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IS LOCKED UP

During the two days that the jury deliberated, the rest of the world seemed on freeze-frame, and I spoke with no one besides Dee's mom. We spent the time on uncomfortable wooden benches outside the doors to Department 17. Through the Vista Courthouse windows, we could see the TV news trucks raising transmitters and the makeup flunkies prettying up local newscasters, who never failed to grandstand for the final moments of a high-profile murder trial. Few of these "journalists" had attended any of the trial itself.

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Jeannette's Intent?

Re: "They Hopped Trains," February 3. Is it the intention of the author Jeannette De Wyze to make us feel sorry for people who break into our country while using false documentation? I'm not buying it.

Gnat Arson via e-mail

Hypocritical Best

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..." is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. The cover article ("They Hopped Trains," February 3) by Jeannette De Wyze shows this nation at its hypocritical best: kids wanting to escape hell are sent right back to hell, as we "celebrate freedom and honor justice."

Name Withheld

Eye-Opener

Thanks for running the article about kids trying to enter the U.S. ("They Hopped Trains," February 3).

Over the last two-plus years my wife and I have been helping a 50-year-old who was caught at the border, and seeing what these people go through was an eye-opening experience. The CCA detention facility the article mentions was a nightmare and not just for him but also for us every time we attempted to see him (we couldn't, even with an appointment), mail him a letter, or communicate in any way. (You can't phone inmates there, and they can phone out only if they have money to pay for the call, but sending the money in to them is very iffy. If you violate any of a number of unspecified rules such as, say, including mailing labels or stamps, nothing will be delivered.) Even so, his sworn statement was that he'd prefer to stay there until he died rather than be sent back to his home country.

The merits of his case

were clear, but without the excellent lawyer we located for him he would not have won political asylum and would not be a free man today, working hard to rebuild his life. I know this country can't take in every hard-luck case in the world, and I'm not saying we should make it easy for people to come in illegally. But as long as human rights and rule of law are jokes elsewhere, there will be no end of stories like his and the ones of the children in your article. Anyone who's curious can hang around the outside of the Federal Building on nights when inmates are going to be released. Talk to the friends and relatives who are waiting there, having posted bond and jumped through all the necessary hoops. You'll hear some stories to remember. And then think of all the ones who have no supporters.

> Steve Gallup Sorrento Hills

Intercourse Is Close To Virginville

This is in response to Josh Board's February 3 article titled "Intercourse Wine" ("Crasher"). He says it's a weird name for a wine. That's because it's made in Intercourse, Pennsylvania, which is close to Virginville, and I'm not lying. There really are towns like that in Amish country: Intercourse and Virginville.

Barbara Behrle Rancho Peñasquitos

Cringing Electrician

Re "City Lights," "A Lot of People Get Electrocuted" (January 27). As a retired electrician, I cringe when I see atrocious violations (by California codes) nearly everywhere in Tijuana. Your stolen-service article brings up a point — how much of a fine or jail time does each thief get for this federal crime? Or do they just replace the wires after the inspectors are gone and go on their merry way? And five deaths per year seemed low. Thank you — someone else notices these things and even writes about them.

> Fred Conwell via e-mail

Snotty Josh

Why did Josh Board attend the Al Kooper show he wrote about in "Blurt," January 27? He makes as many misstatements as there are

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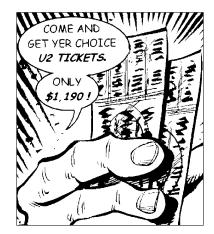
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Last Wednesday, a mayor

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Hit the road, Jack Ex-San Diego city manager Jack McGrory has been sued for divorce



by **Cheryl**, his wife of nearly 20 years. McGrory's controversial relationship with the Padres, for whom he went to work as a lobbyist and allaround Mr. Fix-It after helping the Chargers get their ticket guarantee, plays a role in the case. "Respondent is Jack McGrory 54 years old and currently employed as an executive

vice president with Price Entities/Price Legacies," Cheryl said in an August declaration. "Respondent has been so employed since 1997, except for a oneyear hiatus when he worked for the San Diego Padres. Prior thereto, Respondent was the city manager for the City of San Diego. Respondent receives a monthly salary of \$41,034.16. Also I believe he receives bonuses, options, and other valuable perquisites from his employment." The couple, who live in La Jolla and have three children (their daughter is a sophomore at USC), will be splitting their wheels, according to Cheryl: "I am the primary driver of the 2004 BMW 325. Respondent has been the primary driver of the 2004 Lexus." According to a statement filed by McGrory, he anticipates an eventual agreement "concerning the division of mutual property." So far, though, according to the filing, the case is still on, with the next hearing set for April.

R.I.P., not They say you can't take it with you, but try telling that to Helen Copley, who not only evidently took her cash with her to the grave but is giving it away from there. According to campaigndisclosure forms recently filed by the California Re-



Helen Copley

publican Party, "Helen Coplev" of the Union-Tribune Publishing Company contributed \$15,000 on September 22 of last year. That was almost a month after the 81year-old publishing dowager's death on August 25. The day before Copley made her contribution, son David, who now controls the news-

paper chain, was listed as giving the same amount ... The campaign committee of late San Diego city councilman Charles Lewis, who died August 8 while under indictment in connection with the

Cheetahs strip-club bribery scandal, turned over the bulk of its leftover cash, \$6651, to San Diego State University's Campanile Foundation, whose chairman, local beer magnate Ron Fowler, was a big Lewis booster. (According to the county medical examiner, Lewis died of cirrhosis.) Among other chari-



table activities, Campanile boardmember Malin Burnham paid for the posh official residence of SDSU president **Stephen Weber**.

Crime pays Friends and relatives of **William D. Lynch**, the San Diego County airport authority boardmember, have been providing legal fees to

Lynch's indicted board mate, San Diego city councilman and Cheetahs defendant Ralph Inzunza. Scott Himmelstein, a longtime Lynch business associate, gave \$250, as did Lynch's son Michael and his wife Tiffany. Pardee Homes' VP $\boldsymbol{John\,Osgood}$ of San Marino also maxed out,



along with Pardee's Elizabeth Fischer of Solana Beach. The Inzunza fund paid criminal defense attorney Mike Pancer a total of \$5000 ... Cornerstone Strategies, that campaign-consulting outfit with close ties to ex-state senator Steve Peace, made a total of \$124,287 from the assembly campaign of Lori Saldaña, which dropped its previous advisor, campaign veteran Larry Remer, after his federal indictment in August on corruption charges. But Remer wasn't left entirely out in the cold: in addition to his regular monthly \$2500 stipend from assemblyman Juan Vargas, who is challenging fellow Democrat Bob Filner for Congress, Remer's PG Graphics picked up \$9000 in late October from the Committee on Political Education of the San Diego Labor Council for campaign literature and "misc."

Out of hiding The moneymen behind that last-minute hit on San Diego mayoral candidate Donna Frye finally emerged early last week with the filing of the semiannual statement for the "Coalition to Keep San Diego Working," the committee that sponsored the mailing. Top givers: Mission Valley hotel magnate C. Terry Brown and wife Charlene, \$43,000; the San Diego Building Industry Association PAC, \$44,000; the San Diego Board of Realtors PAC, \$25,000; and the San Diego Restaurant Association, \$5000. All contributed around the last week of October. Frye backers have contended that the committee acted illegally by failing to disclose the identity of its contributors before the election; an ethics complaint is pending. Although **April Boling**, Mayor Dick Murphy's close friend and campaign treasurer, oversaw the finances of the coalition, many of its backers were loyalists of Murphy's other opponent, county supervisor Ron Roberts. Brown, for instance, in late October spent \$62,875 for polling and radio spots on behalf of Roberts. Republican Brown also gave \$25,000 to the local Democratic Central Committee, \$23,004 of which was spent on a mailer for San Diego city councilman **Scott Peters**, another Brown favorite ... City attorney Mike Aguirre has collected some postelection spare change from outof-town executives of CH2M Hill, the big Colorado-based civil engineering firm that has ongoing contracts with city hall. They include VP Thomas Peters of Laguna Beach, Southwest business development manager Margaret Ibison, and VP Gwendolyn Buchholz, both of a Denver suburb, who each gave \$250 on November 19.

- Matt Potter

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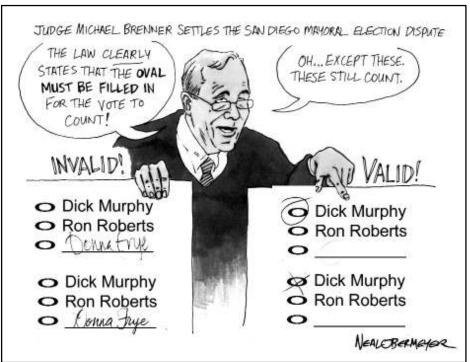
Weak Mayor, **Lots of Power**

By Don Bauder

nron by the Sea" is outdated. Next up: "Buffoonery by the Bay." In an attempt to attract industry and capital, the



Neal Obermeyer



Dick Murphy

(photo illustration)

Out and About

By Erinie Grimm

etween 2000 and 2003, the Metropolitan Transit Development Board closed down

Dial-A-Ride programs around the county.

As budget crunches hit, the transit board had to choose between cutting fixed busroute service or the Dial-A-Ride programs that operated with heavy subsidies.

Hard hit by the closures were nondriving seniors, particularly in East County, where there are fewer bus routes than in the city center, and taxi drivers are of-



Mary Dreibelbis

ten loath to make a long drive to pick up a senior for a short ride to the store.

Officials from the cities of El Cajon and La Mesa field daily phone calls from seniors inquiring about senior-ride programs. Their answer: we have no programs, and we don't know if we ever will. "That kind of program is extremely expensive," says Rachel Hurst of La Mesa's planning and development department. "You have to buy vans plus insure and maintain them, and then you have to pay drivers. That's a lot of money, money that a small city like ours just doesn't have."

But in the North County, the city of Vista is in the fifth year of a senior-ride program called Out and About that operates on the modest annual budget of \$57,000. The program got started, says Mary Dreibelbis, manager of Vista's Gloria McClellan Senior Center, with a combination of



political will and favorable circumstances. "[Our] local senior commission — seven members appointed by our city council — they put a lot of...I won't say pressure, but strongly encouraged city staff to do something in the community about senior transportation.

"About the same time," Dreibelbis continues, "Aging and Independence Services — they are part of the county of San Diego aging department — had small amounts of money to help with [senior] transportation. They wanted us to help them go grocery shopping and those kinds of things, so we did it on a very small basis. It was \$11,000. At the same time, the City of Vista gets federal block-grant money called community-development block grants, or CDBGs, which all the cities and counties get from the federal government. That committee had also designated transportation for seniors a very high priority, but they didn't receive any grant proposals that address that issue. But they knew we were doing it on a small scale through the senior center, and so they said, 'Okay, we've got...\$22,000. Are you able to come up with a proposal?' We did, and it mushroomed from there."

Before they launched Out and About, Dreibelbis & and other Vista officials 👼 looked around for a program after which she could model the Vista version. She found one 60 miles north. "We did a lot of surveys," she recalls, "and we



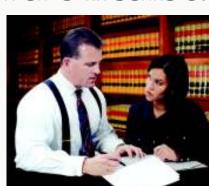
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wanted all along: a strongmayor structure, but a pliant mayor whom they control. It looks as if they have what they want: Malleable Mayor Murphy, loser in the vote, but winner in the court.

The transition to strong mayor takes place in a hurry — the first of next year. "They should have made the transition three or four years, as other cities have done," says civic activist Norma Damashek.

Ah, but an orderly phasein would not have suited the corporate-welfare crowd's purposes. In March of 2003,

Murphy suddenly decided he wouldn't run again. The overlords talked him out of it, and he ran in 2004, and made it, although losing the popular vote. Bang! Bang! Weak mayor, lots of power.

CITY LIGHTS

History is strewn with examples of befuddled monarchs manipulated by a Rasputin or Cardinal Richelieu. Trouble is, San Diego's overlords are hardly pulling this caper off artfully.

The nabobs who pushed and bankrolled the strongmayor system, John Moores and Malin Burnham, are now putting up \$125,000 to hire a consultant, Rand Corp., to facilitate the changeover.

"He who pays the piper

calls the tune," chuckles Mel Shapiro, the civic activist who led the fight against the strong-mayor system but was outspent 10 to 1. "They want to call the tune."

Oh, no, the overlords insist. The Rand study will be "in the best interest of the city," claims George Mitrovich, courtier to the downtown establishment. What's really scary is that Mitrovich might even believe his own rhetoric.

"Nobody is going to influence [Rand] about what the final product is," insists Burnham. Gulp. Does he not understand the immutable but unspoken relationship between consultants and those paying their

bills? Or does he think the public doesn't understand?

"The city council seems to be suspicious" of the Moores/Burnham arrangement with Rand, says Frye. Despite the council's uncharacteristic flash of discernment, it hasn't discussed what it really wants in a consultant, she says. She doesn't think it's a good idea to have two different consulting groups making recommendations, with one of the consultants funded by the people who touted and paid for the initiative.

The potentates went all out to sway public opinion and the court — against Frye. It was amusing. Writing in the Union-Tribune January 28, attorney Dan Stanford said that "Frye received so few votes - substantially less than the voting populous [sic]." He must have meant "populace," a noun, not "populous," an adjective.

Also on January 28, one Chris Niemeyer wrote in the Transcript that "special-interest money" was behind the efforts for Frye. But who is Niemeyer? He is the executive director of the Lincoln Club, a Republican political action group — that is, a quintessential "special interest group," and a wellheeled one.

But the Lincoln Club didn't stop there. Its chairman, Robert Watkins, was one of three people behind a fatuous "friends of the court" brief filed to influence the judge. The brief recycled the tired arguments that Frye should never have been on the ballot.

Was it a "friends of the court" or "friends of the judge" brief? The judge, H. Michael Brenner, is a Republican. The brief was an attempt "to signal to the judge that the Republican establishment is horrified by a vision of Donna Frye as their strong mayor," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson, who filed one of the pro-Frye suits and who is himself a Republican.

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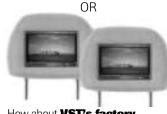


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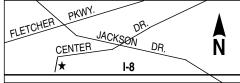
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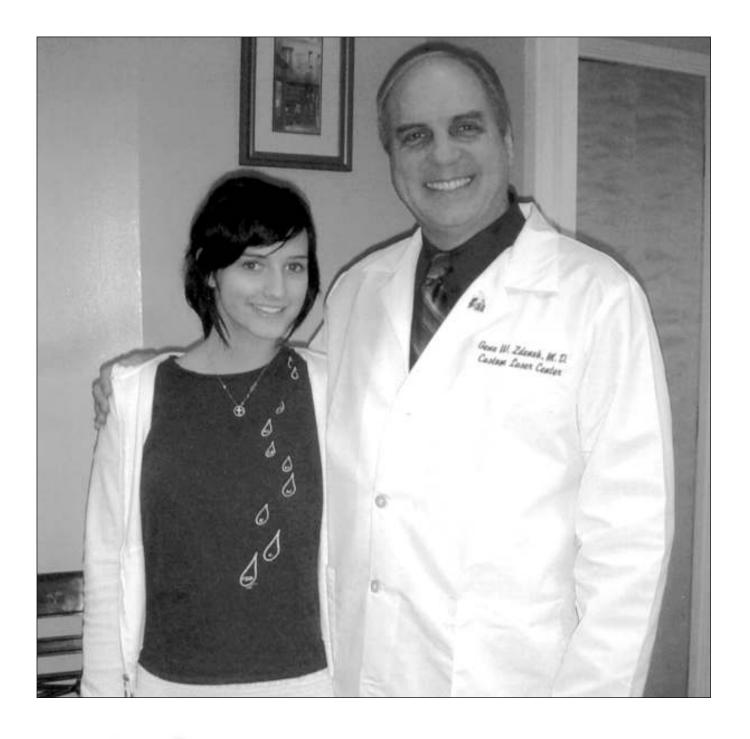


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ment wants a mayor who can be manipulated. "They want a puppet," says Henderson. "The problem is that they have a dysfunctional puppet."

And with the revelation about the letter, the dvsfunctionality will intensify. On April 29, 2002, Richard H. Vortmann, a member of the city's pension board, and also a member of the blueribbon committee, wrote his fellow panel members, along with some bureaucrats, and noted in his first paragraph, "As you might recall, my redraft of Chairman Joe's initial draft was relative [sic] harsh in its appraisal of the city's fiscal health."

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'Chairman Joe" was Joe Craver, chairman of the blue-ribbon committee and also chairman of the Public Facilities Financing Authority that was issuing the ballpark bonds. This is cozy double duty typical of San Diego politics but was not widely noted at the time. The bonds came out in February of 2002, as did the committee's report to a citycouncil panel. The bond prospectus did not report the pension system's deepening deficits. The committee's report, delayed several months until the ballpark financing was completed, warned of pension risks, but erroneously stated that the system was 97 percent funded.

But in his letter, Vortmann was having second thoughts. Things weren't going so well, particularly with the pension system. Despite the burden on future taxpayers, "There appears a chance the city will grant further pension benefits this year," he complained. "The city's fiscal health is not what it appears; there are serious problems; their solutions will be painful in terms of reduced services and/or increased taxes and fees."

Prescient, that. It took

the city until January of 2004 to admit it.

One sentence in the Vortmann letter is a smoking gun: "The city's unstated [italics mine] concern of the ball-park financing and any impact to the city's credit rating in general are now behind us," he wrote.

"This committee, made up of the mayor's camp followers, obviously had concerns about the effect that this huge bond offering at this huge interest rate would have on the city, but they preferred not to state it," says attorney Stanley Zubel, who tried unsuccessfully to block the bonds' issuance because the terms violated what voters had approved. "Murphy got elected because he said he would make sure the ballpark wouldn't be financial suicide. If it's not financial suicide, it sure as hell didn't help the patient."

Committee members were "pressured and manipulated by the city into keeping quiet about the fact that city finances were veering dangerously out of control," says Carl DeMaio, head of the Performance Institute, an efficient-government think tank. "It's a close-knit circle trying to cover their rear ends - wink, wink, nod, nod. If they are not culpable, at least they are the enablers."

"The good news is that the blue-ribbon folks in 2002 understood how truly

bad things would be if the city did another underfunding deal," says pensionboard whistle-blower Diann Shipione. "The bad news is that they stood by mute as

man of the commission, said that she and Vortmann had gloomy projections while other committee members had rosy ones. The end product was the consensus. Meanwhile, the committee got incomplete information from the auditor's office.

smartest persons in San Diego. I don't think she was hoodwinked," says DeMaio. So much for San Diego's smart money. ■

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Not just anybody can be a volunteer driver in the Vista program. They need to be 60 or older. "And they are screened," Dreibelbis says. "They have to submit their drivers' licenses and insurance information, and they go through a screening process. They are required to have insurance to be a volunteer for us, but then the city provides additional insurance through their big umbrella of insurance, and it doesn't cost the city much at all. I think last year it was \$200 to cover all of the drivers that we have.'

Eliane McClenon, 67, is one of the volunteer drivers in Vista's Out and About program. In a soft voice, she says over the phone, "I like to volunteer, and I live kind of close by the senior center. I was already volunteering for the senior center when I heard about the rides program, so I thought I would give it a try."

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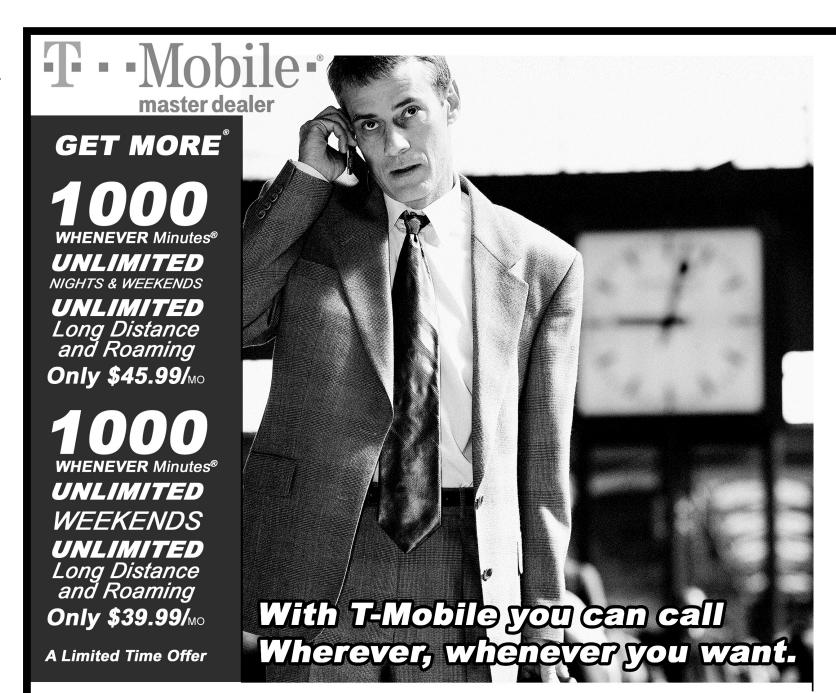
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store. Then you drop them off at home, and they are usually quite happy with the service."

Seventy-six-year-old retired chef George Voymant is another driver for the Out and About program.

He got started after he "read an advertisement for it in the paper sometime ago." Voymant gives rides to fellow seniors in his Nissan Maxima "sometimes one day a week, sometimes three or four." He takes part in the program because "It gives me something to do." But he also finds satisfaction in helping those who can't help themselves. "I have a poor woman," Voymant says, "she has to go to dialysis three times a week.

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program a step further than the Riverside program. In addition to the volunteer drivers, "We have three buses and a sevenpassenger van," Dreibelbis

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Monday through Friday, the van and 16 to 20 passenger buses drive around Vista picking up housebound seniors for "doctor visits, grocery shopping,

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things such as the farmers' market. And what has happened over time is that a social component really started to develop. Now on Fridays they all pick a place, and they go to lunch together on the buses."

"It is a marvelous program," says 74-year-old Betty Devasier, who rides on the Out and About buses two or three times a week. "I stopped driving last year. I had been so independent for so many

years, I thought, 'Oh, dear, what am I going to do now?' But this program has been life-changing for me.

"We go grocery shopping on Wednesday," Devasier continues, "and then on Friday we go to Wal-Mart, and then after all the shopping is done, we have lunch somewhere. It is fun. You just could not imagine, nor in my opinion could you meet, any nicer people. And when they drop me off at home, the driver takes my packages, puts them on my porch or driveway for me...Oh, I almost forgot, they will take you to the movies in the afternoon."

