\$4 million in damages, charging that his predicament is the fault of the library’s security company because officers should have seen him with the boy in a staff-only area of the building and kicked him out before he could do anything bad. (A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit in December.) — In February 2004, a 20-year-old woman stole OxyContin and Xanax from The Medicine Shoppe pharmacy in Wood River, Ill., and gave some to her boyfriend, Justin Stalcup, 21, who died of an overdose the next day. In December, Mr. Stalcup’s family filed a lawsuit against The Medicine Shoppe, claiming that the reason for their son’s death was that the pharmacy didn’t safeguard the drugs from the thief.

The Entrepreneurial Society

— Victoria Pettigrew started VIP Fibers three years ago in Morgan Hill, Calif., and, according to a December 2004 report by the Knight Ridder News Service, has an enthusiastic clientele of pet owners who pay her to make specialty items (blankets, pillows, scarves) from their animals’ hair (“Better yarn from your pet than a sheep you never met”). For example, client Bob Miller of Carmel, Calif., brought in enough collected sheddings of his golden retriever for a blanket, two couch pillows, a small teddy bear, a scarf, and a picture frame. Pettigrew has also created items from the hair of cats, sheep, alpaca, bison, rabbits, hamsters, cows, and horses.

Least Competent Criminals

— Floyd Elliot, 22, was charged in December in Independence, Mo., with filing a false police report by claiming an assailant carved the vulgar slur “fag” on his forehead. Police were immediately suspicious because the letters were backward (as if made by someone looking in a mirror). ... Also in December, when Nicholas J. Valeri, 19, was arrested for allegedly passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at a Wendy’s restaurant in Hempfield Township, Pa., he claimed innocence, saying that he inadvertently acquired the bill shortly before, while selling \$240 worth of marijuana.

Recurring Themes

— Several times over the years, “News of the Weird” has reported bad things (including death) that have happened to drivers who stop on the side of a highway at night to urinate. In November, Henry Turley, 77, got out of his pickup truck to urinate near Kingsbury, Ind., and when rescue workers arrived 20 minutes later, Turley’s truck was in a ditch, and Turley was lying on his back with his left foot caught between the wheel well and the left front tire and his right foot caught between the driver’s side door and the front seat. (A nearly empty bottle of whiskey was on the passenger side.)

Awesome!

— In December, a wheel from a tractor-trailer on Interstate 84 in Idaho (glowing hot from an overheated bearing) came off, rolled across a frontage road, and started several fires after it crashed into the home of Charisse Stevenson. According to a report in the *Times-News* (Twin Falls, Id.), Stevenson, seeing her ten-year-old son trapped by flames on the second floor of their home and separated by the red-hot wheel, moved it out of the way (though it weighed 250 pounds), scooped up her son (135 pounds), and carried him to safety. Afterward, Stevenson was found to be unable to lift either the wheel or her son.

Unclear on the Concept

— Dr. Mary Holley, an obstetrician who heads Mothers Against Methamphetamine in Albertville, Ala., offered this assessment of meth at a December task force meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn. (presumably intending to discourage use of the drug): “The effect of an [intravenous] hit of methamphetamine is the equivalent of 10 orgasms all on top of each other, lasting for 30 minutes to an hour, with a feeling of arousal that lasts for another day and a half.” (But after about six months’ use, the effects turn negative, she said.)

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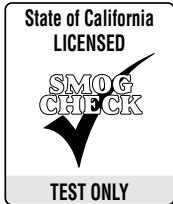
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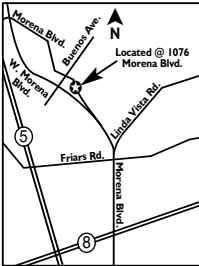
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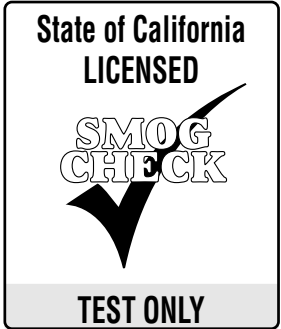
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ROBBERY

Location: 2885 El Cajon Boulevard

Time/Date: 3:25 p.m. on 1/1/05

Origin: I responded to a Subway Sandwiches on a report of a robbery. I arrived and met reporting party, David G. G. was the only employee working during the robbery and began to tell me what occurred.