Though a chunk of the program's \$57,000 budget is devoted to paying parttime drivers — who need class B drivers' licenses and make \$10 per hour — for the shuttle buses, that is the only vehicle-related cost. Maintenance is done by City of Vista mechanics, and the vans themselves have been awarded to the program through grants. A new 16-passenger bus with a wheelchair lift, bought with a grant from the state Department of Transportation, is on order. "We are very fortunate," Dreibelbis says, "because the city of Vista assists us through their vehicle-maintenance department. They help mechanically, when there is anything that breaks down, and that is where we fuel, that is where we get tune-ups, all those kinds of things, so that saves us money."

have made presentations to other cities — including Santee, Poway, and Escondido - on how to get senior-ride programs up and running. In her presentations she shares anecdotes: "One lady, her daughter lived in Alpine, so she obviously couldn't be shuttling her mother everywhere, and she was watching her mother rapidly decline. Though the mother § had been very healthy when she stopped driving, the depression was setting in because she was within four walls all the time. But she started to use our service, and little by little she completely blossomed because 2005 she was getting out and 35 about." ■

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



BY MATTHEW ALICE

Dear Matthew Alice:

tion by Rick Geary

Every time I watch the show Cops, I wonder why the arrestees would consent to being on TV. There is a disclaimer at the beginning that says, "All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," but that can't possibly make it legal to exploit people this way, can it? If not, why would they consent? And why don't the "suspects" question the fact that they are being filmed during their arrest?

— Nancy in Carlsbad

Don't do the crime if you can't handle the publicity. Rule number one in the felon's guide to life. If the authorities catch you crawling into somebody's house through the dog door or carrying out jewelry and appliances in a bedsheet, you've got a lot of 'splainin' to do. And it's all public record. You, law-abiding citizen Nancy, might have an expectation of privacy in, say, your own bedroom; anybody who ambushes you there with a camera couldn't air the tapes without your permission. A criminal certainly hopes he'll have privacy when he's rifling through your dresser drawers; but if the cops bust in on him with camera and sound crews, privacy laws won't protect him. No signed release needed because as a suspect in a crime, he's now a public figure

A trickier question was recently answered by the California Supreme Court. Say that back in your misguided young adulthood you committed a crime, and it was documented by one of the dozens of true-crime TV shows — Cops, Forensic Files, City Confidential, American Justice, The Prosecutors, The Investigators, Psychic Detectives, Body of Evidence, True Stories of the FBI.... So you do your time and turn your life around. Now you're a solid citizen. But TV loves a rerun (film it once, air it a thousand times, make big profits), and 15 years later you still see your felonious face on the tube, all the ugly details of your crime spelled out as if it had been committed last week. Will the courts help you stop the network from airing the show and ruining your new, improved reputation? Unfortunately, no. Public record is public record forever and ever.

Неу

I've always wondered about the Subaru six-star logo. What's the deal? Is it a constellation?

— Tad. the net

It's a star cluster in the constellation Taurus. We call it the Pleiades. It's actually a seven-star cluster, but one isn't usually visible with the unaided eye. In Western mythology, we describe the cluster as sisters being chased through the sky by the constellation Orion, the Hunter. Is this the manufacturer's way of saying Subarus are good for picking up girls? In Japan the cluster is associated with times of sowing and reaping. Reaping heaps of American cash, no doubt. But the truth is, Subaru is one of five companies that banded together to form a group called Fuji Heavy Industries. Some poetic CEO picked the Pleiades as an appropriate symbol for the union

Hello:

My dad has had a broken hip which he recuperated from with the basic surgery. Recently he sets off the alarms as he goes out of most every store. His hip surgery was about two years ago, and this alarm setting off just started in the last few months. Do you have any ideas why this might be occurring? I would think that if the pins they inserted broke, he would not be walking around

— Monica, the net

Yikes. Hope Dad isn't planning any plane trips in the near future. News reports suggest that people smuggling hip replacements and other orthopedic hardware is an increasing problem for the Homeland Security squad at airports. Since they have to investigate every alarm, guards waste time looking for secreted Uzis when the culprit is just a titanium ankle pin. Even the Secretary of Transportation was pantsed at the airport at Washington because of an implant. Staff quack Dr. Doctor doesn't believe Dad's new magnetic attraction is related to any change in his medical situation, unless he's lost a lot of weight since the surgery. The deeper the implant, the less likely it is to set off alarms.

Security gates work by sending out a series of magnetic pulses from one side of the device, with detection circuitry on the other side. If the pulse is interrupted by metal, the detection circuitry figures something is wrong and sets off the alarm. The higher the pulse rate, the more sensitive the device. Dr. Doctor suggests that it's changes in the sensitivity of store alarms that are catching Dad, not changes in his implant. We've snooped around the security-alarm biz in the past and found that even industry insiders admit the devices vary in quality and accuracy. It's common for orthopedic surgeons to give their implant patients identity cards to show law enforcement that they're semibionic, not a threat to national security. That won't stop the alarms, but it might keep Dad out of the slam.

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Sporting Box By Patrick Daugherty

White Crane Spreads Its Wings One Year Later

t's been 12 months since I wrote a column about taking up Tai Chi Ch'aun. I promised to report back after a year.

The teacher, Sifu Yee Yuen, is somewhere between 75 and 100. He's been practicing Tai Chi Ch'aun for 60 years here and in China. He's small, maybe five feet tall, bald, has a slight belly, and speaks with a Chinese accent. I take lessons from him and his ex-wife.

Classes are held in a city park. Students gather at 8:00 a.m. We close our eyes and stand in place for 30 minutes. This is a meditation called zhan zhuang. Then, we stretch, warm up, and begin practicing movements for an hour. Tai Chi Ch'aun long form has three sections and 108 movements. Section 1 has 17 movements, section 2 has 38 movements, and section 3 has 53. Last year I wrote, "At first, the movements seem pretty simple. I can't do them, but I can see, given time, how I could perform a passable facsimile.

Oh, braggadocio of oblivious youth! It took ten months to get through section 1. Your mileage will vary. When I say, "get through," I mean, able to slog my way from beginning to end in the grossest possible manner. I mean, rough cut, Hippo-in-Ballet-Shoes-Attempting-Fouette Turn. This is falling, lurching from one foot to the next, moving twice too fast, not thinking of breath or intention or chi or moving energy in tight circle-eights from left heel to right ball of foot to right heel to left ball of foot — those things are five years off — but merely pushing, make that, shoving feet, arms, and torso in a cloddish approximation of Sufi Yee Yuen. Ten months, one section; the shortest

Seven months ago I started going to more classes, four per week, to get over the hump. This is a good deal more regularity than I'm used to. Three of those classes are 8:00 a.m. classes, which means I get up at 6:30 a.m. on those days, and considering that sleeping in is one of the most valuable trophies a writer possesses, 6:30 a.m. says more than one might, at first, surmise. And that wasn't enough. So, I began practicing by myself two days a week.

Six days a week. I don't know why.

I like how practical and self-evident the practice is. When Yee Yuen does White Crane Spreads its Wings or Return to Mountain or

Needle to the Bottom of the Sea or Wave Hands Through Clouds or Snake Creeps Low in super slow motion, perfectly controlled, one movement effortlessly flowing into the next (you cannot see a beginning or an end to any one of them), well, either you can do that or you can't. There is no quibble to be had.

I don't know the other students; I say hello to three or four. I've had, maybe, a half dozen afterclass conversations, but only about the usual blah-blah and none lasting more than ten minutes. It's not a jolly group.

Turns out the world of Tai Chi is like the other worlds humans create. I have listened to stories about some of the great masters and their smoking, drinking, fornicating, power grabbing, money grubbing, back stabbing — acting exactly like the rest of us. Becoming an expert in Tai Chi Ch'aun doesn't make you a good person; or more precisely, for some it does, for some it doesn't. There's no telling what it will do for you.

In terms of physical health and well being, after a considerable investment of time and energy, I can say I feel better than when I started, something I began to notice a couple months back. Not much better, but I have more energy, more lightness, a happier mood, just enough to know it's real. An equivalent amount of time spent in a gym or on a track, on a bicycle, would have returned greater improvements.

I will not live long enough to get good at this. One master said that it takes doing the long form, left and right side, seven or eight times a day for 50 years before one is truly competent. Even allowing for a master's braggadocio, I will fall decades short.

So, there it is. I don't know what's going to happen. I might quit this week. I might practice seven days a week. I have no plan. In fact, I don't have a hint. But I must own, between you and me, that there is something about Tai Chi, something I have not been able to name, that calls to me. I hate that. Hate not knowing its name.

Cheng Man Ching, poet, calligrapher, painter, tui shou and swordplay master, wrote ...but this is still a secret, do not speak of it, do not announce it to others, or even to yourself. Only stand, and move, and breathe, letting go, let the great thing happen...by itself."

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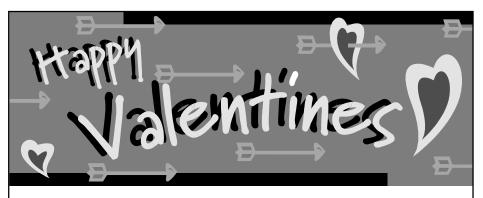


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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

"Traditional churches are

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Over 1350 pastors and church leaders from around the world attended a pastors convention in San Diego last week. The dual National Pastors Convention and the EmergentYS Convention were held at the Town & Country Resort in Fashion Valley. This year, nearly half of the attendees came to participate in the EmergentYS Convention focused on the growing emergent movement in the Christian church.

The emergent movement has been called a reaction against the traditions of mainline Christian churches. The goal of the movement is to deconstruct these traditions and refocus on what it means to live true to scripture. This movement continues to gather followers and influence in America, Brian McLaren, one of the movement's statesmen, was named one of the top 25 most influential evangelical Christians in America, according to the February 7 issue of Time magazine.

At the convention, McLaren and other leaders in the movement taught sessions, such as: "They Like Jesus but Not the Church"; "How to Change Your Church without Killing It"; "The Church in Transition"; and "No Perfect People Allowed: Creating Church Culture for the Postmodern World."

I spoke to a number of local attendees about their thoughts on the mainline church, the emerging church, and what they believed.

The Christian Church has to sober up. The

church in general is in a bit of a drunken arrogant stupor. We feel like we have arrived. Christians have a belief that we are superior to everyone else in our rightness," said Garret Akerson. Akerson, a former youth pastor, lives in Oceanside, . where he attends Saddleback Church.

"Too many Christians are concerned with heaven and hell," stated Akerson. "It is a lot more important to be like God. My view of hell is that it is not an actual place. There is no lake of fire or partying with the devil. We all are on a journey. If you choose God, you will be with

Him. If not, you will cease to exist.

"Scripture is best seen as a case study or storybook; it should not be read like a code book or a science manual," Akerson continued. "The Bible speaks about how God had a relationship with the people. He has been misrepresented by the Christian community. A lot of Christians hold to an Old Testament view, 'God will strike you down' type of attitude.

Matt Mills started an experimental café church. He attended the convention to participate in the discussion regarding the future of the church. "People say they want to reach out to the unbeliever. The vast majority are just spiritual baby-sitting. Their churches end up reaching out to people raised in a Christian environment," said Mills, At Mills's café gatherings, the people don't identify with any religion or church. "They are actually hostile towards church," Mills remarked. "I create an environment for people to interact in a spiritual way. We host community groups for the people that live in the local neighborhood.

I asked Mills what a person has to do to get to heaven. "Heaven is an afterthought. Heaven isn't a 401(k) program where we cash out. Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, agnostics, witches can all be saved. Your religion isn't going to save you. It is your relationship with the ultimate being. Christianity is not what most people think it is. A lot of Christians don't know God. These Christians are the Pharisees that Christ fought against," said Mills. "I believe a person will move toward the Christian ideal of becoming like the nature and essence of Christ. There are ways of moving toward that and moving away from

that. I have faith God will do the converting of people. We all are converting to what God is.

Shawn Beaty is the senior pastor at North Hills Church in Oceanside. Pastor Beaty calls North Hills Church a replant. One-and-a-half years ago, North Hills took over an older, traditional church that was once a thriving church that had since dwindled. Forty people started with North Hills, which has since grown to 120.

Beaty considers himself emerging, but still holds to traditional Christian beliefs. "I believe you have to accept Jesus Christ and that He died for our sins." I asked Beaty what happens if someone doesn't accept Jesus. "The Bible leaves that as a mystery. People usually believe [if one doesn't accept Jesus, that leads to] annihilation or eternal torment. I believe that people will perish. [As part of the emerging church], we are okay with not knowing everything. The traditional church has to know.

I asked Beaty his thoughts about theologians such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, and Jonathan Edwards. "These are guys that were used by God for their time. A lot of what they dealt with, such as Calvin and predestination, are no longer the issues of our time. In San Diego and the West, pluralism is the issue." Religious pluralism involves accepting all religions and beliefs as equal spiritual expressions. When asked what religious beliefs are wrong, Beaty replied, "I've always believed

if you begin slinging mud, you're going to get yourself dirty. There are enough errors that [Christians] have made that need to be corrected." Beaty reiterated his belief that to be saved, a person needs to accept Jesus as his

Glenn Murdock works in public relations for EmergentYS. Murdock lives in San Diego and attends The Flood, a local postmodern church. At The Flood, the church service includes concert ambience, loud music, dark lighting, and the ability to "ask questions, find answers, doubt, heal, learn there's total freedom." I asked

him about the emergent movement's scriptural beliefs. "Some people in the emergent movement are open to reinterpret everything, like how we view God and the Bible. However, most people believe the way we express our faith needs to change but the principles stay intact.'

Charlie Johnson works for the Church Resource Ministries (CRM) in Anaheim. The purpose of CRM is to develop leaders to strengthen and start churches worldwide. He spoke to me about the emerging church. "The philosophy of ministry in the emerging church is evolving and fluid. It changes with each new culture and time period so that we can be a tasty representation of Jesus," said Johnson. "Traditional churches are based on a culture that is 100 years old. The emerging church is much more relational, community-centered, with a holistic component, Traditional Christians often go to church in order to consume from a religious service. But, the emerging church is a gathering of people that participate in the work. The emerging churches use art, poetry, interpretive dance." At the convention, seminars on this included, "We Speak Art: Rituals and Celebrations from a New-Monastic Postmodern Tribe" and "Art Therapy and Prayer."

My last conversation was with Renee Altson, San Diego author of Stumbling Toward Faith, a book that deals with her faith struggles and the abuse she's experienced at the hands of the church. She spoke of her desire to find a church to call home. "I'm looking for a church that honors story, that holds a big God, and that creates a safe place for people to be human with one another.

– Drew E. Goodmanson

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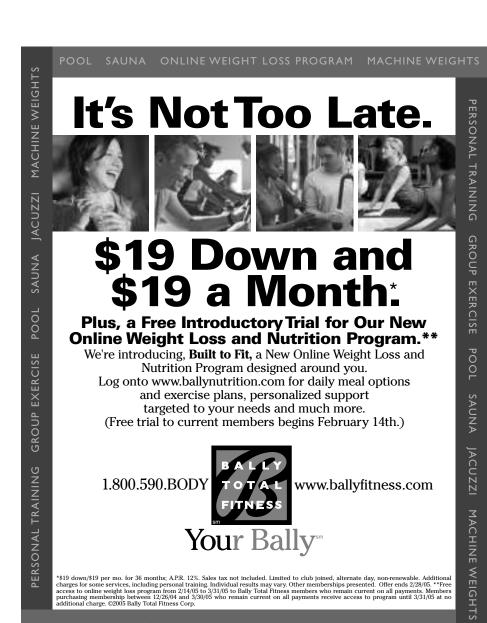
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I was invited to apply for a great-sounding job with a company in another state. I was told that they had a huge applicant pool and had narrowed scores of applications down to five "finalists." I was one of the finalists, so the company flew me out to be interviewed and paid all my expenses. I spent three days meeting with company honchos, making presentations, and being interviewed. I had to call in sick at my job here in San Diego to be able to make the trip, and because I had used up my sick time I had to sacrifice three days' pay. After a couple of weeks a representative of the company I had interviewed with called me and said that while everyone was impressed with me and I gave a great interview, they had decided to rescind the position. In other words, they weren't going to hire me or anyone else and the whole thing was a giant waste of time. I'm fuming. They advertised this in trade publications as a legitimate position. Shouldn't they compensate me for three days' worth of lost wages since I applied in good faith and it's not my fault they apparently weren't serious about this hire?

PISSED OFF IN NATIONAL CITY

Dear Pissed,

Sorry, but my contacts in the business world say you're out of luck. The company that flew you out wined and dined you and paid for the trip and that's all they were obliged to do. I know it may seem unfair, but I'm told it's not customary for them to compensate you for wages lost during your absence.

Dear Saffron,

Our son is in his 30s and has two sons of his own, 7 and 8. My husband and I are thrilled to have grandchildren. The only downside is that the two boys are not well behaved. They never say please or thank you and are frequently quite brusque. In my view, they push their parents around. Once, when I asked our son and daughter-in-law why they don't require the boys to be a bit more polite they said, "We're too tired." Last week my son and his family came over for Sunday brunch. I'd gone to quite a bit of trouble to make things I know the boys like and to give everyone a nice meal. The older boy shows up with iPod in hand, earphones in ears, and doesn't stop listening to music even at the table. The younger boy looks at the food and says in a whine, "I don't like any of this stuff. I'm going to watch TV" and gets up and leaves for the TV room. Then his older brother says, "This is boring. I want to watch TV too" and stands up to go. I told him to sit down and to please take the earphones out of his ears. Then I called his brother in from the

TV room and told them both I thought they were acting rudely and I would really appreciate it if they could sit down for a few minutes and have some breakfast and a little conversation with us before they rushed off to be hypnotized by the all-important TV. I wasn't yelling or anything but I was clearly unhappy with them. They looked really surprised and sat right down. The older boy apologized and both of them began to act a little more civilized. Later, after they'd gone, my husband said I shouldn't have chastised the boys. He feels that I usurped the parents' role — that it wasn't my place to reprimand our grandsons, however lightly. I disagree and think a grandparent can provide parental-type guidance once in a while, especially when she has been making biscuits, bacon, fruit salad, and omelets for everyone all morning and her grandsons are so ill-mannered they can't even sit at the table for a minute with their immediate family and enjoy it.

UP-IN-ARMS POWAY GRANNY

Dear Granny,

In your own house, at the brunch table, I think you are allowed to ask your grandsons to sit down and have human contact for a few minutes. It won't kill them. If your husband frets that your son and daughter-in-law took offense when you called the boys on their lame behavior, ask them. Explain your feelings and see what they have to say. When given the chance, the young ruffians rose to the occasion — which makes me think it was a fine idea and could maybe happen more often. Your grandsons should know and you might want to make a point of telling them — that you spoke as you did because you love them and craved a few crumbs of their company.

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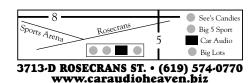


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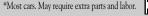




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Valentine's Day chez Kelly has always been a quiet, at-home affair. Patrick brings me flowers and dessert. I cook him dinner after the kids are in bed, and we break out the crystal candlesticks we got for our wedding. But this year, we'd been trading barbs; the daily grind has rubbed us raw. Something more was needed; something away from

the house. I scanned the immediate landscape for getaways; I wanted to leave Patrick dizzy with options.

Up in Temec-ula, David Bradley of California Dreamin' Balloon and Biplane Adventures (800-373-3359, www.california

dreamin.com) has teamed up with South Coast Winery Resort & Spa to offer a package deal. "It includes the balloon ride, a bottle of wine, and a room at South Coast in one of their villas. They have full amenities, including in-room Jacuzzis. We do our balloon flights in the morning because the wind comes through the valley in the afternoon. We serve coffee, hot chocolate, and croissants as the guests arrive. We start near the end of wine country, near Ponte Family Estates Winery, then go back through the valley from grapevine level to 2000 feet. The flight lasts about two-and-a-half hours. And standard with all our flights are tasting tickets for South Coast Winery." The package costs

\$395 for two, Sunday through Thursday, and \$445 Friday and Saturday. [Nonpackage balloon flights are available every day for \$130 per person. Open-cockpit biplane rides are also available for \$208 for two people.]

If two hours in a floating basket with his sparring partner was too much to contemplate, I could offer him a day on his own, on the links. Meanwhile, I could get spa'd. Neesha Lahiri at La Costa Resort & Spa (800-854-5000) was happy to oblige. "We've just undergone a renovation and opened a brandnew spa that was rated one of the top five in the nation, and we have two championship golf courses." The Destination La Costa package "starts at **\$210** per room.

It includes the room for two and your choice of a spa treatment or a round of golf per person." While Patrick took out his frustrations on a little white ball, I could soak in the spa's outdoor courtyard, "with a Roman waterfall massage. It's hot

water, just pounding on your shoulders." Lahiri then tempted me with Valentine's special spa treatments involving chocolate — a chocolate sugar exfoliation, a whipped chocolate body mask. Massages, wine, truffles, and roses rounded out the options; prices ran from \$140 to \$825 per

Even more than golf, however, Patrick loves to eat in restaurants. Stacy Long at the Westgate Hotel downtown told me about a Valentine's special that centered on the stomach. "The L'Amour package offered on FebruSomething more was needed, something away from the house.

ary 12 or 14 includes a one-night stay in a deluxe room (marble bathrooms, British wool carpets, French linens), Perrier-Jouet Champagne and chocolate truffles delivered to the room, American breakfast in bed for two, and a five-course dinner for two in the Le Fountainbleu restaurant. The menus are hisand-hers." For her: seared Hudson Valley foie gras, Dover sole filet with black winter truffles, strawberry-lavender sorbet, milk-

fed veal or seared Maine lobster tail. For him: grilled jumbo shrimp with Osetra caviar, roasted squab breast, lemon-thyme sorbet, New Zealand venison with Lady Gala apple or grilled snapper. We'd have to share dessert — a chocolate box filled with petits fours — and, of course, Patrick would have to put up with me taking smidgens from everything he got. "There will also be live music and a dance floor," said Long, stirring my hopes. Cost: \$465 per couple. (Reservations through Le Fountainbleu restaurant, 619-557-3655.)

If Patrick grumbled about such indulgence so close to tax time, I wanted to be ready for him. So I checked out some

less extravagant options. Nazar Major, owner of Live Oak Śprings Resort (619-766-4288), talked up

a mountain getaway. "When you drive to us, it's mostly shrubs, but Live Oak Springs is built on a Campo Creek aquifer. There are about 100 oak trees on the property. The cabins are two-story A-frames. Downstairs, there is a bedroom and a

bathroom with a Jacuzzi for two.' Upstairs, there is a balcony for taking in the view. "The cabins have fireplaces and all the other amenities: TV, VCR, DVD, microwave, and refrigerator. We have two specials right now. For \$99 a night during the week, you get the cabin and a full breakfast for two in the restaurant. For \$169, you can get breakfast for two, a massage for two in your room, and dinner for two. We serve everything from pizza to a two-inch steak; I've been the chef there for 22 years. It's the best deal in San Diego.

Finally, I put in a call to Timothy Elliott at the Palms at Indian Head in Borrego Springs (800-519-2624), hoping that Valentine's Day would see some flowers blooming in the desert. "There's been tons of rain this year," noted Elliott. "The desert floor is totally green, and it's the blooming season. We're set apart from the rest of the town; we're adjacent to Anza-Borrego National Park. People like to leave from here and go for hikes. We're a boutique hotel; we've got only 12 rooms on a 20-acre property. But we've got a huge pool. Some of the rooms are in the classic modern style, but the rooms by the end of the pool are more cozy. Still, there are no phones in the rooms, and only wind-up clocks." Room rates for February 14 range from \$129 to \$159 and include a conti-

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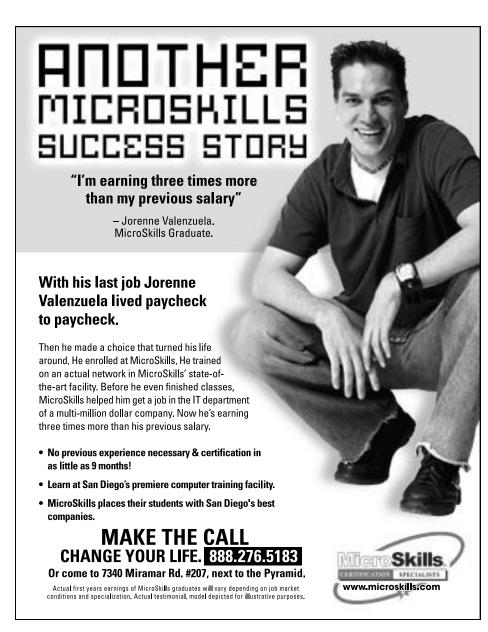


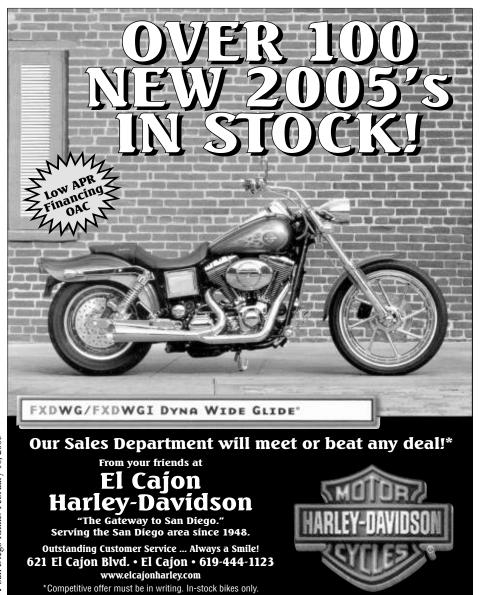
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Dear Matthew:

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— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice, February 13, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

I'd like to work with large animals or exotic animals. I'd like to be able to be the kind of veterinarian that goes up in a helicopter in Timbuktu and fixes a rhinoceros's leg or pulls a rhino's tooth

Valentina Attle, Accountant, El Cajon

— OFF THE CUFF: "WHAT HIDDEN TALENT WOULD

YOU LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR?" Lin Jakary,
February 14, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

When Perettie arrived at the dealership, salesmen at Frank Lincoln Mercury were not allowed to sell cars off the adjoining Frank Toyota lot. But Perettie got a customer one day who wanted a Toyota truck, so he sold him one. "I was breaking the rule," he admits. "So they changed the rule."

But nothing shook up Frank Motors like Perettie's "numbers." Before he arrived, no salesman at Frank had ever sold more than 16 cars in a month, Perettie sold 25. A few months later he sold 33.

— "LIFE IS A TEST DRIVE," Stephen Meyer, February 14, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Richard Schaefer...was one of 14 Southern California finalists in the January 26 "clerk's helper" contest held by the Ralphs supermarket chain in L.A. Schaefer agreed to reveal some of his techniques.

Produce should be layered according to its bruising ability. For example, apples go in first, then oranges, and on the top, tomatoes.

Soap, detergent, and other cleaning products are never bagged with food. "What if something breaks?" Schaefer asks.

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— CITY LIGHTS: "I LOVE IT WHEN YOU BAG,"

Brae Canlen, February 15, 1990

Ten Years Ago

But hey, I'll confess. It's not as if I never cared

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about O.J.'s, um, celebrity being, that I never paid direct attention to it. I never saw Bronko Nagurski, Red Grange, or Steve Van Buren — I'm not *that* old. The greatest running backs I've seen are 1. Gale Sayers; 2. Jim Brown; 3. O.J. If he'd played for a better team than the Buffalo Bills of the early '70s, his career would've had more statistical ballast, but in terms of basic field moves and such he would still be number three. Don't wanna fall in the tabloid trap of shit-for-logic, shit-for-evidence, but PERHAPS Jim Brown was some kind of role model (Sayers's career was too short to emulate). Jim went Hollywood, he was in his share of crummy movies, and fuggit, used to beat women. But one thing he never was was bland.

Let's face it: as football commentator, film actor, star of high-visibility commercials, O.J. was my-t-bland. You wanna take it a step further, he was exactly the sort of bland BLACK ex-jock TV is always hiring to be unoutspoken, undangerous.

— "BIGGEST TWEAK SINCE THE IRAQ WAR," Richard Meltzer, February 9, 1995

Five Years Ago

The thing is, duct tape was once called duck tape, so who's an idiot now? It could very well be that that honor goes to Tim and Jim, the Duct Tape Guys, who bring you Duct Tape on the Web (www.ducttapeguys.com). Jim and Tim, who are brothers-in-law and look like supporting cast members on an episode of Walker, Texas Ranger, came up with their idea for a federation of duct-tape enterprises one Christmas Eve when the power went out in the small Wisconsin town where they were having a family gathering. Jim said, "I bet I could fix this power outage with duct tape." The Duct Tape Guys have since authored three books documenting hundreds of uses for duct tape and launched this vast website. (By the way, Jim rips right, flattens left, and Tim rips left, flattens back-handed right.)

— SIGHTSEER: "HUNDREDS OF USES FOR DUCT

TAPE," Justin Wolff, February 10, 2000

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Crasher

FOR THE BIRDS

by Josh Board

lot of writers at the Reader don't go into the office much. With computers, we can all work from home and send in our work. It's a shame. None of that office camaraderie. Oh for those days you'd see in old movies: Everyone at a typewriter (manual, not electric). Hearing the clicking sounds. The bell ringing when you got to the end of a line. Pulling the paper out and sliding the next sheet in. A few people wearing fedoras with a "press" card tucked into the band. The sportswriter with a cigar hanging from his mouth. An editor running in and saying, "We have a deadline, damn it! Where are my stories?"

When I do go into the office, I always hope I can run into Duncan Shepherd, to tell him about his five last reviews I disagreed with.

The last time I was in the office I ran into Cruz Medina, who writes the questions for "Off the Cuff." We started talking, and he told me he was going to a few parties the following Saturday, and I could tag along.

Luckily, it was a weekend where I didn't get any other invites.

I went to his place in Mission Beach, and we cruised to the first party. We talked about



writing, and he had a lot of interesting stories. One was about running into Puck (from MTV's Real World) at the roller coaster in Belmont Park. Puck answered the "Off the Cuff" question but thought it was going to be an interview with just him, even wanting to have his picture taken on the roller coaster, instead of just a headshot.

Cruz told me the first party might be slower than my usual.

sor. He had a gray beard and was wearing sunglasses. He talked quietly and slowly while I was looking at this house, which had a '70s style. It reminded me of a scene from *Boogie Nights*. This guy was the Burt Reynolds char-

and thought he wouldn't look as tough with his glasses on. So he got prescription sunglasses, but everyone always commented on him wearing them indoors. This guy didn't understand and explained how he had to wear them to see, that they were prescription lenses, etc. And after his 20-minute explanation, he started talking about birds. Cruz looked at me and said, "I'm going to get a beer."

I was stuck listening to the professor's long diatribe about how they used to have 10,000 species of birds and now they hardly get any. I tried to be funny by saying, "I'd like that.

They wouldn't wake me up in the morning and wouldn't crap on my car." He didn't laugh. He said, "I loved to hear them singing in the morning. My wife and I love to go birdwatching and hear the various varieties." He continued, telling me how he has talked to the city to find out what the problem was and why the birds have all disappeared. Cruz made it back just in time to be forced to go outside with us.

Our host wanted to show us his back yard. It was long and on top of a canyon. He had a few birdbaths and many birdhouses and bird feeders. We were walking through bushes and trees, as he pointed out the varieties of birds that he's seen. I wished I had a machete. Cruz apologized to me, as if this were his crazy father that we had to deal with and I was the fiancé marrying into the family.

We made it back inside the house after 20 minutes when Cruz hinted with "It's kind of cold out here, since you took our jackets when we first came in." We wiped the mud off our feet and made it safely inside to the chips and beer.

As we talked to some other writers Cruz knew, we could hear this professor telling the same bird story to others who had shown up. I asked, "What do you

"I will remember that you are the second prettiest of the Rachels."

It was thrown by a professor at SDSU, who teaches a writing class — a fiction writers' workshop, I think. His house was near State.

We walked in with bottles of Corona and met this profes-

acter, a porn producer. I mentioned that to Cruz and he laughed. He then asked the professor about wearing sunglasses at night (hey, that would make a good song title). Cruz mentioned being a wrestler in high school





think his favorite Hitchcock movie is?"

One guy who didn't drink went into the kitchen for something called mead. It was fermented honey with sweet apple cider, mulled with spices. When his wife asked him if he liked it, he said, "Well, it's not terrible."

Another guy who showed up was a Red Sox fan. He had the shirt on and was talking about having finals at SDSU during the World Series. "I was taking so much speed just to be able to finish my classes and tests and staying up to watch all the games."

He was with a cute blonde girl who was quiet. I told Cruz they seemed to be an odd couple. He said they were just friends. When we got her talking about movies, I was surprised at how much she knew about the older classics. Although she disagreed with me on *Mystic River* (she hated it) and some of the more current films.

I walked by the window for the canyon view and heard the professor saying, "We had house finches and mockingbirds. Now we have no birds at all."

His CD collection was all classical CDs (as was the music playing). There was some nice artwork on the walls and a lot of bird things on the shelves. On the Hitchcock theme, I won-

dered if this guy would have a collection of stuffed birds the way Anthony Perkins did in *Psycho*. I didn't want to hang around long enough to find out.

Cruz did one of the smartest things you can do when you go to a party that might be slow. He told the host right when we walked in, "We might not stay long, we have another party to go to, and I still need to pick up my girlfriend." We were in and out in just over an hour.

We picked up his girlfriend, who was a gorgeous blonde. They're a nice-looking couple. Cruz looks like Jimmy Fallon from Saturday Night Live, with black hair that's slicked back.

They had toys in their trunk, because this party was one the employees of Mimi's were putting on.
They were collecting toys to give to the Toys for Tots program.

As we were driving there, I did the weirdest thing. Cruz handed me these two giant pills and told me to take them. I swallowed the first one. Who swallows something a person just hands you?

Before I downed the next, I asked what they were. He said, "They keep you from getting hangovers the next day." I had never heard of such a thing, so he handed me the box. It was called Chaser, and it said on

the box that it helps prevent headaches and other discomforts by absorbing harmful elements in liquor.

Cruz said, "These are okay, trust me. Howard Stern talks about them. They sell them at Sav-On, so they have been approved. When you go to the bathroom the next day, it will be funky, though," I swallowed the second one as he was telling me that. The weird thing was. I'd had a few beers and a few glasses of wine at the first party. By the time we got to the second party, the buzz was already gone. I was wondering if these pills had something to do with that. (Luckily, I didn't have any problems in the bathroom the following week...and I'm sure that goes under the category of more info than you needed. I looked at taking the pills as being a lab rat for you, the readers part of my job crashing parties.)

Back to the party. Since these were employees of Mimi's, I told them I loved their Chinese chicken salads and how that's the healthiest thing I eat. One of them said, "Well, the dressing isn't so healthy. The dressing has a lot of calories, so you probably aren't eating as healthy as you think."

There was an older guy with white hair sitting outside on a ledge. He looked out of place with all the young ladies running around. And he never said much to anyone. I saw him give a number of people his lighter to use. But I never once saw him talk to anyone. I asked who he was, and someone thought it was someone's dad. I wondered how much fun you could have at a party with your dad sitting outside.

I met one woman named Rachael. And when I met another with the same name (hers spelled "Rachel"), I was told there was a third wandering around with that name. The one I was talking to asked me how I would remember which was which. I said, "I will remember that you are the second prettiest of the Rachels." She punched me in the arm and said, "Thanks a lot, asshole."

When I went out to talk to the smokers, a lady at the party kept telling us to move to one area of the apartments. She said that we were disturbing a neighbor across the way. She would periodically stick her head out and say, "Stay on that side...and remember, shhhhhh."

I went into the kitchen to get a drink. The two bottles of Jack Daniel's were completely empty, and so was the bottle of vodka. But the two liters of cherry Coke looked as if they hadn't been opened. That's what happens when you get to a party late.

As I poured a cherry Coke, a woman walked by with Jell-O shots. She said, "Everyone hates them because they said I made them too strong." I was surprised — they were actually good. I think I had six of them. Again, I was surprised I hadn't gotten my buzz back.

On the table, they had a stack of about 100 rolls, the same ones they give you at Mimi's. I didn't see anyone eating them, but a few were throwing them around like footballs.

Three girls were leaving the party, saying they were going to Moondoggies.

Another three girls were leaving, saying they had to work the next day. One guy said, "Damn. We can't have all these women leave. It will decrease the odds of me getting laid." One woman looked back at him and said, "You wouldn't get laid if there were a thousand women here."

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by Barbarella

Tantalizing Tootsies

A man is like a cat; chase him and he will run. Sit still and ignore him and he'll come purring at your feet.

— Helen Roland

e stopped at the store for chocolate and tampons on the way to the party and smiled in response to the cashier's knowing look. I wanted to say, "The tampons aren't for me, okay?" But I never would have done so in front of the ever-unabashed Stephanie, which is the reason I had invited her, and no one else, to join me at this party that was sure to be unusual. She's the kind of friend you can count on to pick up Imodium, Vaseline, and a

pregnancy test on her way to

I was instantly intrigued when Mistress Luna, a professional dominatrix, told me about this once-per-month soiree. "It's called Footnight," she said, "and, Barb, I think you of all people would have a wonderful time there." She'd asked me to attend previous foot parties, but I'd never been able to

make it. This time, my schedule was open, and I had Stephanie as my accomplice.

This month's Footnight theme was "Beautiful Bosses and Sexy Secretaries." Having worked as secretaries for various companies, Stephanie and I were prepared to dress professionally. But we had questions: "What shoes do we wear? Do we shave our legs?" Stephanie was worried about those little hairs on our toes — should we shave those? What, exactly, are these guys going to do with our feet?

We were told that some men like smelly feet; before last month's party, Mistress Luna called to tell me she was working hard to stink up her sneakers for the evening. I throw away shoes at the

first sign of funkiness, but I had red tennis shoes quarantined in a plastic bag at the back of the closet. On the day of the party, I put on a pair of black knee-high nylons and retrieved my red sneakers. To satisfy the party's theme, I'd switch my sneaks for heels at the last

If you're a man unfamiliar with the concept of foot fetishism, imagine that how you feel toward breasts, another man can feel toward feet. This alternative man, more common than you think, gets excited at the prospect of coming into contact with a woman's foot, just as many guys would do a happy dance should a few dozen pretty girls allow them to fondle their upper regions. There's no difference; it's all anatomy. So the mammary-man should respect the foot-man, just as he does the derriere-man and the very

Footnight, the party, began in Las Vegas three years ago and has been in San Diego for a year. Businessman and foot-lover Steve Savage began hosting Footnight parties because he wanted to "help people start living some of their fantasies in real life with real people and to [help them] realize that the ladies love it as much as they do." There are many men who are embarrassed by their obsession with feet; Savage wants these men to overcome their shame and have a great time. He has docu-

mented many of the parties with photographs and stories on his website, footnight.com.

Because I'm a bit kinky, I had a tad more of an idea than did Stephanie about what we were getting into. Armed with our PMS purchases and two bottles of red wine, we arrived at the party. Comparing my garb to the garb of other women present, I noted that I was the only woman who thought a red boa was office-appropriate.

I introduced myself to the ladies, including the pregnant girl with her belly protruding from her pinstriped button-down shirt, and one woman who couldn't have been a day younger than 60. The remaining ladies were sexy little twenty- or thirtysomethings. I distributed chocolate and wine and sat down to chat. At least half of the women were there for the first time.

White sheets served as dividers along three walls, and within each partitioned section a bench or chair and a pillow on the floor offered seating. We were supposed to limit our "sessions" to ten minutes, giving everyone a chance to take part in the fun. Men began to arrive, first leaving a donation at the door. I overheard a young man in a leather jacket and a short, older man with dark skin chatting with one of the girls. Joe, the younger one, said this was the first time he'd been to a party like this. "So why'd you want to come here?" I

John smelled my feet...the way I would breathe in night jasmine on a summer evening.

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asked, jumping into the conversation uninvited. He shrugged.

"You like feet? Hmm?" He nodded at this. "You like them when they smell less than fresh?" At this, the older man, John, looked at me and said, "Thank you for doing that."

"Doing what?" I asked him.

"For talking about it. Nobody ever talks about it." I found it surprising that these foot lovers go to this place where they are welcome to worship, admire, and adore women's feet, and no one talks about it. The atmosphere was reminiscent of my seventh-grade school dance - shy boys, shy girls, they both want to boogie, but few have the nerve to proffer the initial "Wanna dance?'

"I'm a veteran." John said. "Been coming since the first party, and I like smelly

"Well, mine are pretty ripe," I said.

"I'd love to take a sniff at them, whenever you want."

Nervous and curious, I said, "Well, let's go then." I went off to find a chair, with John behind me. I plopped myself down in a comfy chair and waited for John to do his thing.

I enjoy a good foot rub, but that was not why I was there — I like to encourage people to find out what they're into and to be okay with that knowledge once it's discovered (as long as it's legal and not morally offensive). In this case, I felt no sexual draw to these men. Rather, I felt as though I were doing them a favor, titillating them in ways they may be too uncomfortable to ask of the women in their lives.

John smelled my feet. Like, really inhaled, the way I would breathe in night jasmine on a summer evening. He took his time with each size-10 pedal extremity. I didn't know what to say or if I should say anything. Basically, I sat there and watched him as he buried his face in my feet. I felt relieved that they were freshly pedicured — hey, if they can't smell nice, at least they

can look nice.

Ten minutes were up. John seemed to know this before I told him. He then sprayed my feet with an antibacterial cleanser and dried them with a paper towel. It was my only session of the evening; the rest of my time at the party I spent catching up with friends and swapping session stories with Stephanie — she got to stand on someone's chest (called "trampling" by those in the know).

The girls who attend Footnight find it fun, excit-

ing, and rewarding to raise a toe to sexual repression. Me, I was curious to experience a rarely visited corner of the fetish world while hanging out with friends, meeting new people, and offering Stephanie another adventure for her memoirs.

I got home and shared my thoughts with David, a man so secure in himself and our relationship that he would never feel threatened by the strange men I might have allowed to have their way with my feet. Looking my love in the eye, I said,

"I'll give you ten minutes to worship and adore everything except my feet." He laughed, and then, realizing I was serious, he made every minute count. ■

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WHEN YOUR IS LOCKED UP

Informed that the grim couple sitting on the bench were the mother and the fiancé of the accused, reporters would



approach us every few
minutes to ask for an
interview, and we
became skilled at polite
denials. Whenever one of

us moved away from the other, the horde of paparazzi would attack en masse, five or ten at a time surrounding me, the same number surrounding her, with others standing between us, as if one of us would relent if not buoyed by the strength of the other.

Their strategy was military-like in precision — I never dreamed so much fanfare could accompany my every

urination.

The bailiff told us to keep an eye out for Dee's lawyers and the prosecutors going into the courtroom; this meant the jury had reached a verdict. In the meantime, we searched for clues to pin positive hopes on. We studied the demeanors of jurors as they came from and went on breaks. We strained to hear what anyone in earshot was saying. Silently and out loud, we went over the evidence presented in Dee's defense, things that surely no clearthinking individual could know about and still think her guilty of killing someone. But then we'd hear in our minds, unbidden, the inflammatory and emotionally charged final state-

ment by the prosecutor. Through a small glass partition dividing the court seats and the defense table, I had watched Dee's heels digging furiously into the carpet while the sickening fiction was spun about her. I was the only person who could see this, and I've never in my life wanted and needed so badly to put my arms around someone and hold her.

The woman I planned to marry
was accused of first-degree murder.
She'd (uncharacteristically) taken part







in a home robbery in which someone had ended up being killed. Someone else had already been convicted of wielding the murder weapon and sentenced to life without parole. Dee was brought to trial afterward, where it was established she hadn't been spattered with blood and her fingerprints hadn't been found on the weapon or near the murder scene. She had, however, stolen belongings from another room. The

jury was instructed on California law,

which states that when a murder takes

place during a robbery, everyone taking part is equally guilty of first-degree murder. They were also told they could opt instead for a second-degree conviction if the defendant hadn't planned to commit murder, which was the case in Dee's impulsive presence that night. A teenager at the time, she'd been coerced (under the influence of prescribed psychotropic medication mixed with alcohol) into participating in the robbery, with no idea that someone would die.





The second day of deliberations was identical to the first, and I have no recollection of how or where I spent the time between the two. It was nearing five o'clock on the second day, and the news trucks were packing up to leave, when I saw Dee's lawyer and the prosecutor push past the media throng and enter the courtroom. I felt a bipolar rush of dread and exaltation.

Dee's mom and I made our way toward the doors, gripping each other tightly for fear of stumbling, microphones thrust in our faces ("Is this it?" "How do you feel?" "Has the jury reached a verdict?"). The judge was already seated at the bench, nodding in our direction, and Dee's mom's grip loosened slightly as we numbly took the lonely seats closest to the defense table. They brought Dee in seconds later, I think, but it could have been an hour or more. She was dressed in street clothes, a luxury allowed only in the jury's presence, so we knew the jury was on its way.

I was struck by how brave and lovely and vulnerable and terrified she looked. I silently mouthed to her that I loved her and kissed the ring I wore that was engraved with her name, our signal of love in the courtroom, where we were generally not allowed to communicate at all. She nodded and touched her heart, and in seconds (perhaps hours) the jury was filing in.

I was so acutely attuned to the moment that I seemed to have panoramic vision. I could hear and feel reporters filling the room behind me to an overcrowded capacity that for many reasons made me think of a tiny circus car stuffed full of clowns. The judge had allowed only one video camera and one still camera in the courtroom, and both operators were visible in the corner of my eye, pointing their lenses at Dee, then at her mom and me, then back at Dee, and so on. Reporters scuffled for the seats right behind us and slowly, and none too discreetly, pushed an array of microphones within inches of us, hoping, I guess, to catch some audible reaction to the verdict's being read.

Dee's mom and I examined every line on every juror's face as the note was passed to the



the middle of this bottomless, horizonless moment, I found I was holding my breath, as was Dee's mom, and we were holding on to each other so tightly that both our pulses pounded together.

The cliché "time stood still" never had much literal meaning to me until that moment. I relived my entire love affair with Dee as that flimsy piece of paper that contained the fate of several lives flitted in casual silence to the woman who would read aloud its contents. I saw myself from outside my body, arms around Dee's mom and in shameless tears, fighting to keep my lips from trembling out of control as I stared at my lover and tried to will into reality the words "Not guilty."

The moments after hearing "Guilty of firstdegree murder" are a this would be of huge importance later, in appeals and, eventually, parole.