Statement of David G.: I was working by myself around 3:20 p.m. today when Deanna S. came into the store. S. is a former employee and had stopped to pick up her final pay-check. I walked into the back office to get the check and when I returned, I

noticed the suspect. The suspect was standing in the dining area between the counter and the front door. S. was standing by the entrance to the counter a few feet from the suspect.

I handed S. her check and then walked behind the counter. S. took her check and walked past the suspect as she left. Thinking the suspect was going to order food, I washed my hands and turned around to help him. When I did, the suspect pulled a black and chrome, semi-auto handgun from the front pocket of his sweatshirt. He pointed the gun at me with his right hand and said something like, "Give me all your cash. Empty the register."

I instinctually ducked and tried to avoid the gun. Then I realized it would be best to just get the money. I walked down the counter to the register. The suspect followed me, pointing the gun at me the entire time. I managed to get the register open and pulled out all the paper



money. When I handed him the cash, he turned and began to walk towards the front door. He put the money and gun back into the front pocket of his sweatshirt as he walked outside. I watched him get into the front passenger seat of an awaiting car. It was a dark green Honda, with four doors and tinted windows.

I was definitely afraid for my life. I've never been robbed before.

PETTY THEFT

Location: 1288 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley

Time/Place: 3:30 p.m. on 1/1/05



Origin: On this day I responded to Target to take custody of a theft suspect. I admonished the suspect per my PD-145. He answered "yes" on both questions.

Suspect's Statement: I came to Target together with my parents. My dad stayed in his car outside and my mom was looking for things. I was walking alone inside the store. I grabbed three games and took them out of its [sic] case. Then I put them in my jeans pocket. I did not have any money

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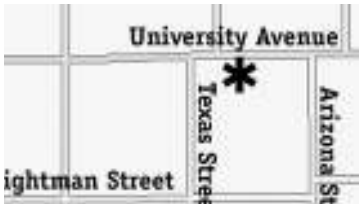
with me to pay for them. I took them because I felt bad for my little brother. My parents bought me things for Christmas but my little brother did not get anything. I took the games to give to him. I did not plan this before I got to the store. I thought I could get away with it. I have shoplifted before but I have never got caught. I have been stealing foods twice before from Vons at El Cajon Boulevard.

I know what I did was wrong. My teachers at school have taught me right from wrong. If you witness something bad you need to tell an adult or call the police. That is the right thing to do. Fighting and lying is a wrong thing to do.

ROBBERY

Location: 2405 University Avenue

Time/Date: 3:15 p.m. on 1/2/05



Origin: Officer Loughrey and I received the radio dispatch at 3:17 p.m. [We] arrived on scene approximately three minutes after we were dispatched to the robbery call. When we arrived, the clerk, later identified as Martha T., walked out of the mini mart attached to the gas station...she was still on the

landline with one of the dispatchers. I told Martha she could hang up and tell me about the incident.

Statement of Martha T.: I was working as the clerk at the Exxon station from 2:00 p.m. I propped the front door so that it was wide open. A white man wearing a dark jacket and a dark knitted watch cap came into the store and asked to buy a pack of Marlboro Lights. I placed the pack of cigarettes on the counter and rung up the sale. The male...tapped his pockets and said, "I forgot my wallet, I'll be right back." The male did not touch the pack of cigarettes that I placed on the counter.

The male returned to the store approximately 20 minutes after he left. He entered through the open front door and approached the counter with his hands in his jacket pockets. He got as close as he could to me and said, "I'll kill you. Before I do something stupid, just give me the money!" While he was saying this, he pulled a 9-inch, wooden handle knife out of his pocket and pointed it at me. I stood back and told him to take the money himself. He refused to lean over the counter or touch anything. He told me to take the money from the cash register and give it to him.

I reached in and removed all the 20s, 10s, 5s and 1s. I handed him all the cash and he left the store. I'm not sure how much money I handed him.

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Diane's eBay Mustang

On a rainy day, Diane Brunet told me, "Ever since I started to drive I've wanted a Mustang, but one thing after another got in the way. I got married and had kids and bought a house. So it was only when I went through a divorce that I started looking for one. I wanted a '65. I looked online and in the paper, but I could never find anything reasonable and in the condition to make it worth what they were asking, until I found my car on eBay.