All three of us — Dee, her mom, and I managed to keep our faces turned from the cameras, so the cameramen switched them off, hurriedly packed them up, and followed their fellow scurrying rodents out into the noisy hall. The bailiff led Dee off to a side room, and I saw her turn and mouth "I love you" to her mom and me before she blurred indistinctly on the other side of my

The jurors were allowed to leave through the judge's chambers, but Dee's mom and I were refused this courtesy. A line of sheriffs formed a sort of cop tunnel out of the courtroom and into the hall. At first I thought it might be a cordon to

protect us from the pressing media, but the line ran out after 40 feet, and beyond the line, about 40 reporters and camera crews gathered in a tight, anxious clutter. It was a static moment. The welltrained troops didn't move toward us. The TV army simply waited there, poised between us and the elevators around the corner. I don't think I imagined that several of the cops were grinning, like those mean neighborhood kids who love feeding mice to snakes, but I'm way too biased to be sure.

I gave Dee's mom the same drill I'd run when I played bouncer and bodyguard to strippers and porn stars, before I met Dee. It wasn't hard to equate the twitchy reporters at the end of the hall with a bar full of drunk, horny Texans who think that every time a centerfold winks, they've been invited backstage with her. We stop for nothing; keep your head down; don't look back; if I get stopped, you just keep going — I'll catch up, and if I knock somebody down in front of you, don't trip over him.

As she covered her face, I draped one arm over her shoulder and

put my other elbow out, assuming full defensive block position. There was no real opening in the crowd. We moved slowly down the hall, beyond where the cop line ended, before where the reporters began, listening for the ding of an elevator opening. Camera lights came on, flashbulbs popped, reporters began shouting. Once we heard the ding, we were off and running. Some of the

reporters and crews attempted to move aside, if only to save equipment, but I still bumped and elbowed a few things and people along the way. The brief footage that ended up on the news looked a lot rougher than it felt. Rounding the corner tightly, we got through the final flank of about 20 reporters in front of the elevators and into the open car. I hit the button and told Dee's mom to keep her back to the doors, but just as they closed, one reporter ducked through them. I put one arm out to reopen the door and used my other arm to block him from stepping any farther in. I told him we wanted to be alone. All of this was videotaped, but as shot from the hallway (and aired





on TV with no sound), it looked as though I were shoving him out of the elevator.

The doors closed and we were alone, but just as Dee's mom turned, they opened again — one of the reporters had hit the button — and more photos were hurriedly snapped. This gross behavior still stuns me. Finally the doors closed again and we made good our escape, leaving the reporters to sniff out the prosecutor, who never seemed to tire of hearing his own voice and seeing himself on TV.

I was too numb to be surprised that two vanloads of reporters followed our car down Highway 78, honking and waving past the first few exits as if they thought I'd suddenly pull over for a press conference. It felt like a Wacky Races cartoon. Eventually, I was home and alone, in a house Dee would not likely share with me for a very long time.

Dee was sentenced to 25 years to life in a California women's maximum-security prison. That was over 4 years ago.

Seeing a loved one on trial, seeing her lose her freedom, and then choosing to stick by her, you can't imagine what this is like just by reading about it or watching TV courtroom and prison dramas. Law and Order it ain't.

Dee's first parole hearing will likely be around 2016. We know she won't get out on her first or second try. The California parole board has a history of refusing to release inmates convicted of capital offenses, no matter the individual circumstances. According to current law, those convicted of murder can be denied parole for up to five years at a time,

although denials for shorter periods are also granted.

The governor gets a yea or nay in the parole process as well, hence my newfound interest in who's governing this state. Between 1998 and 2002, according to Parole Board Survey 2002, the California parole board decided to grant parole to 225 people convicted of murder. The governor reversed all but 5 decisions.

In 1977, when mandatory sentencing laws were enacted, the California Institution for Women was the only prison in California that housed women exclusively. There are now two others, both in Chowchilla, and women are also incarcerated in rehab centers and conservation camps and community-based facilities.

Since 1987, the number of women in California facilities has risen around 300 percent — at the beginning of 1987, that population totaled 3564, while today it numbers about 10,753. According to recent Department of Corrections statistics, 34 percent of the state's incarcerated women are imprisoned for property crimes and 30 percent for drug crimes. Today, on average, women's facilities are occupied at 176 percent of capacity. The California Institution for Women was designed to hold 1026 prisoners. At this writing, it houses 1963.

Dee was processed into the prison system at the Central California Women's Facility, in Chowchilla, a six-hour drive north of San Diego. Valley State Prison for Women is built just around the corner on an intersecting road, and a lot of first-time visitors end up standing in long lines at the wrong prison only to be sent packing with a shrug and a "whoops,













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try again tomorrow." I was lucky and took the right turnoff. I found myself showing my ID at the guardpost of a serious-looking facility with rifle-toting sentries manning the watchtowers, miles of barbed wire, and an entry room crowded with forlornlooking family members and friends, filling out the visit paperwork and being searched and xrayed before entering the facility.

Central California Women's Facility is the only prison that has xrayed me, and I understand the machine works sporadically. Most institutions settle for using metal detectors, having you empty and pull out your pockets and remove your shoes. For x-raying, they make you stand in funny positions, with your arms out as if you're flying and with legs lifted one at a time in a strange bunny-hop ritual. We

could carry in only \$40, all in ones, plus a single vehicle key, a photo ID and, at that time, a sealed pack of cigarettes, which they'd open, inspect, and mark.

I went to see Dee as soon as she was allowed visits. She was being kept in a wing where we had to talk through Plexiglas with boxy old phone receivers. These little talk booths were set up around the rim of a large circular room, and on the day I showed up, I was the only visitor. A guard had to open the building, go find Dee, and bring her down, and then he sat at a desk right in front of Dee as we tried to converse about what this prison was proving to be like for her. Her accommodations were a double cell among two tiers of identical cages placed around an atrium, all overlooked by a secondstory control-room tower they called "the

bubble," from which guards watched inmates' every movement 24/7. This included showers that could be observed by any male guard in the bubble.

She's tough, my babydoll, and she'd been going through the correctional-facility wringer for a while at this point. I knew she'd soon be released into the general population, but she was plenty strong enough to fight off unwelcome advances from both guards and amorous inmates. Though, it should be said, she and I had already allowed that, sooner or later, another inmate's attentions would indeed be welcomed. It's just an inevitability of the fauxfamily units that women in prison set up — for support, for supplies, for survival. I was emotionally preparing myself for Dee's having a female lover (not her first, not even her first since I met

her), so I told her, "As long as I'm your number one, and the person you're with is good for you and good *to* you, I'm okay with it." She even gave me license to help her choose potential hookups, half-jokingly; but you can be sure we were both checking out the other female inmates in the visit rooms.

I gave Dee final approval over girls I dated too. This arrangement seemed perfectly natural, and certainly necessary. We were looking at around a 20-year sentence — at best. If we were going to be in each other's arms at the end of it, that was gonna take a lot of improvising re our other relationships and lovers in the meantime. Reality check we weren't planning to be celibate or vacuumsealed in Baggies between her conviction and parole.

Of course, talking

such smack and making it work are two different things. Luckily, we're both choosy about whom we bump naughty bits with. In her case, with HIV, TB, and three kinds of hepatitis running rampant in California prisons, it pays to be picky.

After a few weeks' processing, the state moved Dee down the road to Valley State Prison, where we could now spend face-to-face time in the visit room. I was driving my LeBaron convertible six hours each way over the Tehachapi Mountains, just south of Bakersfield, two or three weekends a month. The endless drives were rewarded with a six-hour visit on Saturday and again on Sunday. I grew to enjoy the trek up — playing Pink Floyd and Badfinger CDs, growing increasingly excited as I got closer to Chowchilla, counting the miles,

knowing that soon I'd be kissing the woman I loved (something we were allowed to do only at the beginning and end of each visit).

The trip home always seemed longer, beginning with that endless walk out of the visit room and across the prison grounds, leaving her behind as armed guards ushered me through the automatic barbed-wire gates and I returned to my car, where I was rarely in the mood for music until well into the interminable drive home. The worst mountainpass weather always seemed to hit on the way home. Or maybe I just didn't notice storms on the way to Chowchilla.

Weather along that Bakersfield stretch could be brutal. One night, driving through rain and thick fog, I got lost on a gas exit and couldn't even spot signs leading back to Highway



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99. After about a half hour of driving who knows where, in whoknows-what direction, all evidence of life and industry were lost in the haze and I could barely see the road. When a car appeared from nowhere and turned onto the street in front of me, I followed its taillights in hopes that it would lead me to civilization. After about ten minutes of follow the leader, the car came to a stop and the

driver opened his door. Even through the fog, I could see his quizzical expression as he approached my open driver's side window.

"Um...why did you follow me into my driveway?"

After the fog cleared, I found my way back to the highway. I'd added an extra hour to my trip home.

The prison staff told Dee that Valley State Prison was where she and other recently convicted "lifers" would likely spend their entire incarceration. I.e., this was her new home. That's how her family and I referenced it from that point on, in an attempt to deal with the finality of her situation, never failing to call it "Dee's pad" and referring to Chowchilla as "Dee's back yard."

Chowchilla is a funny little town of around 11,000 people,

with much of its economy dependent on the nearby prisons. Not that residents seem happy about this. I quickly learned that the townspeople dread weekends, when family and friends of prisoners — outsiders — fill up the town's two motels and apparently scare the piss outta the locals.

The first time I pulled into Chowchilla, I drove around looking for the Star Motel, which

turned out to be a seedy little multibuilding dive, akin to those along El Cajon Boulevard that cater to hookers, bail jumpers, and likeminded reprobates either detoxing from or binging on their preferred recreational mind-bender. It was daylight, the convertible top was down, my long hair was flying in the breeze, and as I passed an intersection, a police car fell in behind me and hit the siren. I'd been in Chowchilla less than five minutes. The officer came up to me, hand hovering over gun, and announced that I hadn't broken any traffic laws but "I wanted to warn you about these intersections. There's no stop sign, and sometimes people come really fast from the other direction, so you have to look both ways. Have you ever been in prison?"

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between telling me he had no reason to pull me over and "Have you ever been in prison?" (I hadn't.) He shook me down pretty good, fiddled through my car, had me empty my pockets, and didn't seem to listen or care as I explained that my fiancée was at Valley State Prison and I was thinking about buying a house in Chowchilla. He finally cut me loose, and I checked into the funky little motel, where \$45 got me a single room. I found a well-used crack pipe hidden in the air conditioner as I was settling in, so I crunched it up, put it in some fastfood trash, and took it to a gas station garbage can. I just had an instinct this extreme distancing was a good idea. Sure enough, that night I walked out of my room and found the police officer from earlier squatting outside my motel room window. He

told me he thought he smelled marijuana smoke coming from one of the cottages, flat out admitted he was secretly sniffing any and all odors emanating from my room. Welcome to Chowchilla.

Along the main drag, Robertson Boulevard, there's a Chinese restaurant where I saw only Caucasians working. My first meal there, a boy about ten years old sat nearby with his parents, staring at my ponytail and the multiple tattoos sneaking out from under my shirtsleeves. He had one of those frightened, disgusted, "I swallowed a bug" expressions, and I heard him ask loudly, pointing at me for dramatic punctuation, "Mommy, is that one of the bad men?" At least this place served me. A pizza joint up the road literally chased me out one time when they realized I was waiting for the shuttle

van to pick me up and take me the additional several miles out to the prison. "We don't serve you people," an old Hispanic man yelled at me as he snatched my paidfor, half-eaten pizza from the table and routed me out the door under threat of violence. Town full of criminals, indeed.

Of the few hundred visitors cycling through Valley State Prison each weekend, about 25 percent arrived via Greyhound buses that pulled into Chowchilla around sunup on Saturday. That was as close as public transpo went to the prisons, so visitors had to catch the aforementioned shuttle van to travel the other ten or so miles, and it came through town only once, around 8:30 a.m. The shuttle was run by a group of volunteers, who also maintained a service trailer just inside the prison grounds, as I

discovered when my car was in the shop and I looked into busing from San Diego.

In lining up the trip, I found that no cab companies existed in Chowchilla, and taxis refused to come from nearby towns like Madera. They claimed they'd been robbed or stiffed too often by "those people" visiting the prisons. The only way to get cab service was to get off the bus or train in Madera or Fresno and hire a cab to drive you out and drive back to pick you up after visit hours. The one time I did this, the cabbie made me pay in advance — \$40 for his trip each way (drop-off and pickup), hoovering \$160 from my pocket to get the last 30 miles to and from the prison, when I'd paid only \$55 for the other 650 miles of the round-trip.

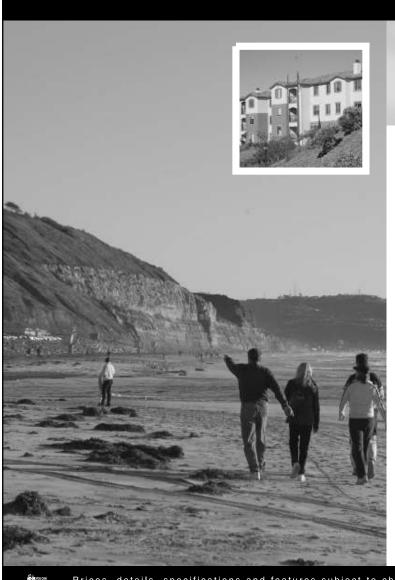
In truth, some of the folks visiting prison-

ers had clearly been on the wrong side of a pair of handcuffs from time to time. Some weekenders couldn't even afford to stay at the decrepit Star Motel, let alone at the more expensive Days Inn, just off Highway 99. I'd see people camping under the overpass where Robertson split off the highway. They were visible from the back corner of the Days Inn parking lot, but you wouldn't notice the squatters unless you looked real close; they kept a very low profile (wise, given the cop I'd met). I saw only glimpses of them, walking to the corner store or catching a prison shuttle at the motel. I walked down there once during the daytime and found a littered shooting gallery under the highway, with needles, cotton balls, burnt spoons, and torn plastic bags among the spread-out cardboard

flats, newspaper blan-

kets, and torn pages from a hard-core porn magazine. I had to suppose that Chowchilla residents had good reason to fear and mistrust the weekly invasion of nonlocal locusts, seeing as how some arrived clearly evincing narcotic eyes, heroin physiques, and methamphetamine sweats.

At Valley State Prison, some prison staff seemed to like visitors even less than townsfolk did. In summer 2001, I was handing my Doc Martens over the counter to be inspected when I saw a guard telling a tiny old woman next to me — she had to be in her 70s — that her driver's license had expired so she wouldn't be allowed in to visit her daughter. The woman started crying and stammering; "But...I rode a bus all the way from Utah! I haven't driven in years. I don't need a driver's license, so I



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didn't renew it." She pleaded with the guard that the photo ID clearly proved who she was and she'd visited many times in the past; she was on an approved visitor list and had been for years.

"I'm sorry, ma'am, but your ID is expired and we can't allow you entry. You'll have to update your identification. Now please step aside," and the stonefaced creep called the next person to the counter, leaving the poor old lady sobbing and heaving her shoulders as

she scuffled away and out the swooshing entry doors. If she'd indeed ridden a bus, that meant she had to sit in the visitor's trailer for about six hours until the shuttle took her back to Chowchilla, and it would be the next day before she'd be boarding a bus back to Utah without having actually seen her daughter. As she left, there was a round of chuckles from all half dozen or so of the guards running the visit entry that day, and you could practically,

but not quite, hear boos and hisses coming from everyone on the other side of the counter who'd witnessed this sad

A few people are turned away most days, usually for not having pre-applied to visit a specific prisoner. The prison does a background check, and if you have so much as an unpaid ticket, they turn you down until taken care of. The visit aps have to be renewed from time to time. Once I was sent packing after the

six-hour drive because of a ripe parking ticket that cropped up on their 'puter as they checked my ID on the way in. My visit rights were revoked until I paid the ticket off, sent proof of this to the prison, and reapplied to visit Dee, which took nearly two months.

Others aren't admitted because they're wearing forbidden colors, which is just about every color except gray and black, the safest and most common choices among frequent visitors. When I was first visiting, if you wore disallowed colors, they'd let you go outside to the volunteers' trailer, where approved clothes in all sizes were kept in dressing room closets. You signed in, ideally put a donation in the desk jar (they were self-funded), and left your offending togs on a shelf, returning the borrowed duds at the end of the visit. That is, provided you didn't keep the borrowed duds and forfeit your own clothes, which volunteers told me happened

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The volunteers' trailer even had snacks, couches, a TV, and a bathroom (where I once found another used crack pipe, which someone had tried to flush, presumably after one final hit just a few feet away from prison guards). However, around late 2002, they ran out of money and closed the trailer down. That also shut down the shuttle service to Chowchilla, meaning

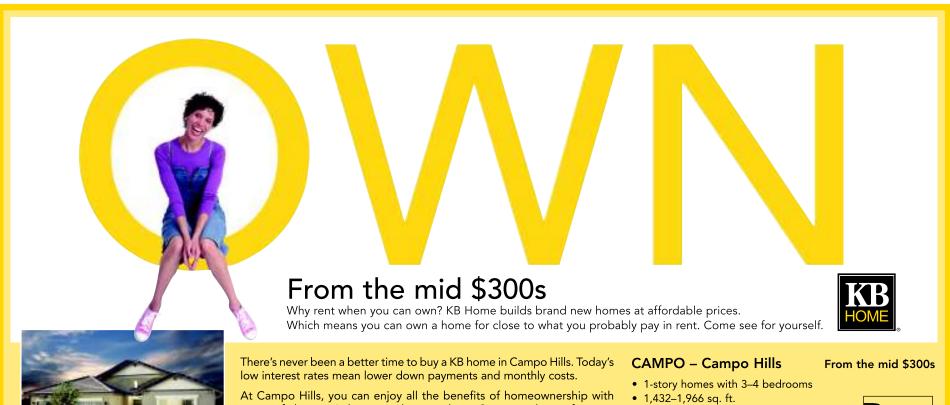


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anyone without a car could get to town via bus or train but couldn't get the additional miles to the prisons. It was a long walk through the desert, with only one pit stop along the way — a Jack in the Box and gas station convenience store.

I found out how long the walk was while the trailer was still open, after my LeBaron exploded going back home over the Tehachapi Mountains one hot July afternoon. The water pump blew, and the engine started smoking and died as I

sped down the mountain, my power steering doing a quick fade. I managed to wrestle the hurling mass of steaming metal off an exit ramp, through a stop light that luckily had no cross-traffic, and into a gas station parking lot, where two other smoking vehicle remnants were also cooling down, the occupants dealing with the respective ramifications of their enormous new paperweights. It cost \$475 to have my car towed back to San Diego, where it served as shade for the neighbor's dog for several weeks

while I rounded up \$3500 for a new engine.

Once again turning to Greyhound, I arrived in Chowchilla on a Saturday, checked into the motel, and showered, taking so long that I missed the volunteers' shuttle. With little other choice, I packed some water and hoofed it down the desert road toward the prison. This was apparently suspicious behavior, because I was shadowed the entire walk by Chowchilla police cars that'd park a quarter mile up the long straight road ahead of me, wait until I was

walking nearly abreast of the car, and then pull away while another prowler parked down the road to wait for me again.

I tried to hitchhike, but no one would stop, and I swear one guy in a jeep swerved as if to hit me. After three solid hours of trekking through the desert, a truck finally picked me up, only to drop me off a half mile later at Jack in the Box before turning off onto the highway. In the restaurant, I offered money to people to drive me the last few miles. I pleaded with

them, saying I feared for my survival in the heat, but everyone either said they were taking the highway or ignored me like a leper (one announcing a new terror alert; it was that kind of existence denial). I took my pleas to the parking lot, where people rolled up their windows and one person even refused to let me hop on the back of his produce truck that was already going past the prison. One lady in a sedan made a cross with her fingers as I approached, holding her forefingers

together as if warding

off a vampire.

I trudged the final brutal stretch, trying to look past all the animal corpses on the roadside, avoiding several snakes that jumped in and out of dirt holes, and keeping a close eye on the buzzards circling overhead, as if waiting to make me the walking punch line of a Charles Addams cartoon.

A Chowchilla police car was parked just outside the prison gate when I finally stumbled up about 1:30, with only a half hour left to check in. The two cops shook me down, searched me,





and pored over my ID, acting incredulous that I didn't have my own criminal record. I still got into the visit room in time to be processed and see Dee for about an hour before it was time to leave again. In the prison parking lot, I saw a guy who visited often and prevailed upon him for a ride back to the motel. I was optimistic because he was a priest, one who drove a pickup truck with a camper shell converted into a sort of portable church with faux stained-glass windows, and as I found out on the short drive back to Chowchilla (soo-o-o much shorter on wheels!), the interior had its own full-fledged altar and a surfboard on which was painted a reproduction of Da Vinci's Last Supper. I told him he was literally answering my prayers by giving me a ride and unfolded my woeful tale of nearly becoming buzzard bait getting to the prison.

I grew to dread that weekly busload of the damned, going from San Diego to Chowchilla. It took upwards of ten hours, beginning before midnight Friday on Broadway, with a layover in L.A., where about half of the bus's occupants who were going to the prisons got on. I soon recognized those heading for the prisons, a population of inmate loved ones that grew steadily as we approached Fresno. By the time we arrived in Chowchilla, almost everyone aboard was there to see a convicted criminal, and I daresay you could tell. I got to know most of the prison people over the next few months, not liking all of them; but everyone operated under a kind of unspoken truce — we were all on the same mission of love and support.

People who normally wouldn't have any

interaction (other than maybe fighting) would be playing cards, swapping tapes and CDs, comparing personal hardware — knives and guns, mostly - and doing a little drug trade here and there. One guy got caught smoking something in the bathroom, crack or meth. He squawked like a bird getting its feathers pulled as the angry driver put him off the bus at a closed gas station somewhere just outside Fowler, in the middle of the night. The guy showed up in the visit room the next day, telling everyone he hopped an Amtrak train, hid in the bathroom to avoid paying, and got off close enough to walk to the prison. The proof was in his presence; he sure as shit didn't fly there, the glass pipe I'd seen him lend other bus riders notwithstanding. While saving for an

engine — and then after my car was stolen (long story for another day) — my budget was low enough that I was sometimes known to sneak a ticketless ride myself. I also filched the occasional AM/PM burrito and once slipped out on paying for a Denny's meal on the way home from Valley State Prison. At least I never stiffed a cabbie or had to sleep under the Robertson Boulevard overpass. I justified such hitherto uncommon behavior (honest! I just wasn't used to being broke) by telling myself that getting to Dee's side as often as possible was the number-one priority. I was already falling off to only once or twice a month, causing a strain in our relationship that eventually contributed to a rift. Among my less larcenous ways to save ducats was to buy a \$6 ticket to the multiplex theater in nearby Fresno and spend most of the night napping in the

seats rather than paying

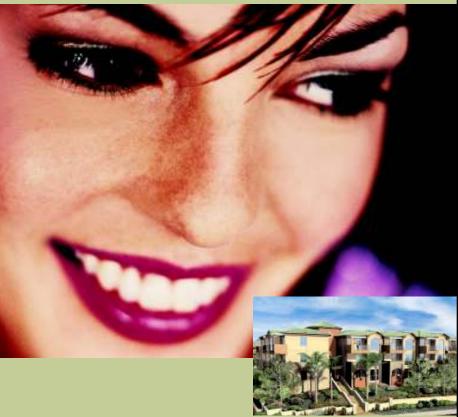
for a motel room. I'd stay awake to see a few movies first, but then I'd lie across the seats and saw logs for hours at a time, waking up to the same scenes onscreen again and again (explaining why and how I'm able to recite nearly every word of Jim Carrey's Grinch movie without having actually seen the film — the dialogue insidiously seeped into my subconscious).