"From the description, I decided that if I ended up paying the auction price, I could still afford to restore it. So it was a good deal. Mine was made in '64, but it was a '65 model year.

"I'm the third owner. The man I bought it from had it for 35 years. He lived in Hollywood, on the hill, so close to the letter D that you couldn't recognize it as a letter. I got my

boyfriend to drive me up to Hollywood to pick it up.

"My boyfriend drives a Miata.

People think he should be driving the Mustang and me the Miata. When I take it into the service place, my boyfriend follows me to bring me back, and the mechanics always try to talk to him.

"I had the Mustang restored, and during the restoration, we found out it had been in an accident, which I suspected. It needed bodywork, and when we took the paint down to the metal, sure enough the hood was red. But the fenders were original. There's a buckle under the passenger's seat, which we found when we were putting carpets in it.

"It handles okay, though it doesn't have power steering. We put a hydraulic booster on the brakes, at Classic Mustang in Escondido, so now it stops in less than a block. A lot of people put disc brakes on them, but we

tried to keep it as original as possible.

"My 21-year-old son always wanted to drive it, and I never let him, and then one day I let him drive it back home from breakfast, and he said, 'What a pig. I don't want to drive that thing ever again.' The steering is hard, and it doesn't accelerate super fast. It's a 289 with a four-speed automatic.

"I have all the paperwork, and I even have the original keys. There was a hole in the dashboard that was cut during the '70s to put in an eight-track tape. I put a CD player in the hole. But I still have the original radio.

"I put a new top on it, with a glass back window. It folds in the middle. It had the original top, with the plastic window you can hardly see through. But I hardly ever put the top up. Even when I was commuting to San Diego from Escondido for a while, I always kept the top down. I've only



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Diane has dogs, including two greyhounds. When one of them rides in the car with the top down, it leans out the side and forward, like a racer. I might've asked for a photo with the dog in position if the day hadn't been so rainy.

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THE COUNSELOR AT MY FIRST DRUNK-DRIVING SCHOOL said the word “sometimes” with a space between the two words: “some...times.” His shaved pate showed the marks of a raucous youth. The length of his salt-and-pepper beard was a tip to his strung-out days when shaving seemed impossible. His stories told of addiction, conflict, and pain, but his demeanor held the aura of peace.

“Some...times,” he’d say when faced with the basest of questions and wildest of accusations. His holy eyes had no contempt in them, only empathy and understanding.

We’d assemble in our chairs and wait for him to lock the door. He’d walk up and down the aisle, looking to throw drunks out. We’d all say our names and how we got arrested.

“My name is Charles,” he’d start. “I’ve had several DUIs. Everyone in my family is addicted to something. Even my newest niece. She was born just months ago to her ‘bag whore’ mother, my sister, and she’s in an incubator, addicted to heroin.”

I always arrived early and sat nearest the wall so he couldn’t smell the vodka I’d drunk in the parking lot. He’d tell a story of depraved desperation and look to us to fill in the blanks. The drunks never disappointed.

“Hell, yes, I’ve done that,” always preceded a story of going to work drunk or stoned. I leaned against the wall and waited, waited. I breathed into the textured paint, sometimes getting a quick laugh from thinking how the paint might peel from toxic duress.

Charles would then start the TV, shut off the lights, and leave the room. I could exhale freely and watch a film from the ’70s on the effects of alcohol on the system. One time we watched a “documentary” with the flimsiest of plots and wooden, stilted actors. “I’d get stoned before school,” a young, blond man said, “but I just kept forgetting everything.” He looked to his left and out a sunny window in mock embarrassment. “Sometimes, I’d even fall asleep in class,” and he hung his head in his hands.

I could hear labored breathing from other drunks who also leaned against the wall. The people closest to the aisle watched attentively or took notes.

When the movie was over, Charles would come back in, and the drunks would have the stupidest shit on their minds. Never mind that the film was a complete farce, or that the facts were outdated. The drunks wanted to bitch about getting caught.

“Did you know,” a drunk would start, “that sometimes the alcohol in your blood isn’t high enough to be arrested until you’re already in jail?”

“Yes,” Charles would say, looking at the poor soul, unblinking, “some times.”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

ANGELS IN THE ENDZONE (1997)
WGN 26, 5:00 P.M.

Taking the popular assumption that celestial beings are in control of sports matches, Disney jumps on this moped and rides it for all it’s worth. To round out the “Angels in the blah blah blah” series I suggest Angels in the Backstage Area, where seraphim sway judges’ votes on the Grammys. The final scene would show Janet Jackson thanking God for her plastic statuette and then pan to goofy Jim from *Taxi*, smiling and nodding knowingly.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

JONNY ZERO
FOX 6, 9:00 P.M.

The writers at FOX phone another one in. With

creativity accounts completely bankrupt, they’ve come up with Jonny Zero. Jonny-freakin’-Zero. A man with a “checkered past” helps people in need. How on God’s green earth can you justify collecting a paycheck if your main character has a “checkered past” and helps people. “Shit, Mark! You gotta help me,” a young FOX writer screams into the phone. “I have to pitch a new show to the execs and I spent the whole month in a coke haze. What do we have if we yank the mullet off of Renegade?”

NUMB3RS
CBS 8, 10:00 P.M.

I know I’m going to have to watch this. Everyone is going to say, “You know what show you should write about?” To complement my inbox filled with Spam, the cracked windshield in my

truck, and a nasty case of jock itch, CBS has introduced *Numb3rs*. What happens if you mix the movie *Pi* with the hit television series *CSI*? You get rubber dog shit in a waffle cone.

BLUE COLLAR TV
WB 5, 9:30 P.M.

With simulated testicles already dangling from the rear bumper of his Nissan pickup, Eddie wonders what else he can add to his pickup to give him that “well-rounded, Renaissance man” look. He scours the swap meets, but Calvin pissing on things has already been done to death. Finally, after searching tirelessly on the Internet, he finds a die-cut sticker website that’ll ship out a “Git ’Er Done” full-window decal. He can hardly sleep the night before it’s supposed to arrive by UPS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

HENRY’S FILM CORNER
IFC, 3:30 A.M.

Hi, I’m Henry Rollins. You may remember me from such timeless, big-screen classics as *Jack Frost*, *The New Guy*, and *Mace Griffin, Bounty Hunter*. Welcome to my “corner” where I complain about bad movies. Be sure to tune in next month for my new series, where I bitch about aging rock-star film critics. I mean, c’mon. Who do these people think they are? I AM HENRY ROLLINS! OBEY ME! OBEY!

SNOW DOGS (2002)
ABC 10, 8:00 P.M.

Michael Bolton, Sisqo, and Cuba Gooding Jr. are in a movie about sledding through Alaska. Are you shitting me? Are producers just pulling random names and scenarios out of a hat? I don’t remember seeing this in theaters or the movie store; it must’ve been released directly to Beta.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

AMERICA’S UGLIEST BATHROOM
TLC 36, 8:00 P.M.

With all the shit going on in the world I feel dirty watching shows like this. Little Klai-Klai from Bangkok has to piss in an alley behind the shed where she lives, and her job at the Ralph Lauren factory doesn’t pay enough for drinking water, so she drinks out of a puddle. Here I



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am, some kind of toilet gazer, watching how a family in East Jesus, Nevada, has the “ugliest” heated indoor bathroom. Oh, those poor fuckin’ people and their ugly bathroom.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

WHEN SURGICAL TOOLS GET LEFT BEHIND
DHC 73, 6:00 P.M.

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UFO FILES
HIST, 8:00 P.M.

I can’t stop watching *UFO Files*. I watch to gather data on an untapped market. These people not only believe anything, they wholeheartedly defend their crackpot ideas against anything factual. I’m going to show up to a UFO convention with a bag of magical assholes and start the bidding at \$10,000.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BRING IT ON AGAIN (2004)
USA 2, 9:00 P.M.

This shows how impotent my rantings are. One week I rail against those who clutter the airwaves with *Bring It On*. And the next week they put on *Bring It On Again*. As if they read this column and said, “Oh, yeah? Stick this in your pipe and smoke it, you little curmudgeon.” Swell.

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