The Greyhound run shrank to almost nobody once there was no more shuttle going from Chowchilla to the prison and back. Sadly, this meant a lot of individuals and families without their own transportation could no longer visit loved ones, and many of Dee's roommates no longer received visits. I eventually got my car running, but I began budgeting myself so I could instead rent cars to drive north, saving wear and tear on my wheels, while ensuring my ability to get all the way to the prison gates (and the car often provided my sleeping quarters).

Family members and lovers often seem to abandon women inmates. Women prisoners have a scandalously low percentage of supportive outsiders; the visit rooms are often half empty or more except near holidays, unlike at male prisons, where the visit rooms are routinely packed.

The same several dozen women seemed to get the majority of frequent visits; some women I'd see in the visit room only a handful of times or just once. Most inmates getting a lot of visits seemed to be white, for whatever that's worth by way of observation. According to current California Department of Corrections statistics, 30 percent of women in prison in California are black (only 6.5 percent of

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women in the state are black); 40 percent of women behind bars are white (versus 47 percent of the state's female population); and Latinos constitute 26 percent of California's female prisoners (but 31.5 percent of the women in the state). About 3691 inmates

are presently interred

with Dee at Valley State Prison, although the prison was built to accommodate 1980. Her cell was designed for four, but currently eight women live among the tightly packed bunk beds and lockers. For a while, Dee shared her cell with a pet frog too, a tiny guy she and a friend picked up in the yard and adopted. When I visited, Dee was adorable to watch as she told me how she had taught the frog to do tricks, like sitting up for a fly. She'd beam almost like a proud mom or at least a happy dog owner whose Lab can bring in the evening paper. A froggie (necessarily kept secret from the staff) was one of the few options for critter company. Dee had always lavished love on pets before her incarceration. During visits, Dee

and I could hold hands while sitting at our assigned, numbered table or walking in the outdoor courtyard, but we couldn't hug or kiss, other than hello and good-bye. She had to wear prison-issue clothes in the visit room, usually baggy dark pants and a white T-shirt with long dark sleeves, but she had the option of wearing a dark sweatshirt on cold mornings. She used to be able to wear her long hair down, but then they started requiring inmates with tresses past shoulder length to tie the hair back or up. Dee always had to sit facing the guard's desk, and we were watched closely by staff and by a multitude

of cameras.

We could order food

from a service cart that offered dishes she rarely or never got inside the prison, like shrimp, pepperoni pizza, and chocolate milk shakes. I'm told that at some California women's prisons, the cafeterias don't serve hot dogs or zucchinis or anything else phallicshaped. Prisons don't want food used as sex toys, so all suggestively shaped fruit, vegetables, and meat-based products are sliced several times in order to disabuse this whimsical application. Yes, I've seen

women at Valley State Prison who look as though they carry their own phalluses, some being particularly, um, masculine, a few sporting facial hair. Inmates and visitors. Dee told me about the ones she knows but advised me early on not to make eye contact, stare, point, and especially not to talk to anyone, as this was bad etiquette. Such a social faux pas in this closedcircuit live-wire lesbian inner society could get Dee in trouble later, not to mention getting me kicked out of the visit room for fraternizing with prisoners other than the one I signed up for. Dee had to be careful about acknowledging friends at nearby tables; our visit could be shut down for this too.

We could loosely hug while having Polaroid photos taken (\$2 each) by inmate trustees, though a guard had to inspect each picture to make sure we weren't touching inappropriately, in which case they'd tear up the print. Dee and I split up approved pics (stamped with a bear paw — hah hah) so we could each take away a few from the visit. These too-rare time capsules that show us smiling and hugging and enjoying our precious moments together

are among my most treasured possessions.

When you're in love with someone locked away from you, each shared moment is special and intense in a way that's hard to convey. You cling to, cherish, and live for those scarce moments spent on the phone together or looking into each other's eyes. There's not a wasted, blah second in a relationship like that; it's always tip-of-the-nerveending stuff. Perhaps the tragedy adds to the romance. I suspect few

married couples outside newlyweds, no matter how close, spend as much pure quality time together as a couple maintaining their relationship through a prison sentence. Sure, sometimes we just shoot the shit, gossip, or play Scrabble, occasionally we even argue (though you'd better believe we save that for only the biggest issues), but neither of us has ever said, "You know, this is boring. Let's wrap this up early so we can do something apart for a while."

Just never happens. If you want every moment spent in love with someone to truly feel like love, try having those moments restricted by the state.

At first, I could bring cigarette packs in to Dee, but then the prison began requiring us to buy them — at \$5 a pack — from the inside concessionaire. I could buy extra packs for her to take back to her room after the visit, but around 2002 they stopped allowing this. *Then* they forbade cigarettes and smoking altogether in the visit rooms, which is the current rule. You can be sure that the six-hour visits end with nicotine fits on the part of many "guests" and inmates, creating an even more tense atmosphere than already exists with the inevitable crying couples and clinging children and inmates lining up to

be strip and body searched on the way back to their cells.

Many inmate privileges, and basic human rights, have been taken away since Dee went in. In late 2003, Valley State Prison began allowing male guards to do patdown searches of clothed female inmates that include touching their breasts and crotches, a practice that had been banned at the facility since 1998 after

documentation surfaced of complaints about groping and outright sexual abuse by guards during intrusive "crossgender pat searches" (as they're called in a state prison training video).

Amnesty International, which conducts human rights investigations at Valley State Prison and other California prisons, is petitioning the state and the California Department of Corrections to again











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restrict such pat-downs. In an October 2003 press release, Amnesty stated that the practice is "inherently degrading and inconsistent with international standards and constitute a form of violence against women.... Research has shown that pat-down searches and other intimate contact involving male guards can be particularly traumatizing for women prisoners, many of whom have histories of being physically or sexually abused before their incarceration." According to an April 1998 Department of Justice Statistics report, 48 percent of women in United States jails reported being sexually or physically abused prior to their detention; 27 percent reported being raped.

A 2002 study of Valley State Prison conducted by California Prison Focus, a group that monitors human rights in prisons, stated, "Last year we learned that the man who was responsible for some of the worst physical and verbal assaults on women...was up to his old tricks on the general population yards. CO Ross had been transferred out of the SHU [mental and physical disability unit], but prisoners on the C yard reported that he was harassing and intimidating prisoners there. A guard named Venemma was reported to have assaulted a prisoner who was just having a conversation with another staff member. He also does room searches in an illegal way. He is reported to break up property, mix up and trash prisoners' legal materials and Court documents, and has failed to allow prisoners to view a random room search as is required. He is known for making sexual comments to prisoners and reported to get nasty if they don't

flirt. CO Lucas is reported to be very aggressive toward the women with provocative yelling and demeaning and profane language."

The women at Valley State Prison have virtually no privacy. Male

and female guards can observe them at all times — as they're dressing, going to the bathroom — and sometimes male guards walk in on inmates being strip searched in the reception area. Searches are frequent, from postmeal pat downs to strip and full-body searches after leaving the visit room. Male officers are allowed to assist in cell extractions, where women are forcibly removed from their rooms, and these often involve strip searches conducted or witnessed by the men. In researching this article, I discovered that Rule 53 of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of

Prisoners states, "Women prisoners shall be attended and supervised only by women officers."

Dee says she's never had a major problem with a male guard com-

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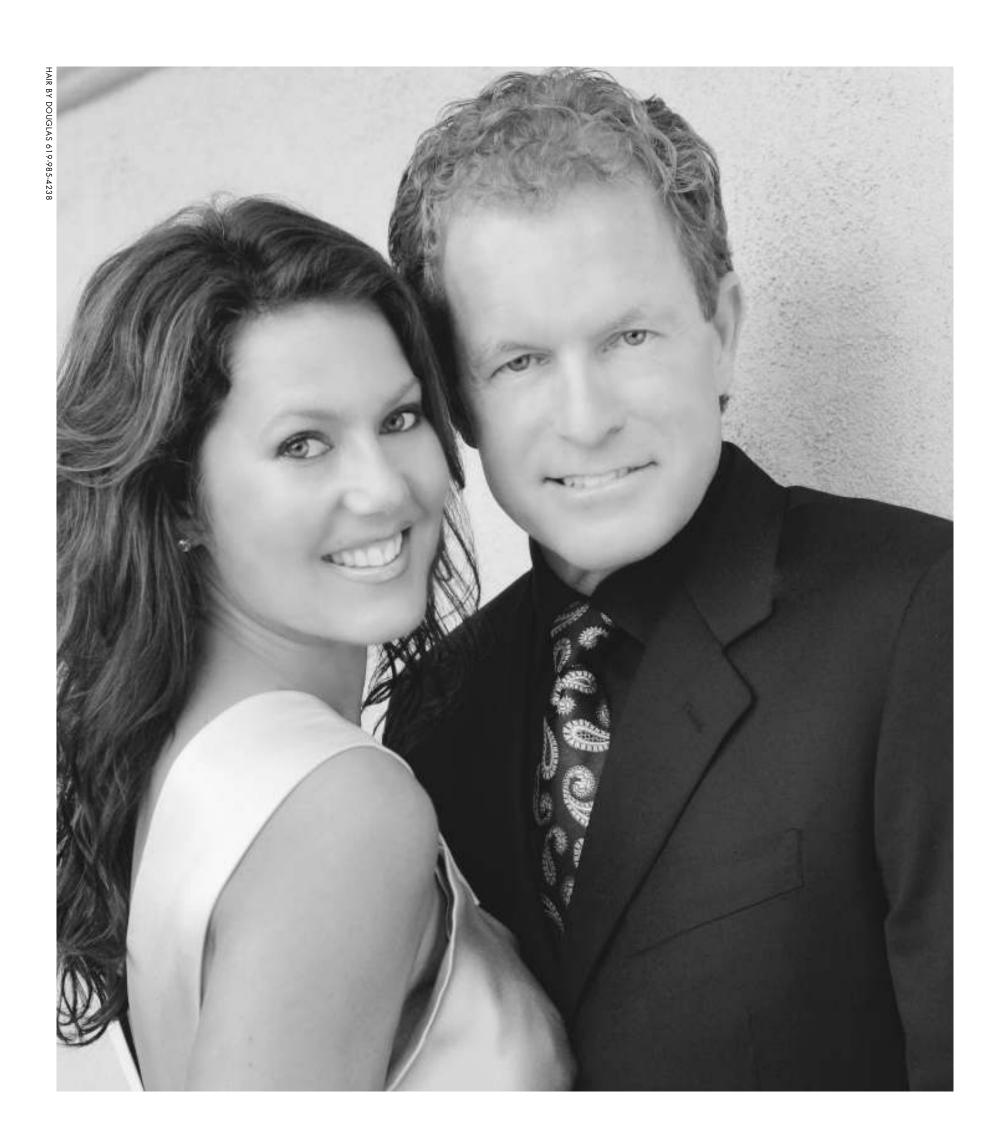
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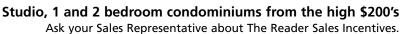
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continued from page 43 ing on to her. "The girls who have that happen to them usually invite it, at least after the first time," she told me. Female staffers are just as likely to sexually or verbally abuse prisoners, she says. She also mentions that an alarming percentage of girls who've been incarcerated at California Youth Authority, where most inmates are underage, say they had sex with and were even impregnated by male staffers, including psychiatric and medical personnel and volunteers, like instructors and even religious counselors.

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programs are offered to women with the word "life" in their sentences, though many of these women may eventually be paroled back into society. Pregnant women (around 80 percent of the state's female population are mothers) are shackled to their closed-ward hospital beds while giving birth — as are other prisoners, including the terminally ill — and their babies are handed over within days to the inmates' families or, most often, to social

services.

Dee has to apply to see a doctor. The request has to be reviewed and approved, and then she's charged \$5 per health problem that she seeks diagnosis or treatment for (prisoners indigent for the previous 30 days don't have to pay). Prescriptions are provided at no cost. Psychologists, psychiatrists, and volunteer counselors are available but difficult to see during their limited hours, especially for inmates holding down weekday jobs. In the

health-care center, a padded strip cell is used for women prisoners deemed suicide risks or mentally erratic, and sometimes they're kept there for upwards of 72 hours

Lately, prisoners have had trouble getting diagnosis and treatment for hepatitis C. Inmates who volunteer as peer educators try informing about hep C, but the materials are years out of date. There are only certain hours and locales (no offices) to meet with prisoners, and educators

receive no pay or goodtime credits. The Department of Corrections has steadfastly refused to fund peereducation efforts about hepatitis at Valley State Prison, saying that it authorizes such programs only in prison populations where HIV is rampant, suggesting that hep C doesn't overly concern them. "There are women who have it, and the doctors diagnose it but then don't tell [the inmate]," Dee told me. "Meanwhile, they've been getting tattoos and maybe spreading it around. There's a lot of instruction about AIDS but nothing about hepatitis. It's really scary."

Inmates must take jobs at the prison to get basic privileges like phone rights, though they're paid as little as eight cents an hour, with minimum-wage gigs paying less than \$6 per month. Yet the prices charged at monthly commissary trips are often twice as high as those charged outside, especially for basic



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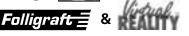
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I can send Dee money via postal money orders only, and this goes into her inmate account. The state takes restitution as part of her sentence, 44 percent, starting January 1, of every dollar I send. She can get four packages a year containing personal property, under strict guidelines and weighing no more than 30 pounds per box, but beginning in 2004, the women must order from a prison-issued catalog, and we pay for the prepacked shipment via credit card or money order, rather than personally shopping for our loved ones.

I really miss choosbabydoll!). Last year, I ing perfume and shopfinally managed to buy ping for Dee's panties, her a TV set, which has really brightened up her bunk. More than half of her roommates have TVs, and she can finally program her own viewing choices and hours. The TV even came with headphones, though the antenna was deliberately broken off — another potential weapon, dontcha know. As far as phone calls

go, MCI has established a monopoly in California prisons. The inmate can use only the MCI hookup. I pay around \$75 monthly to receive four or five 12-minute phone calls. The fee is \$1.50 just to connect, and per-minute rates and surcharges for someone living out of state amount to over a dollar a minute for the rest of the call, which is abruptly terminated after interruptive twominute and one-minute warnings. The \$26 million annual franchise fee that California receives from MCI goes directly into the state's general fund and not into the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Dee has used her time so far to go to school; learn a couple of trades; read countless books, including classic literature, which she first discovered in a Youth Authority class years ago; and, most promisingly, to blossom into an exceptional writer. Our relationship has drifted somewhat due to enforced distance, as I've been required to stay near faraway family members for healthrelated reasons. For a while she had a lover, as did I, and we were nearly settling into separate albeit parallel grooves, writing and talking to each other on the phone constantly, being part of but separate from each other's day-to-day lives.

I'm working on getting to her side more often. I plan on standing by her and greeting her with open arms on her release, no matter what circumstances occur between now and then. It's not as though she needs me — she's tough enough to not actually need anything or anybody. But I daresay we'll always want each other's company, now and forever, no matter what or when. That's just how love works. At least for

— Jay Allen Sanford



Dee can also get quarterly "special purchases" from catalogs other than the prisonissue one, most recently a JCPenney order where she chose personal clothing with far more flair than was otherwise available (yes, JCPenney fashion is their highwater mark — my poor





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In October of 2001, I had started feeling a little tightness in my chest. I was a freshman in high school and the newly elected president of my ninth-grade class. I told my mom that I wasn't feeling good. She took me to the emergency room, and we sat in the waiting room for a few hours. They admitted me to the hospital for a night, and I was told that I had a minor cold. That cold turned into something awful.

I began feeling increased tightness in my lungs in January; I didn't say anything. I didn't want to be an inconvenience. I convinced myself I couldn't afford to miss classes. I started to use more medicines, hoping they would work. They didn't. To do simple tasks became laborious. I took my inhaler everywhere.

Late in January, I went over to my great-grandmother's house and had an asthma attack. I couldn't breathe. My chest felt like it was on fire. My mom was called, and we headed to the hospital. I was too afraid to go by ambulance, so my grandma drove. They took me back into the ER and immediately began to control the asthma. We were told that I had mycoplasma, a bacteria, that had spread to both of the lobes of the lungs. The doctors were unsure whether I would live much longer, and they thought both of my lungs were about to collapse. An IV was inserted into my arm, and I was sent up to a room in the

I woke up a day or so later, on oxygen and with medicines being pumped into my body. Six doctors stood around me. I thought I was dead.

– Christina Chovan, Mission Bay H.S.

piled into a little truck with two of my best friends for a jaunt to Del Mar for ice cream. Jenny, a humorous, petite polevaulter, drove while I got stuck in the middle seat next to L'or, the French model with the heart of a barefoot kid.

It was dark by the time we headed north on Highway 101 and back into downtown Encinitas. We sang along to "Brown-Eyed Girl" on the oldies station. While in the far right-hand lane approaching the D Street stoplight (which was green), I noticed the southbound car up ahead, seemingly waiting to make a left turn. The little red car began its turn...way too soon. I think I was the only one who saw it coming.

"Omigod." I put both hands forward and ducked as I felt our little truck lift off the ground and begin to skid on its side. I remember thinking, Okay, I know I'm still here right now, but where is this going to end? and worrying that we would roll into oncoming traffic. L'or screamed something in French and Jenny was silent as she grabbed onto me. The glass from the driver's side window shattered and the frame sparked near her arm. I still have the picture in my mind of the dashboard becoming perpendicular to the horizon, and it was then that I realized what was happening.

Except for the crunch of metal, all was silent...including the radio. Everything stopped and we awakened to the eerie stillness of disaster. L'or spoke first. "Get me out of here." The truck had righted itself, luckily, and we struggled to get the door unstuck. We crawled out of the battered car, and I spit blood onto the sidewalk. "Are you guys okay? Is everybody okay?" We all nodded, but

were too much in shock to evaluate our injuries. L'or layed down on the sidewalk and said she had a headache. Among the spectators was a registered nurse, who began to look us over.

We had ended up on the sidewalk in front of Martini Ranch, and because it was the nearest open door, I stepped inside and walked to the bathroom. My hand looked mangled; fingers and wrist dislocated and broken, and it hurt to breathe. Looking in the mirror, blood ran down the side of my face, and it was beginning to dry by my mouth. Walking back outside, the bouncer looked me over. "Rough night?" he said. I smiled. "You don't even know."

On the sidewalk, I became the levelheaded crisis victim, giving statements and talking to witnesses. It was a relief when my sister and her boyfriend arrived. I wanted to lie down. I said goodbye to L'or as she was taken away in the ambulance. She was worried about her shoes. Typical of the French, I thought as I retrieved the shoes and hugged





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Jenny. I then stood alone, surveying the scene and observing how close we came to oncoming traffic. "If you guys had come across that line another four inches, you wouldn't be here." I hadn't noticed the police officer standing next to me. I frowned thoughtfully. "Drive safe," I said as he walked to his patrol car. "You too," he responded over his shoulder.

I found out later that the other driver suffered minor injuries, but as it was an illegal immigrant without insurance, we had to pay for all the damages

- Gabrielle Clifford, La Costa Canyon H.S.

was ten years old when I nearly suffered an excruciating death in Germany. The experience of being in a foreign country was not new to me. My parents have always emphasized the importance of learning about others' lifestyles; it is their way of teaching me to express gratitude for what I have.

As the tour bus situated itself in its parking spot, I noticed some toys in the display window on the other side of the road. The bus doors flew open, and I dashed across the street. My eyes were set on those toys in the window; nothing else mattered to me at that moment.

My mother's thunderous scream halted my advance. I glanced to my right and noticed a bright light — not my life flashing before me, but the headlights of a car. By then it was only a few feet from where I stood. I lost the ability to move or speak. The car became a radiant blurred vision, and my mother's screams fused with the droning sound of the car's engine. I froze and closed my eyes. As my mother's arms wrapped around me, I felt my senses return. Together we jumped out of the car's way and watched it whiz

> - Vivian Pham, Mt. Carmel H.S.

was carpooling with a family friend, a senior in high school. I wasn't the least bit worried that this person was a fairly new driver because they had a reputation for being responsible. I wasn't expecting to face death in the back seat of their car.

I was picked up after school along with some other friends. We dispensed with the usual small talk, and we were nearing our destination in record time. One four-way stop away from home, it happened. Our driver had looked both ways before proceeding, when suddenly the car perpendicular to ours entered the intersection without stopping.

That driver was look-

ing toward their own back seat, as if the conversation going with their passengers was more important than driving. I sat frozen as this car headed straight for me. I couldn't believe this was happening. I shot a quick glance at my driver and the other passengers in our car. None of them noticed my impending doom. I wanted to scream, or at least warn someone, but my voice died in my throat. I turned to see the car less than three feet away and closing. I shut my eyes and braced for the hit. Then my driver screamed, and I felt the car veer sharply to the left and then to the right. Feeling no impact,

my eyes shot open and I

watched the shocked faces of the occupants of the other car as my driver veered around theirs in the nick of time. Their car had come within six inches from my door.

It turned out that the other car's occupants were friends with my driver friend. They apologized profusely to my driver, yet never to me. It seemed no one noticed that I had come close to serious injury or even death. They laughed with each other about how close they had been to wrecking each other's cars and how skillful my driver had been in avoiding the accident.

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Just when I think they're the crankiest, goddamnedest things and vow it's the last time I'll stop to look at their ugly, beat-up bodies again, a beauty comes along and I fall in love.

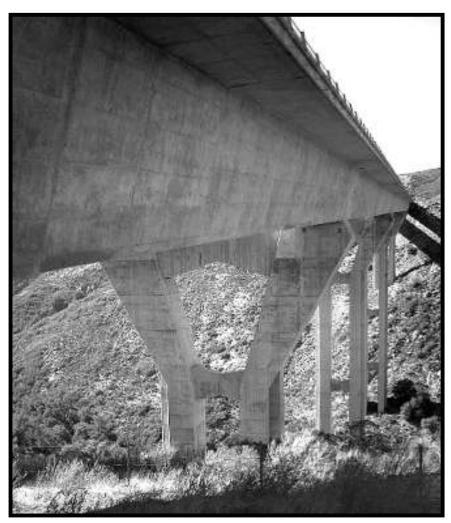
I drive the roads of San Diego County with an agenda: You don't know when you

might spot another canyon dancer, a concrete Nureyev. I hike gorges and find them in places called Goat Canyon and Pine Valley Creek, their sweet lines out of sight from all but the worshipful.

We bridge lovers are lascivious Victori-



Cabrillo bridge



Pine Valley Creek bridge

ans, craving a glimpse of a well-turned, well-engineered ankle of concrete or steel. Don't show us too much. We like mystery. We want to wonder how it was built, how it balances the forces of compression and tension deep inside its hones.

As a child, I interpreted the nursery rhyme "London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady" literally. Forget that little game in the schoolyard, I thought, what does London Bridge look like, and why is it falling down? Did someone build it wrong? Is the lady going to get hurt? Later I would find out that the original London Bridge, completed in 1209, took 33 years to build and killed more than 200 construction workers. Most drowned in the fast-flowing Thames.

A little too prone to adventure in my teens, I created my own version of the bridge scene in the film *Stand by Me.* Those boys — caught

mid-trestle — ran for their lives in front of an angry train. I was out there with friends on purpose. In Stockton, California, where I attended college, the delta is as complex as capillaries. Train bridges crisscrossed water north of town, saying, "Walk on me if you dare. Feel how light you are. I carry much more than you." On Calaveras Slough one night in the early '70s, friends and I wedged ourselves into the small railing bump-outs located midspan in the event that workers were caught on the tracks. A long freight train passed within an arm's length at 60 miles per hour. Soggy, diesel-smelling winds tore at our clothes. Creosote-soaked timbers screamed with what sounded like pleasure and pain. It was unimaginable ferocity, and we

We didn't think of dying. That would steal the pleasure of reaching the other side. Bridges

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are to cross, the strongest everyday allegory most of us know for vaulting something impassable, flying above it, linking a place with another. We also pass under bridges, and in California some of that enjoyment has been stolen forever. Moving slowly in stop-and-go traffic on Interstate 405 near Santa Monica after the Northridge earthquake, I was about to cross under a massive slab supporting a sixlane surface street. The urge to stop and wait in my lane until traffic cleared ahead of me was overpowering. I ignored the questioning horn of the driver behind me, then drove quickly through the bridge's shadow.

Each year the more obscure bridges of San Diego County pass their completion anniversaries with no fanfare, no blearyeyed looks from returning sailors on a carrier's flight deck, no



motorcades. Unlike "Big Blue" now celebrating its 25th, these bridges do silent duty, anonymous in an over-55-mile-per hour world (except for Lilac Road's graceful span over Interstate 15 near Fallbrook and Old Miramar Road's similar jump over Interstate 805). Most of them are highway bridges, as flashy as blocking linemen guarding against the pass rush, unnoticed until they fail. But to a bridge engineer, they are all different, even lovable if you were the one who designed some of

Bert Bezzone stands on the shadowed sidewalk outside Lindbergh Field's East Terminal, briefcase in hand, wearing casual blue pants and a blue wind-

breaker. He is thin but not gaunt, in his mid-60s, and carries himself like most tall men, head bent forward as if in deference to someone shorter. His eyes sweep traffic and meet mine through the windshield. Dodging a few idling cars, he slides into the

passengers' seat. We have not met before, but I've heard plenty about Bezzone from other bridge engineers and acquaintances who admit they stop to look at bridges, even if they live in an area that doesn't have a single nostalgic chestnut like the classic covered bridges of Oregon. Retired this year from California's Department of Transportation, Bez-

zone lives in Sacramento. He headed a bridge design section at a time when the state built a bridge a day. One of them — Pine Valley Creek Bridge on Interstate 8 near Descanso — was his favorite. His name is on the

Pine Valley is famous among bridge engineers. The first prestressed concrete bridge in the U.S. built using a particular kind of cantilever technology, it appeared to defy gravity during construction. Located near two earthquake faults, it also is the first bridge in the world designed with the aid of a modern mainframe computer simulating the effects of a major quake.

I stopped there once, long before I knew of any notoriety, while towing a trailer full of canoes to the Colorado River. The high winds that often close this stretch of interstate were wagging the trailer's tongue, threatening to pull my ball hitch like a rotten tooth. I waited a few minutes on the west end and checked all tie-down ropes. What the hell, I thought, and edged across the bridge at 25 miles per hour, hoping not to watch ten

canoes spill over a railing like airborne aluminum salmon. The canoes held. I knew then that the bridge was high — you could look up and down the canyon to figure that out — but from the road it looked plain, conventional, two generic Caltrans spans separated by a slot of open

For a while, still on the drawing board in 1970 and '71, it was a standard design. Long and high, yes — but complex enough to make a computer labor all night on its equations? Wild enough in its construction to have every bridge engineer in the country watching its progress?

As we drive east on Interstate 8, in preparation for our stroll inside one of Pine Valley's box beams, Bezzone is talkative: technical but clear, understandable. I'd envisioned him as the kind of fellow who has a garage full of tools, tinkers with anything mechanical whether it's broken or not. Probably played with rockets and explosives when he was a kid. There's an old saying about engineers: Ask them the time and they'll tell you how to build a watch.

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He confirms all this. Even says he set the neighbor's yard on fire with a model rocket that "didn't go quite as far as I hoped." He became a bridge engineer because "the more I looked around the Department of Transportation, it was the most challenging field. You build each bridge with similar components, but none of them are the same. They're very personal things. When you get through, they stand out, not like 500 miles of pavement. A bridge is your child."

Bezzone warms up to his old haunts. He drove this stretch of interstate east of El Cajon every few weeks as the highway pushed through East County mountains in the '60s and early '70s. As chief of the Office of Structure Construction, his responsibilities included all bridge construction in California, plus buildings such as rest stops, pumping stations, CHP facilities, and walls - in engineer parlance, "earth-retaining

"Our bread and butter, though, was bridges," he says. "And up until 1972 we never worried about money. We were grinding stuff out. I had about 500 people spread around California, and we were doing about half a billion dollars' worth of work a year."

Bezzone refers to his former department as "the bridge people." It functioned as a central design and engineering service organization to individual Caltrans districts. Bezzone's engineers put together packages of plans and specifications detailing a job and solicited competitive bids. Caltrans District 11 headquartered in San Diego was one of his favorites to work with because "they gave us a lot of latitude and were interested in getting good stuff." Some highway bridges in San Diego are steel, especially in areas where it was important not to disrupt traffic (steel girders could be quickly dropped into place at night). Most are concrete.

"Concrete allows you to use almost any imaginable form or shape," says Bezzone. "It's moldable. Second, it tends to behave as the designer envisioned it...concrete is a plastic material. It creeps. It deforms under its own load, redistributing the force within the system, whether it's a building or a bridge, to the areas that you've reinforced. It's a designer's friend.

"Cost also mandated concrete structures in California. We cannot put up a steel bridge that isn't going to cost 15 to 20 percent more than a concrete structure. The basic materials for steel require a lot more processing than ingredients for concrete. As long as we have aggregate supplies that are plentiful and usable, it will remain that way. Concrete also requires less skilled labor, and you don't have to worry about getting it to the site. Trucking enormous pieces of steel around the state is very difficult. It forces you to cut your girders into smaller sections,

"[Steel's] long-term maintenance is always a consideration. In most environments you have to protect it with some kind of coating, and in the coating business you have environmental problems. The material sandblasted off a steel bridge costs about \$600 a cubic yard to dispose of. Older paints are toxic. We're now putting on waterbased paints, but you still have to collect that dust, get it confined, and take it away. Waterborne systems [paints] don't have the life cycle of environ-

then join them at the work site.

mentally hazardous materials. They break down in a matter of a year or two. Along the coast it's hard to hold paint on.

"So concrete prevailed." San Diego has many sources of aggregate (gravel), but, Bezzone recalls, "The better aggregates came from the other side of the hill clear on out into the El Centro area. Sands here are generally poor and tend to break down. You have some problems getting concrete out of them. Companies often hauled material in and blended it with local aggregates.

"A bridge builder has to

be cognizant of aggregates' prop-

erties. First, obviously, you're worried about strength. But they also have durability characteristics. Talk about bridges that have been here since the turn of the century — you need durability. Another important factor is this business of creep, the ability to deflect or not to deflect. I said it was a friendly property, but it can also work against you. Concrete tends to slowly deform. We want to minimize that. It happens vertically and longitudinally in bridges that are posttension. It will cause you some problems. Creep goes on

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We drive under the Willows Road overcrossing in Alpine. It appears to be ruler-straight. Bezzone's index finger scribes a horizontal line near the windshield.

"Take this span. That thing had three to four inches of deflection built into it on purpose. Initially it had a pretty good arch, but it settled down to the grade we want. We have classic examples where our estimate of deflection — we took in all the

considerations — didn't turn out at all. You can see that northbound on I-15 in a couple of bridges before you turn off into Poway. The girders are still cambered up a huge amount. God, we all thought we were going to be crucified by the newspapers when we got that thing up! It was so obvious that those girders were not where they were supposed to be. The San Diego Union came out with an article commending Caltrans for their attempt to put the historic mission arch into the bridge, and we all just gave a huge sigh of relief.

"That concrete was out of control"

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a lot of bridges in San Diego County. You'll see ups and downs. The short spans are not big problems. It's when you get spans over a hundred feet that, Bezzone says, "you have to start worrying."

Keeping concrete in control dates back to the early 1900s on a number of landmark San Diego County bridges. Several are massive icons of an age before prestressed concrete made bridges look lighter, more graceful. Many others were lost, unceremoniously torn down after their replacements opened.

Walking across Cabrillo Bridge toward an Emerald City of Exposition-era buildings is one of San Diego's peak bridge experiences.

Built in 1914 for the Panama-California Exposition, Cabrillo Bridge spans State Highway 163 like a Roman viaduct. Construction of this bridge was not that different from today's methods. Workers built forms, put in reinforcing bars and rods ("rebar" in today's construction parlance), and poured concrete to the brim. It was decades before going to El Centro for better aggregate was an option. Concrete's consolidation was also a big factor. Today, highintensity-vibration probes are plunged into fresh concrete to help it settle firm, airless. On Cabrillo Bridge, workers used shovels and forks, packing and punching the soupy mixture as best they could. Because of all these factors, older concrete is more porous, allowing moisture in. Corroding rebar can pop offits concrete cloak because of the tremendous expansive force of rust. Similar problems developed on the Cabrillo Bridge's deck by the late 1980s, but a rehabilitation program rebuilt the roadway.

A small clone of Cabrillo Bridge exists in La Jolla on Al Bahr Drive, not far up the hill from Torrey Pines Road, via Exchange Place and Soledad Avenue. With a Disneyesque flair, the roadway loops around and crosses over itself. Local legend among neighborhood children in the 1960s had trolls living in the dark recesses high up in one

Another grande dame of concrete bridges, the San Luis Rey River Bridge on State Highway 76 near Bonsall, now carries bicyclists and walkers. Highspeed traffic uses a new bridge's swooping, banked curve a few hundred yards east. The old bridge's graceful concrete arches held a heavy traffic load for decades. Concrete railings and other braces are also arch-shaped. The effect is a confection of arches, a mirror of Mission San

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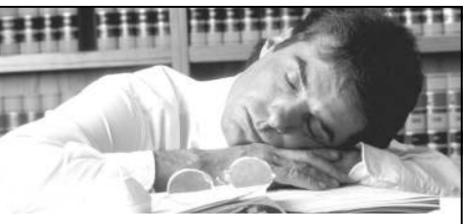
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I stop to walk the old bridge and notice what must be the county's most curious graffiti medium. A rust-colored lichen thrives on rough concrete, and passersby have covered rails with initials and messages scratched into the encrustation.

Elsewhere in the county, at least two other older bridges still stand beside their replacements. And there's the oddity of a bridge built atop another.

One side-by-side pair spans the headwaters of Sweetwater River beside Japatul Valley Road (79). A small concrete bridge on Los Terrinitos, barely wide enough for two trucks, languishes near the much longer

steel-girder bridge that replaced it a few hundred yards to the north on Wildwood Glen Lane. Both spans, once busy with Old Highway 80 traffic, are little used today. A triple-hinge arch supports the older concrete crossing, and aficionados like Fred Bast, a civil engineer working at the county's Public Works Materials Laboratory, love this little bridge. At one time Bast traveled the county assisting another bridge inspector on county roads.

"In the first half of the century, it was very hard to calculate forces in bridge members," says Bast, as he slides down the steep trail and sidles past some poison oak to a point where one of the bridge's concrete legs angles into an abutment, "especially if you had to design for fixed connections. So they put hinges in to create a 'zero moment' at the ends of each leg and where they meet at the top. They were concerned about weight here. Seismic forces weren't taken into account on most of these old bridges."

Not knowing what to expect, I look for standard hinges, the type you might see on a door or cabinet. Bast points out that these hinges are the rockershaped ends of concrete arches resting against slanted concrete abutment walls. In the event of an overweight truck (a real possibility in the days when this was

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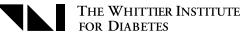
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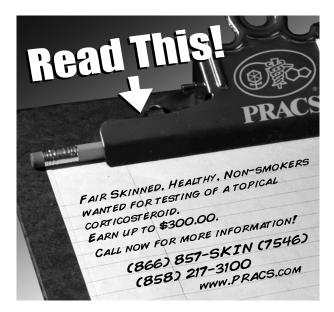
THE WHITTIER INSTITUTE FOR DIABETES is currently recruiting adults with TYPE 2 DIABETES for participation in a study testing a take-home device which may help detect sleep apnea.

> Qualified participants will be compensated for time and travel.



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Promoting Healthy Living with Diabetes



Are you one of the millions of people who won't sleep tonight?

INSOMNIA is a serious condition. People with insomnia often experience:

- Difficulty falling asleep
- Waking up frequently during the night and trouble returning to sleep
- Waking up too early in the morning
- Unrefreshing sleep

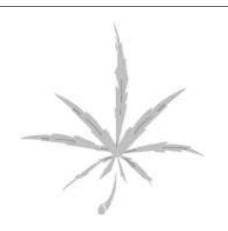
If you or someone you love is suffering from insomnia, and between the ages of 18 and 64, you may be interested in learning about a research study of an investigational medication for insomnia.

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the only major route between El Centro and San Diego) or a truck slamming on its brakes, the concrete legs of this bridge rotate in place to relieve strain. To picture the forces, place your elbows on a table, make two fists, and put fists together under your chin. If you push down hard with your head, your elbows rock out a bit, and knuckles rock together. If your arms didn't collapse, the "bridge" survived a sudden heavy load.

We examine a connection closely and see that high water levels have chocked the gap with pebbles. In a way it looks reassuring not to see daylight through the joint, but Bast says, "You want it to move freely, as unsettling as that seems." The rocker would crush the offending debris instantly, Bast imagines.

Later, Bast and I visit an unnamed bridge (most bridges are given a number only) on Old Highway 80 between the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park exit and Buckman Springs. The road dips into a canyon and bends to cross a creek. We park by the roadside near two cars and hop from rock to rock down a trail on the south side. Two gold prospectors are working the shallow creek near the bridge with pans and shovels, hoping to find a little "color" in the deep pockets of sediment and sand left at this sharp bend.

Once again, the view from below is most interesting. Far from poetic, this bridge and its "underthings" are nothing more than two ponderous concrete plugs in the riverbank. Engineers brutally chopped the rails off an old bridge, left it in place, built up the abutments, and plunked another bridge five feet over it.

San Diego County's bestknown twin bridges — another case of old replaced by new are on State Highway 94 over the Sweetwater River. A modern prestressed concrete roadbed looks as if it can withstand any 100-year flood. Its precursor's black steel rods and beams join into three separate truss systems, each with a slight hump in its back. The concrete road bed. 20 feet wide, plunges through a willow-clogged area of the river, and double yellow lines fade in the sun, never to be repainted.

Walking here in late winter, the sky low and brooding with moisture, I'm apprehensive, an unusual emotion for someone

Got Extra Pounds?



If you answered "YES,"
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wants you to participate in a
clinical research study.

Potential participants must be:

 \checkmark 25-60 years of age

✓ 6'3" tall or less AND less than 300 lbs.

✓ Stable weight and physical activity for at least 2 months

✓ Consumes 3 meals a day

✓ Nonsmoker for at least 2 years or more

Profil provides study-related medical care at no charge, compensation for time and travel up to \$2,200 (overnight stays required), and shuttle service from the H Street Trolley in Chula Vista, if needed.

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Are you being treated for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease?

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Do you have trouble falling or staying asleep?



Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is participating in a national research study of individuals who regularly have trouble falling asleep or waking, and are unable to get back to sleep.

Qualified participants receive up to \$855 for time and travel.

Study related care is provided at no charge, including a physical exam and investigational medication.

Interested participants must be:

- ♦ 18 64 years of age
- Diagnosis of chronic primary insomnia for at least 3 months
- Sleep between 3 6.5 hours per night

For more information, call (toll-free)

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services



1-877-92-SLEEP 1-877-927-5337 who feels weightless—in flight—on most bridges. Rival gangs have tagged the historic bridge with looping, multicolored scrawls. White concrete entry boulders at the north end remind

me of warning gates, a modern version of "Abandon hope all ye who enter here," and dense vegetation blurs each side. The sort of place a body might get dumped.

RESEARCH STUDIES



Tension of another sort, along with compression, hold a bridge like this together. Under vertical loads, a triangle (the basic component of a truss) experiences compression of its two vertical members and tension in the horizontal bar. Again, your arms are a useful analogy. Lock fingers together, place elbows on the table spread a forearm's length apart, and ask someone to push down on your hands. Arms are compressed, and elbows tend to move apart. If something rigid joined your elbows, this base of the triangle would be under tension.

Put a number of triangles together in varying configurations, join them with a roadbed, add transverse and diagonal bars across the top, and you have a

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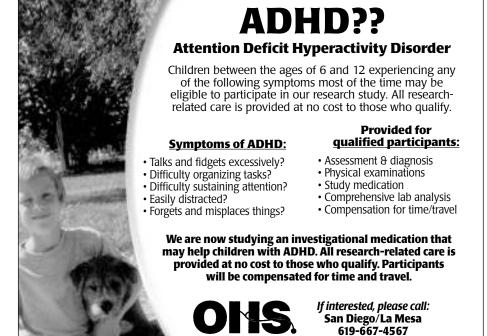
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HEPATITIS C?

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WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

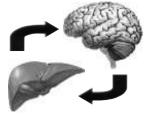
- ✓ Adults between ages 18-60
- ✓ HIV+ and HIV- adults with known or suspected Hepatitis C infection
- ✓ No history of interferon treatment

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

- ✓ Eligible participants will complete interviews and testing, a medical examination, and fluid sampling
- ✓ Compensation for your participation

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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typical highway or railroad bridge that spans hundreds of feet and carries significant loads, despite its light weight. Sweetwater's arrangement is unusual and looks to be a combination of what's called a camelback truss and a Pratt truss. This basic design (along with wooden trestles) built the West, from leveechanneled rivers in the San Joaquin Delta to narrow passes in the Rockies. Steel truss bridges became so common, so powerful an image of progress that Ayn Rand linked past and future technology on rails and trusses of Rearden Metal in Atlas Shrugged:

> He showed her his notebook. She saw disjointed notations he had made, a great many figures, a few rough sketches. She understood his scheme before he had finished explaining it. She did not notice that they had sat down, that they were sitting on a pile of frozen lumber, that her legs were pressed to the rough planks and she could feel the cold through her thin stockings. They were bent together over a few scraps of paper which could make it possible for thousands of tons of freight to cross a cut of empty space. His voice sounded sharp and clear, while he explained thrusts, pulls, loads, wind pressures. The bridge was to be a single $twelve-hundred-foot\,truss$ span. He had devised a new type of truss. It had never been made before and could not be made except with members that had the strength and the lightness of Rearden Metal. [Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged,

The naysayers said Rearden's and Dagny Taggart's bridge on the John Galt Line would col-

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Penguin Books USA, 1957;

There was a moment, during Pine Valley's construction, when Bert Bezzone heard that his bridge had fallen.

"I was driving home from work one night in Sacramento and heard a newscaster say, 'One hundred fifty feet of bridge at Pine Valley collapsed.' I thought, 'Do I go for the border, or what?' Oh my. We were right at the

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critical stage of a 150-foot cantilever. No one had built anything in the United States like this before, and I hear this.

"Finally I got home and called maintenance in District 11 and asked if they knew anything about the collapse. No. So I asked

them to check it out. About an hour later he calls me back and says, 'That wasn't Pine Valley. They were stripping [wood] falsework on the Japatul Valley bridge, lowering it on cables, and it tipped and slid out.' It wasn't even a bridge collapse.

Just forms. God! Relief, I tell vou!"

We reach Pine Valley and drive across in about 25 seconds. At the next exit, I turn around, drive back, and park the car on the shoulder near the east abutment. Another car pulls

alongside within minutes, driven by Ed Bankston, a construction engineer with District 11 and an old friend of Bezzone's. Bankston has the key to a hidden access manhole under this eastern end. We slide down a bank, duck under a huge concrete wall stretching into space, and crawl to a place where the ground is a few feet below the bridge.

The round hatch, free of its padlock, swings up, then falls over into darkness with a steel handclap—a 100-pound poker

chip dead-dropped to a concrete floor. Noise ricochets up and down a one-third-milelong box. Sound-effects specialists crave such an echo; grand and hollow, filled with technology frightening the timid. Think of an oil tanker's empty

RESEARCH STUDIES

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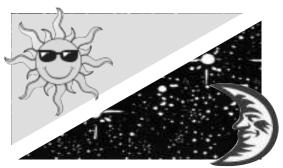


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For more information about this study, please contact:

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Trouble falling or staying asleep?

Pacific Sleep Medicine is participating in a national research study of individuals who regularly have trouble falling asleep or waking and not able to get back to sleep.

Interested participants must be:

- 18 64 years of age
- Primary insomnia for at least 3 months

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Lifting myself up, I also imagine that I am a virus. Flashlight-eyed contagions enter a 12-foot-high tomb sealed by calculus-worshiping cults. Above, traffic whumps across roadway joints. I stand next to a cone of light streaming up from the manhole. It paints an eerie funnel across a wall and part of the ceiling. Bezzone looks at wall joints with his flashlight near a crude, open doorway at the abutment. Bankston rises from securing the padlock on the open cover. He laughs easily, tells a fair number of tall tales, and enjoys reminiscing. He soon spots a scrap of carpet impris-

oned in concrete near a joint (wet carpeting controls how fast concrete "cures") and says, "Some of us used to come out and get that stuff after we were done. On the pay we got, it was better than the carpet we had at home. But Bert's heard that one before...

"Nobody's heard that one, Ed," says Bezzone with a smile, starting to walk deeper into the box-shaped tunnel.

"When we first started

looking at this site," he continues, his tennis shoes making no sound, "we considered four configurations: a box similar to what we have here, only made of steel; a truss; segmental construction; and filling the canyon up with spoils from cuts along Interstate 8. We would have buried half of San Diego County by the time we got through with the last option, so that went down the tube quickly. The park people [Cleveland National Forest

RESEARCH STUDIES

schizophrenia research

The schizophrenia research study. Men and Women between 18 and 55 years old are needed to participate in a clinical research study for the investigational use of a marketed drug in the treatment of schizophrenia. Volunteers must be diagnosed with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder and must be able to consent to participation in a clinical study before beginning any study-related activities. All office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications related to this study will be provided at no cost to patients.

For more information about this study, please contact:

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Please call for more information: 619-409-1244 or e-mail studies@profil-research.com administrators] would never buy that.

"Segmental was about 15 to 20 percent cheaper, and it allowed us to do something [the cantilever method] we really wanted to try. A German firm, Dykerhoff and Widmann, had

come up with a prestress system called DYWIDAG for building bridges [without falsework, wooden forms that contain the just-poured concrete]. We'd been in the prestress and posttension business for quite a while at that point, but there weren't

any American contractors who'd done anything like DYWIDAG."

In Graeme Outerbridge's landmark book Bridges, featuring 45 great bridges of Europe and the United States shown in over 300 astonishing photographs, he offers this descrip-

tion of a process that allowed the creation of many of the world's most graceful bridges, including Christian Menn's famous Ganter and Reichenau bridges in Switzerland and Robert Maillart's Salginatobel Bridge over the Schrau River, Schiers,

Switzerland:

Concrete, like stone, is strong in compression and weak in tension. That is to say, it is able to resist pressure against it but has little ability to withstand pres-

sures exerted to pull it apart. Reinforced concrete, developed in the late nineteenth century, is a material in which the ability of metal to withstand tension was added to concrete's ability to withstand compres-

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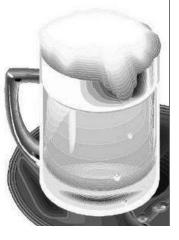
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SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

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sion. Iron or steel rods or beams were encased in concrete to combine the two strengths. Anyone walking by a construction site will have observed this combination - rods sticking out of concrete. It is,

however, a static strength, whereas prestressed concrete possesses a dynamic one, the metal within acting like a spring. Prestressed concrete is made by casting a concrete beam with longitudinal holes. Steel

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RESEARCH STUDIES



Postmenopausal Women Wanted

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Manic-Depression

Do you experience

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- Extreme changes in energy and behavior?

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Participants must be at least 18 years.

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To find out more information please call researchers at

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INSOMNIA is a serious condition. People with insomnia often experience:

- Difficulty falling asleep
- Waking up frequently during the night and trouble returning to sleep
 - Waking up too early in the morning
 - Unrefreshing sleep

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beam together. This contained energy can be used to counterbalance the opposing forces in an arch that are pressing down and out. The strength of this material has allowed engi-

neers to create bridges using a small volume of material, which in turn creates an appearance of considerable grace.

[Graeme Outerbridge, Bridges, Harry N. Abrahms, Inc., New York, 1989; used by permission]

In stills taken by Caltrans photographers during Pine Valley's construction, thickets of threaded rods continually project out of the bridge's cantilevered ends. Tightened ("posttensioned") and locked in place, they controlled the camber of each roadbed as it hung in space. Not only did the great weight of each section pull the horizontal, plank-

like structure downward, the column itself nodded its head slightly toward the heavier side with each pour. At times the ends "wanted to move down as much as four feet," according to Bezzone.

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To create another simple model of the forces at work, hold both arms straight out from the shoulders (the body representing one bridge column). This horizontal structure is limber, and tendons, sinews, bone, and tensed muscles (prestressed rods) hold it in place — to a point. Even leg muscles come into play. Add too much weight to one hand and stress is felt the length of the arm as well as at the shoulder. One side eventually dips.

Whatever the inspiration, Romans had the principle figured out. Archaeologists once found bronze rods reinforcing a concrete beam in the doorway of a 100 B.C. tomb.

Walking west inside the box, the sounds of traffic overhead grow louder. The bridge reverberates each time a truck or car hits an expansion joint. Our flashlights play across a sloping concrete floor littered at the edges with some kind of crumbled organic matter. Bending over for a closer look, I discover we're walking beside drifts of mouse scat, undisturbed by water or wind, drying into a museum of fecal dust.

"Jesus Christ," I say to myself. "It's a hantavirus plantation!" By the time of our bridge walk, hantavirus disease had killed at least 32 people in 14 states, according to reports in the San Diego Union. Humans are infected by airborne dust containing...well, you know. Bezzone and Bankston are unconcerned; there haven't been any problems they've heard of among bridge workers. And I know that, despite the presence of a diseased rodent found in the Cuyamaca area, the health department had reported no human infections in the county. Yet. I walk on, careful not to shuffle my feet, staying on the clean concrete near the middle. At times we see permanent prints left when the concrete was wet: Homo sapiens' footprints, typical steel-toed boot variety.

The Pine Valley roadbed, built of "segmentally prestressed boxes," is a straightforward style with tapered sides now popular throughout the state. It wasn't always so. Bezzone first developed the tapered-side look on a bridge built three decades ago in Sacramento, and he might be considered "The Father of the Tapered Bridge."

"Everyone said the shape

wasn't going to fly," says Bezzone. " 'They aren't going to look good,' and so forth. Now we've got them all over the state. It seemed like such a basic thing at the time. It looks good, and it allows the forms to drop right

For the piers, design section supervisor Bezzone along with project engineer Ostap Bender brainstormed a look that "definitely evolved."

"We considered half a dozen basic shapes and elevations, tinkered here, tinkered there," Bezzone recalls. "We kept the general shape of an earlier design with its parabolic flare, but the need to possibly add a center

roadway section altered it for the better." Concrete bowties now join each twin-column pier, with the largest bowties on top where they might, if ever needed, support a third roadway box.

Anyone who's erected a flagpole or mailbox in a hole filled with concrete knows that even a simple project can assume

a decided tilt. In this case, take a 350-foot-tall pier. Plug it into solid rock on a canyon wall. Anchor it sufficiently to support part of a 70,000-ton bridge (total weight) against a few external forces like high wind and a potentially massive earthquake. Designers call the results of such events, in a classic case

of understatement, "overturning moments."

"If it wasn't for a base of solid granite, we'd have had to dig up half the canyon to get a footing in there," says Bezzone, staring down the length of one pier through a narrow gap created by a mid-span hinge. Using similar prestressing techniques

as those used in the cantilevered boxes, the contractor anchored a "transfer block," a slab of concrete about a foot larger than the bridge's footprint. Cables reach deep into rock, stretched taught with jacks.

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ite to hold the bridge in place. It's become a common method since then." Another benefit was minimal damage to the site. After 20 years the entire bridge appears to have been airlifted to a pristine canyon, lowered into waiting holes, and cemented in place: there are no heaps of rubble, permanent access roads, or other disturbances to canyon walls and bottom.

Flood levels are another consideration in a bridge's construction over any water feature, but not in the case of this high structure. Still, engineers must file a report detailing the possible effects of stream fluctuations. On page 36 of the Department of Public Works—

Division of Highways "Report of Completion — Structures for the Pine Valley Project" by R.P. Sommariva and R.J. Zelinski, dated March 28, 1975, one finds this tongue-in-cheek letter amidst 103 pages of technical grouting records, joint seal and stressing reports, and costs (final cost was \$10,048,987.08):

Hydraulic Report, Pine Valley Creek

We regret the fact that we cannot supply the daily record of stream surface elevations as required in the Construction Records and Procedures.

The reason we are not able, is that the torrential

rains and turbulent stream conditions in March 1973 washed-out our measuring gage. Though stream flow conditions did not rival those predicted for the 100-year storm (20' deep, 10 fps, and 18,000 cfs), they were the most severe that had been seen in over a decade by the resident meteorologist of Pine Valley, Jeremiah Sagebrush.

During that dreaded month, the once-meek Pine Valley Creek gained the respect of all who formerly scoffed at her. In this period, the creek, which is normally a trickle even at full moon, reached the magnanimous proportions of eight feet wide and 3 1/2 (three and a half) feet deep.

In spite of the ferocity displayed by the creek, we construction engineers unanimously put our reputations on the line in stating that there is nothing to fear. We feel that the Pine Valley Creek Bridge will withstand the turbulence and will refuse to be intimidated by Pine Valley Creek throughout its life.

We recommend no future stream flow studies. The 431'-6" of freeboard should be a satisfactory clearance except possibly

for low-flying aircraft.

When bridges fall down, engineers lie awake at night. They lie awake much of the time anyway. Bezzone, during the design phase of Pine Valley Creek Bridge, kept a pad of paper by his bedside. Most nights, by the third or fourth time he'd snapped on the light to take notes, his wife felt like yelling at him to either turn it off or get out of the room. She did, on occasion, but his marriage survived several hundred bridges that weren't standard Drawer A knock-off designs.

According to Bezzone, after the Loma Prieta quake in the Bay Area, Caltrans looked at every bridge in California and put them in three categories: those that needed work right away, those that were in between and required further study, and those that didn't need anything. The really vulnerable bridges were single-column connector types and bridges that had some sort of intermediate hinge.

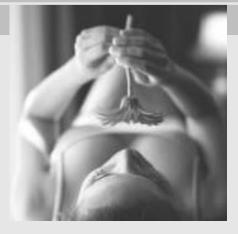
"We had those pretty well done [upgraded]," says Bezzone. The notable exception was the I-5 and I-210 interchange, where a section's collapse in the recent Northridge quake was the second failure at this locale, this time while a bridge was in the midst of being upgraded.

"I had some really bad nights over the first failure in '71," he recalls. "Two people

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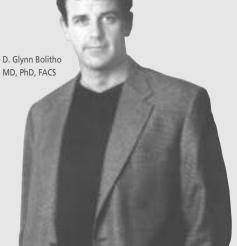
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On the western half of the Pine Valley Creek span, we stop to examine one of the bridge's two seismic joints, the first of their size and complexity in an American bridge. The '71 Sylmar quake instantly changed the way Caltrans engineers approached bridge design. Interlocking like timbers in a Shaker barn, each segment of box-beam roadway in Pine Valley is free to move back and forth or up and down, bouncing or sliding on thick neoprene pads. Two faults sleep close by, one seven miles away, and both have a maximum credible rating over 7.5. Push high winds against the bridge's huge surface area, and the sail effect might also be enough to cause problems.

In order to check the system's effectiveness, engineers did a computerized analysis of seismic forces, a "time history" of what happens to the bridge under load. Until the '70s, Caltrans didn't have the capacity to do such calculations on their computers, so Bezzone feels that this is probably the first bridge in the world to get this treatment on the drawing board. The digitized, graphed behavior of two actual California earthquakes (one was El Centro, 1940) "attacked" the Pine Valley design inside Caltrans' mainframe computer. Eight hours later Bezzone had a few answers. The joint's design was viable, but anchor cables were added to restrain it from opening too far in an extreme earthquake. And another set of neoprene bumpers is now ready to absorb any rebound if the cables do come into play.

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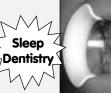
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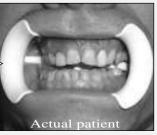




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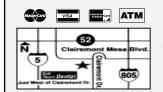
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Canyon, searching for a place to cross Bubb's Creek. I found a dead giant cradled in the boulders, its limbs peeled off by a few seasons of spring melt water, the barkless trunk wet with mist. Crossing it with a heavy pack was as primordial as carrying a

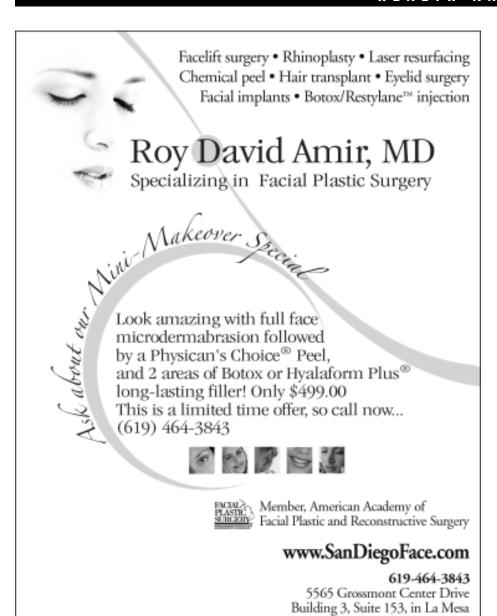
deer carcass across an Ice Age river. I slipped, fell into waistdeep water, caught myself on an amputated branch's stump, and ended up shimmying across on my butt. Five minutes later, drying my socks on a rock, I watched a bear trot over as if it

were a highway.

American settlers soon customized the fallen log into a more stable slat-and-log combination: several logs side by side joined by planks to walk on. If there were horses or oxen on the trail (which was probably becoming a road), the bridge needed to be wider, stronger. A king post bridge became popular, the forerunner of a basic truss bridge. Two stringer beams, each cut and fitted with a king post and two angled compression braces, spanned the distance between the stream or river banks. Split or pit-sawn planks provided the roadbed. Dry masonry abutments were a sturdy connection to solid ground.

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San Diego has a few bridges that seem primitive but homey, convenient (when built in the early 1900s) for pedestrians going home from a streetcar line and needing to cross a canyon or two. Of them all, the Spruce Street suspension bridge is a spectacular jounce, its twin cables bounding at mid span if you dare walk or run. Like most suspension bridges, strong cables rise to towers at each end, go over the top, and grab the earth with massive, underground concrete anchorages. It's not the Golden Gate, but the principle is the same.

Bridges like Spruce are "dead load" bridges, a grimsounding term that has nothing to do with mortality. Engineers use it to describe bridges that are designed to carry their own weight and little more. (The Spruce bridge, however, was dramatically over-engineered and could probably hold hundreds of people safely. "Probably" is the operative word here, if anyone is thinking of having a bridge-in.)

A pedestrian bridge now under construction will soon span Washington Street in Hillcrest east of State Highway 163. It is one of a new generation of pedestrian bridges being built amid San Diego's streets and canyons after a lapse of at least

50 years.

Another pedestrian bridge — touted by the publicists at Scripps as the first cablestayed bridge in California links the east and west sides of Scripps campus. It is now a

favorite destination of bridge lovers (and other lovers) who enjoy the effect of walking off a 135-foot-long diving board into a setting sun. The futuristiclooking suspension system, in which cables angle down like harp strings from a tall post, has been popular in Europe (especially Germany) for some time. Several Rhine River crossings are cable-stayed, including one at Flehe and another at Speyer. Both were built in the 1970s.

Designed by Frieder Seible, professor of structural engineering at the University of California, San Diego, Scripps Crossing rests one end on the stair and elevator tower of a new building designed by architect Frederick Liebhardt. Nine stainless-steel cables hold an 18-inchdeep arching deck over La Jolla Shores Drive near Scripps Pier. Seible hopes to build a similar, but much larger bridge of lightweight carbon fiber mate-

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rials across Interstate 5. After a blush of publicity in late 1993, the project seems to have stalled. Seible has been unavailable for interviews (like most bridge experts caught up in studying the effects of recent quakes in Los Angeles). Bert Bezzone, when

asked about the bridge, pragmatically called it "more of a toy for the professors. It's a very expensive bridge for the site." The claim that this is the first cable-stayed bridge in California is also somewhat incorrect, according to Bezzone.

"If you're talking the first pedestrian cable-stayed bridge, then yes," he says. "But I know of a small cable-stayed bridge on State Highway 32 from Chico west to Interstate 5 that was built 15 or 20 years ago. It's a movable bridge and is cable-stayed

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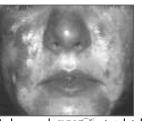
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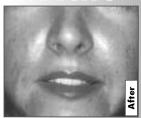
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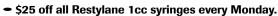
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a Taurus grill — strewn over wilderness. High winds, not collisions, stripped these parts loose. A Santa Ana is a mad, eye-gouging wrestler, ready to pluck out what is loose, unsound, temporary.

But we push on to the far end and a narrow, light-filled gap between bridge and abutment. There I see the remains of a campfire and a charred newspaper dated 11-17-91. An empty Keystone beer can lies on its side. Someone has bent

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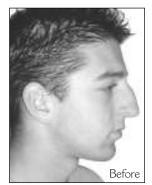
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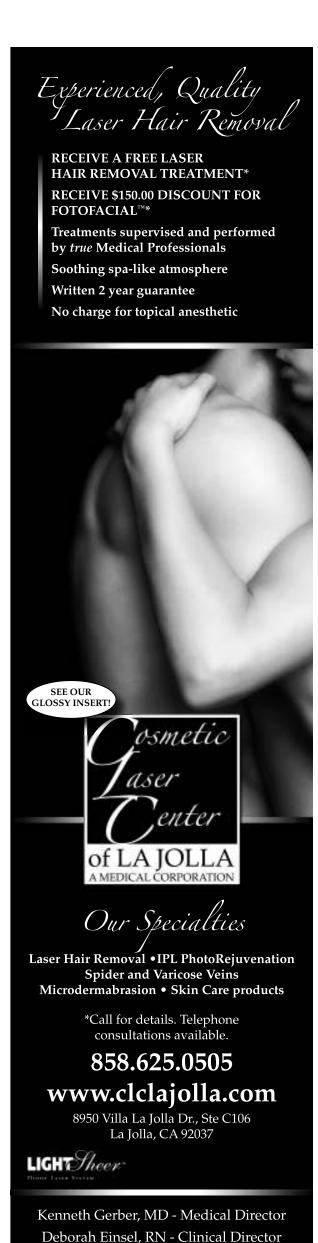
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— Peter Jensen

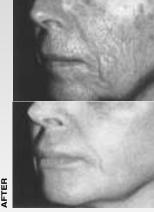
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paragraphs, e.g., James Brown never recorded a Kooper song (Josh wasn't paying attention), many of Kooper's records are available in the U.S., and Josh seems to have missed the point of Al's monologues, which were as much a part of the show as Al's singing. The guy is a part of musical history.

If Kooper seemed irritable, it was probably because the interviewer came off like a snotty and ill-informed little punk.

The rest of the sold-out house seemed to enjoy the

Glenn Valentine via e-mail

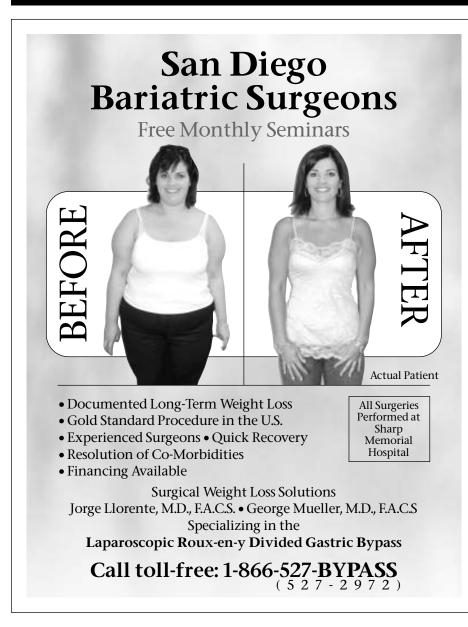
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tained us and made us laugh. As a fan of his website — alkooper.com — I was familiar with Kooper's wit and brand of storytelling. What he shared with us was an insight to a music legend that few would ever share.

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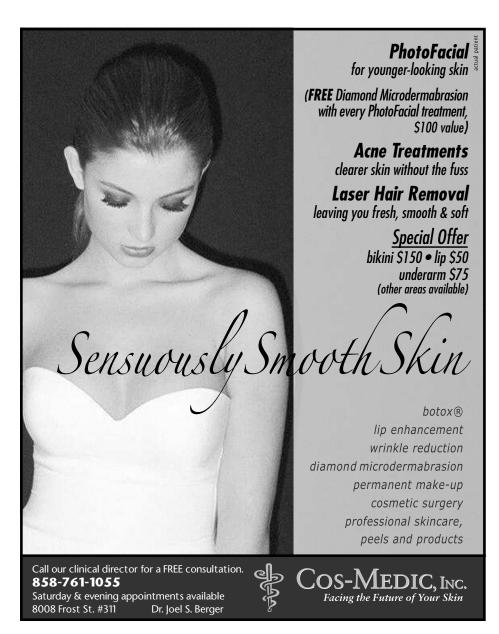
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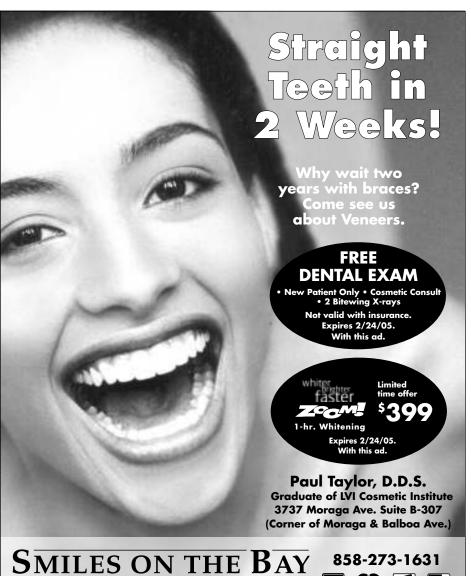
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Board wrote about the concert in this week's Reader ("Blurt," January 27). When I attend a concert, I'm there for the entertainment. I don't rate a concert on whether or not I can go on a shopping spree. If Mr. Board wanted Kooper's CDs so badly (though why would he with his opinion of Kooper's singing?!) all he'd have to do is the same as I did: buy them on the Internet as imports from Japan.

The concert *did not* start "more than half an hour late"; it started 20 minutes late, and most of that was because the promoter was trying to find space to accommodate the overflow of folks who'd traveled, some as far as from Orange County, on the chance that they might be able to buy tickets to the sold-out concert. I'd read about the concert in the San Diego Troubadour two weeks previously, so I was able to buy my tickets well in advance. However, I've been in the same position myself a couple of times and would have appreciated the concert presenters accommodating me at a soldout concert.

As far as the stories he told, I don't think that these days Kooper would be very pleased to tell any stories about Lynyrd Skynyrd, since they've aligned themselves with the Republican Party.

However, Mr. Board might want to do a little homework before he writes his next concert review. James Brown never made "I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know" famous; as far as I can find, he never even recorded that song! Sloppy journalism!

> Lois Bach via e-mail

Josh Board replies: In response to this week's and last week's letters, I wrote about Kooper selling T-shirts because I wore a Joe Walsh "Ordinary Average Tour" shirt, and Kooper told me he played on that tour. I said, "I know. That's why I wore it. But if you sell shirts tonight, I'll buy one of those." He then responded that he wouldn't be selling products; he was here to play music.

In regard to his selling CDs, I told him that fans don't think it's bad if you sell stuff, even CDs, at shows (since he had the impression it looks cheesy to sell your products at a concert). I told him I couldn't find his CDs anywhere, so selling them at the show or on his website was a good idea. He said he will sell them on his website but not at his shows. All of this was edited out of the original story, as was the mention I made of liking how he started the show with a sermon (talking about a Jew from New York in a church on Sabbath) and how well he harmonized with his guitar on "Blue Suede Shoes."

Regarding the late start time, I was told by a friend who tried to buy tickets that the show had sold out. So it surprised me that Carey, the promoter, started late so as to get more fans in. That's why I mentioned that.

The one mistake made in this story was sloppy journalism on my part. One time after Paul Shaffer and his band played "I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know," David Letterman said, "I love when Paul does that James Brown thing." So I thought that Brown had made that song popular. (Letterman was actually referring to Shaffer's James Brown-inspired shtick of falling to the ground while the song was being played.)

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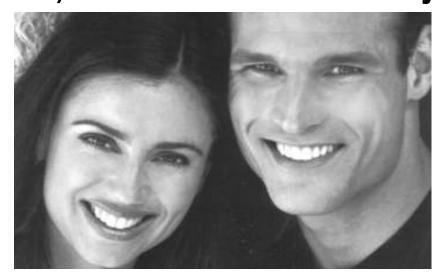
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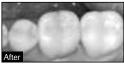
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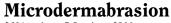
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have two good moments: the Ray Charles segment and Mr. Kooper vocally harmonizing with his guitar. Other than that, the only enjoyable times were Mr. Kooper relating his personal experience with coming up in the music business. It got to the point where I was eagerly awaiting his next oration so he would stop singing. We all would have been better served if Mr. Kooper had hired a local singer to softly sing his songs as he, Mr. Kooper, played the organ or guitar while spinning his tales. It could have been a good show in that format.

Those people who wrote disagreeing with Josh Board's report as a music critic seem to be self-serving, in as one was the program organizer and one was a volunteer worker for the show. The others seem to hold Mr. Kooper in high esteem for his past history, but dealing with the present, I found the show to be lacking in quality. Quantity does not make for a good show. Josh Board's critique of this evening was right on the money.

> Ted Moody Linda Vista

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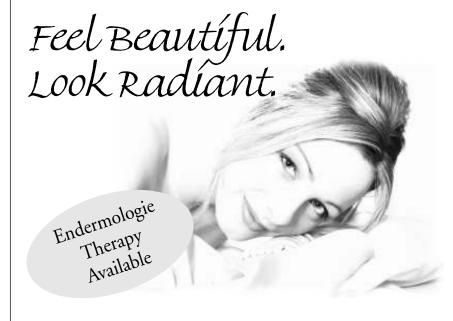
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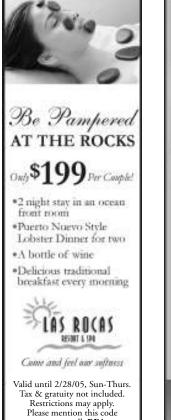
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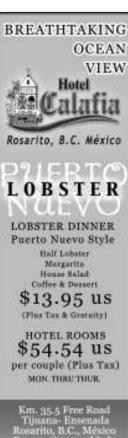
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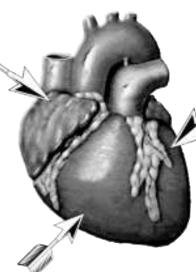
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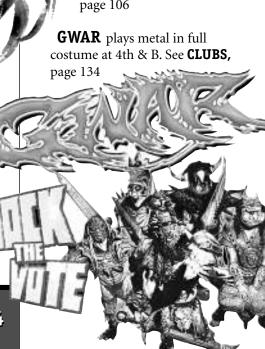
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LOCAL **EVENTS**

Massachusetts, a video of Robin Williams performing the Academy Award-nominated song "Blame Canada"

from the movie South Park will be displayed on the Jumbotron in the San Diego Sports Arena.

Canadian Night is one of a series of Saturday-night themes. This Saturday is the first time the team will be paying tribute to the "Great White North." Of the 24 players currently on the San Diego Gulls hockey team, 14 are Canadian.

In addition to Saturday's theme nights, Wednesday nights have been declared "Wacky Wednesdays." One recent Wednesday event was "Pooch Party" - fans were encouraged to bring pet dogs to the game. That event was so successful (with 115 dogs in attendance) that the Gulls want to bring the pups back: Over 200 dogs are expected for Pooch Party II on February 16. According to ESPN, the Gulls are the first hockey team to invite dogs to attend

'This is the first season where we've been really creative with these theme nights," says director of public relations Jeremy Zager. "Theme nights bring more energy and definitely more fans for the Saturday nights. Energy in the arena on Mullet Night compared to a regular night is so much better, it's really

electric.

Mullet Night, the catalyst for this multitude of theme nights, was the only event of its kind last season. Hockey has been one of the last bastions of the "mullet" hairdo (short on top, long in back), and those players no longer sporting the '80s style wore wigs during warm-ups. Fans were encouraged to "rock their mullets," real or fake, and commemorative Mullet Night T-shirts were given to the crowd.

Upcoming theme nights and giveaways include Disco Night, with 8000 giveaway "Afro wigs"; Trucker Night, with free trucker hats; and '80s Night, with tank tops. The first 7000 fans to show up at Canadian Night will receive a Gulls long-sleeved T-shirt.

Themed events will run throughout the evening of Canadian Night. With help from the Canadian consulate of San Diego, director of marketing and game operations Greg Olmen has put together a series of questions he calls the "You know you're a Canadian" game. Trivia questions such as, "What ingredients are found in poutine?" will appear on the Jumbotron, and fans will be encouraged to scream out their answers. After the crowd has had a chance to guess, the answer will appear (the parts that combine to create this French-Canadian concoction are french fries, gravy, and cheese curds).

"You know you're a Canadian" will appear intermittently throughout the hockey game. At one point in the evening a contestant will be chosen from the stands and given the opportunity to win a prize. "During each night, we pick one person for the 'Verizon Inside the Helmet' game [where a fan is asked to answer a question about the players]," says Olmen. "We'll do the same kind of thing, only this time we'll make sure



the question is Canadian related."

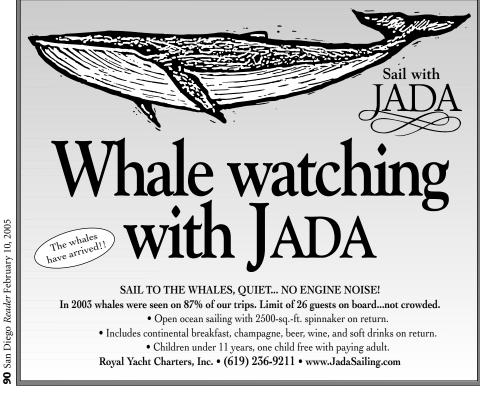
The most interesting segment of Canadian Night (Robin Williams's crooning is a close second) will be the Beaver Race. Organizers of this race will soak three stuffedanimal beavers in water and freeze them in time for their debut on the ice. Twelve contestants will be chosen from the crowd and placed into three teams, four people per team. Teams will be separated and given Tshirts to make them identifiable. Each group of four will be lined up, beaver in the front, a bucket in the back.

The beavers, twine tied around their tails, will be handed to the first person in each line, who then must feed it underneath the shirt she

is wearing and out through the neck area. The next in line must do this alternately - in through the neck, out the bottom of the shirt. The prize goes to the first team to weave the beaver through their clothing and drop the frozen beast into the bucket.

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The Polo Polo Comic Show starts at 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 12, at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333, (TIJUANA)

Andre Minvielle in concert at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328) on Saturday, February 12, 9 p.m. Reservations: 011-52-664-622-1522. (TIJUANA)

The Fab Four return to perform Saturday, February 12, 9 p.m., at Tijuana Grand Hotel (on Boulevard Agua Caliente), Tickets: \$20, \$25, \$35 U.S. 011-52-664-681-7000. (TIJUANA)

Valentine's 10K Race, Sunday, February 13, 8 a.m., at Unidad CREA, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-685-7826. (TIJUANA)

Comedian Omar Chaparro takes stage on Monday, February 14, 7 p.m., at Auditorio Municipal (on Boulevard Díaz Ordaz). Tickets: \$15, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-608-4692. (TIJUANA)

Jose Feliciano and Nicho **Hinojosa** perform in concert at 9 p.m. on Monday, February 14, at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

The Play 10 El Marido Perfecto presented at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15 and 16, at Tijuana Cultural Center (at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río); \$25 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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the sun arcs higher overhead in the sky each day. It will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean's enormous mass and large heat capacity fully respond to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in the low to mid-70s is expected by August or September.

Ice Plant is responsible for many of the carpet-like splashes of yellow, pink, red, and purple we're now seeing around San Diego. Popular as a ground cover for concealing ugly cuts or stabilizing steep, easily eroded slopes, ice plant covers the shoreline bluffs at La Jolla, road embankments in Rancho Santa Fe and Balboa Park, and front yards from Point Loma to El Cajon.

The Thin-Grinned Crescent **Moon** returns to prominence in the evening sky on Thursday, February 10. Look low in the west

at or near 6 p.m. to see the moon's sunlit limb curled upward on both sides forming a perfect, thin smile. By Valentine's Day, the much thicker crescent moon will appear high overhead at dusk and remain in the sky for several hours, smiling down on lovers below (weather permitting).

Gather Around Sunset on east side of Mission Trails Regional Park, members of San Diego Astronomy Association host public viewing with telescopes, Friday, February 11. Equipment remains set up until around 10 p.m. Meet in Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Help Plant 1000 Trees — oaks, willows, cottonwoods -along Santa Maria Creek on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wildlife Research Institute sponsors plantings, provides food and beverages. Bring shovel, wear appropriate shoes. Free. Join group at 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Bird Along the Sweetwater **River** with Audubon Society on Saturday, February 12, 8 a.m. to noon. A variety of species occur in

willows and brush of riverbed. Meet in far northwest corner of Plaza Bonita parking lot. Considerable hiking of moderately strenuous nature. Bring drinking water. Free. 619-280-7710. (CHULA VISTA)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including February 12. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue); \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Shakes, Snakes, and Rocks, learn about all three when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderate to strenuous five-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Saturday, February 12. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at main entrance on La Honda Drive. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, February 12, starts at 9 a.m. at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Supplies provided. 760-944-9020. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, February 12, beginning at visitors' center at 10 a.m. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Healthy Eating 101, learn about native plants and eating habits of earliest San Diegans while hiking along Lake Hodges Trail in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, February 12, 9 a.m. Directions, reservations: 858-674-2275 x5.

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, February 12, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

"Hawk Watch 2005," Wildlife Research Institute leads raptorspotting 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)

Bring Weeding Tools and Work Gloves to help Audubon Society volunteers remove invasive plants at California least tern nesting site at Mariner's Point on Saturday, February 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations and directions: 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. (MISSION BAY)

Identify Wildlife Tracks when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning and intermediate tracking walks, Saturday, February 12, 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. To reach Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house. 858-513-0359. Free. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Explore Around Lake Miramar during Canyoneer hike on Sunday, February 13, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-232-3821 x203. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

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Do Some Weekday Birding when birders from Audubon Society head out on annual La Iolla adventure from 8 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 16. Meet in vicinity of 303 Coast Boulevard, several blocks south of Children's Pool. Bring a scope. Free. 619-280-7710. (LA JOLLA)

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DANCE

"Song of Nyumbani" premiered by San Diego Dance Theater and artistic director Jean Isaacs on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12, 8 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Piece combines choreography of San Diego Dance Theater with that of hip-hop choreographer Grace Jun, DJ Arash Haile, dancers from bkSoul. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 students. 858-484-7791. (ROLANDO)

The Annual Valentine Gift from San Diego Ballet is offered February 11-13, at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. The Sleeping Beauty is presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Enjoy "Dances of Love and Laughter," with more contemporary music and dance, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for either program: \$27 general, discounts for children, students, seniors, military. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Valentine's Vintage Dance on Friday, February 11, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson in partnering at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner-friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Bellvdance Dinner Show featuring Rachel George, Manisha, and live music by Middle-Earth Band, Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

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Gator Beat makes Cajun, zydeco, and funk sounds for Bon Temps Social Club dance on Saturday, February 12, 7 to 10:30 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Dance lesson: 6:20 p.m.; \$12 general. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrity Dance Competitions 2005 Tour, Saturday, February 12, at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Details: 877-326-2394. (LA JOLLA)

Valentine's Dance for singles and couples, featuring performance of Bolero by Mary Manzella and Harvey Clark on Saturday, February 12, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). DJ plays twostep, waltz, rhumba; \$13. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The World According to Dance!" San Diego Civic Dance Company presents annual recitals through February 20, in Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). Tap, jazz, musical theater, ballet pieces. Performances: 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, February 12 and 19; 2 p.m. on Sundays, February 13 and 20. Tickets: \$7, \$10. Reservations: 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

Fusion-Style Bellydance performed by Velvet Gypsy Tribal on Saturday, February 12, 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Free. 619-265-7287. (SDSU)

Shake Your Belly during Middle Eastern bellydance workshop planned by Rachel George, Saturday, February 12, 11:45 a.m., at 4 Women Only Fitness Center (12222 Poway Road). Requested reservations: 858-486-4900. (POWAY)

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).

Caller is Mike Davis on February 13. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m.; \$6 per class, \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Sunday, February 13, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$7; free for firsttimers. (BAY PARK)

Valentine's Day Bellydance **Event,** Monday, February 14, by Lucia at Med Grill (1263 University Avenue). Shows start at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Free. 619-683-2233. (HILLCREST)

The St. Petersburg State Ballet **Theatre** presents *Giselle* with its "classic themes of love, betraval, and forgiveness" on Thursday. February 17, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$32, 800-988-4253, (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 10-20, featuring

more than 35 feature films, documentaries. Titles include Wonderous Oblivion, Tijuana Jews, Walk on Water, The Rashevski's Tango, Paper Snow, many others.

Screenings offered at AMC La Jolla 12 Theatres in La Jolla Village Square, Mann Theatres Hazard Center, Ultrastar's Poway Creekside Plaza 10, and in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Single tickets: \$12; series passes, \$150. Reservations: 858-362-1348.

The Italian Film The Star Maker screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Gian Tavarelli's Liberi (Break Free) screens in Italian with English subtitles on Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street); \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Synthesizer Innovator Robert Moog is subject for new documentary screening Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Moog starts at 7 p.m.; \$7 general. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes to see The Barbarian Invasions, Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Introductory remarks, post-film discussion by North County Times film critic Ann Zivotsky; \$15. 760-602-2049. (LA COSTA)

The "Visionary Detective **Thriller"** Code 46, starring Tim Robbins and Samantha Morton, shown for Film Forum on Monday, February 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free, 619-236-5800, (DOWNTOWN)

"High Seas" provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. See The Perfect Storm on Wednesday, February 16, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcasing independent and foreign films continues with Canadian drama Long Life, Happiness, and Prosperity on February 16, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library

(365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. In English. (CHULA VISTA)

"Emmanuel's Gift." documentary chronicles "story of a young man from Ghana who would not let his disability get in the way of his dreams." Screens Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Fee: \$10, benefiting Challenged Athlete Foundation. 760-944-

Jeff Bridges Club, see The Big Lebowski starring Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, and Julianne Moore on Thursday, February 17, at Museum of Photographic Arts. Screenings start at 7 p.m. Single film: \$10; four-film series: \$28. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Other King, the Other America" screens on Thursday, February 17, 5 p.m., at UCSD's Cross Cultural Center. The film includes "first documented speech of Dr. King against the Vietnam War." Discussion follows. Free. 858-534-9689. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. currently screening in the IMAX theater: Roar: Lions of the Kalahari,

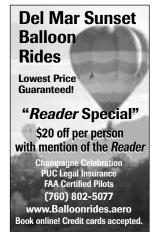
Volcanoes of the Deep Sea, Forces of Nature. "Fridays at the Fleet" features two IMAX classics and two current hits each week; see Wolves (6 p.m.) and Bears (7 p.m.) on February 11. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

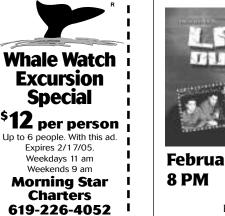
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Local Efforts to Monitor, Replant, and Maintain Kelp Forests chornicled when San Diego Baykeeper education coordinator and marine biologist Colleen Wisniewski speaks for San Diego Dive Club on Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant (9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 619-462-3439. (CLAIREMONT)

Architect Brad Cloepfil speaks for series co-hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and American Institute of Architects, Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m. at the museum, 700 Prospect Street. Tickets: \$7 general (includes gallery admission). 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)









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"Fakes, Forgeries, and the Way Works of Art Change,'

international art scholar Nigel McGilchrist investigates authenticity in Renaissance art during Docent Guest lecture on Friday, February 11, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. He'll examine changes paintings have undergone, how forgeries are recognized; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Introduction to Chinese **Astrology** — Beyond the 12 Animals of the Chinese Zodiac" offered when Marilyn Himaka speaks for San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$12. 760-310-4152. (HILLCREST)

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IT IS NIGHT, IN MY STUDY

It is night, in my study The deepest solitude; I hear the steady

shudder in my breast

- for it feels all alone, and blanched by my mind -

and I hear my blood

with even murmur fill up the silence.

You might say the thin stream

falls in the waterclock and fills the bottom.

Here, in the night, all alone, this is my study;

the books don't speak; my oil lamp

bathes these pages in a light of peace,

light of a chapel.

The books don't speak; of the poets, the meditators, the learned,

the spirits drowse:

and it is as if around me circled

cautious death. I turn at times to see if it waits,

I search the dark.

I try to discern among the shadows

its thin shadow.

I think of heart failure. think about my strong age; since my fortieth year

two more have passed.

Toward a looming temptation here, in the solitude, the silence turns me —

the silence and the shadows. And I tell myself: "Perhaps when soon

they come to tell me that supper awaits, they will discover a body here

pallid and cold

- the thing that I was, this one who waits just like those books quiet and rigid, the blood already stopped,

jelling in the veins,

the chest silent

under the gentle light of the soothing oil,

a funeral lamp.

I tremble to end these lines

that they do not seem

an unusual testament. but rather a mysterious message

from the shade beyond.

lines dictated by the anxiety of eternal life.

I finished them and yet I live on.

Miguel de Unamuno



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Have Your California Roll and Eat It Too! Sushi class led by Mayumi Masubuchi on Saturday, February 12, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden; \$35 fee includes materials, lunch. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Create an Art Book when practicing art book makers lead workshop on Saturday, February 12, 1 p.m., at Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street), Free, Recommended reservations: 858-573-1399. For those in third grade and older, adults. (LINDA VISTA)

"History of African Americans in San Diego and Oceanside" subject for lecture on Saturday, February 12, 2 p.m., in community room at Oceanside Mission Branch Library (3861-B Mission Avenue). 760-435-5640. (OCEANSIDE)

"Space Exploration News" divulged when Jet Propulsion Laboratory "solar system ambassador" Jay Lavine explains latest discoveries on Saturday, February 12, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"The American Collection,"

Maxine Gaiber surveys history of American art during talks on February 13 and 17 at San Diego Museum of Art. Lectures begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 6 p.m. on Thursday. Included in museum admission, 619-232-7931, (BALBOA PARK)

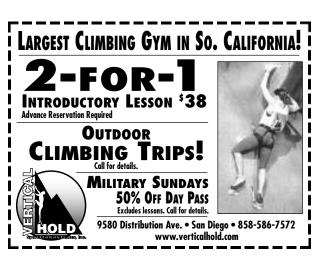
"History of the Czechs" imparted when author Don Chmelka discusses his Czech heritage and national history for People to People International, Sunday, February 13, 3 p.m., in Green Hall at Alliant International University (10455 Pomerado Road). Free. 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Desert Photography: A Series on How to Get Great Photographs in the Desert" offered by Anza-Borrego Institute, continues with "Desert Landscapes" on Sunday, February 13, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.;\$40. Reservations, location: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

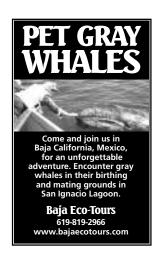
"Fair Trade Certified Teas: An Excellent Deal for All" presented by Maya Spaull of Transfair USA on Sunday, February 13, 4 p.m., at Infusions of Tea (Costa Verde shopping center, 8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). Lecture followed by tea tasting; \$3. Required reservations: 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Celebrating 350 Years of Jewish Life in America, author Stuart Tower speaks on Sunday, February 13, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tower is author of historical novel The Wavfarers:











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"Seeing Color in a Different Light: Using Black, Gold, and Silver in the Garden" is subject when noted British horticulturist and author Karen Platt speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society gathers on Monday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

Examine Mozart's Così fan tutte during opera preview examining music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, February 14, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker: pianist and composer Nicolas Reveles, education

director at San Diego Opera; \$8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Manzanitas of San Diego" illuminated by James Lightner when California Native Plant Society gathers for slide-illustrated lecture on Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. He'll also sign copies of San Diego County Native Plants. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"Class Hikes of the World" subject for slide-illustrated lecture by Peter Potterfield on Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Geology 101 for Backpackers" offered at Adventure 16 stores this week. Pacific Crest Trail through-hiker and geologist Greg Hummel speaks on Tuesday, February 15, at

2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700); on Wednesday, February 16, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and on Thursday, February 17, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). Programs begin at 7 p.m. Free. (OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

"Taking a Bite Out of Crime" is topic when Dr. Norman Sperber addresses San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, February 16. Sperber has been chief forensic dentist for San Diego County for 40 years, criminalist for San Diego Police Department for 20 years, teaches, maintains dental practice. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCS. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Understanding Taoism" is quest on Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffee-house (1417 University Avenue). Free, 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Gallery Talk planned in conjunction with "San Diego Mesa College Faculty Exhibition" on Wednesday, February 16, 1 p.m., in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104, 7250 Mesa College Drive). 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"Race and Immigration Policy After 9/11" explored by UC Davis law professor Bill Ong Hing, Wednesday, February 16, in room 107 of Social Science building at UCSD, part of "Race and Ethnicity in American Life" series. Free. Time, details: 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

"Fleeced and Failed: Entrepreneurs Without Connections in Mexico, 1877-1930" is topic when Rutgers University history

professor Mark Wasserman speaks Thursday, February 17, 3:30 p.m., in Love Library room 430 at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-1103. (SDSU)

"Beyond the Property Line: Housing, City, and Territory" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series. Mark Robbins is lecturer, Lynda Forsha and Osvaldo Sanchez are respondents on Thursday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and

Arts Library (1008 Wall Street).

Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Italian Automobile Designers and "what Italy has done that few others have been able to achieve" in past 70 years discussed by Chuck Jordan on Thursday, February 17, at San Diego Automotive Museum. Talk is in conjunction with "The Romance Cars of Italy" exhibition:

\$10. Reservations, time: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

"Low-Flying Muses Writing Workshop" led by author, creativity coach Jill Badonsky on Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Triggers, writing prompts, ploys; \$12. Registration: 760-414-1949. (DEL MAR)

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4:30 p.m. in Performance Space of Visual Arts Facility (just north of Gilman parking structure), UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Australian Guitarist Tommy Emmanuel performs for Perfect Pitch concert series on Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., at Bonita Golf Club (5540 Sweetwater Road). Performances include hit songs, original tunes, and his "guitar drumming"; \$22. 619-267-1103. (BONITA)

Acoustic Music Bonanza! AcousticMusicSanDiego hosts a concert by Ronstadt, Ramírez and Santa Cruz River Band on Friday, February 11 (\$15, \$20). Enjoy performances by Slaid Cleaves and current Grammy nominee Eliza

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"A Girl Like Che Guevara: A Novel" signed and read by Teresa de la Caridad Doval on Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

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San Diego State University Contributors to Poetry International #9, 2005, will read from their work on Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461

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Jazz and Blues Ballads promised when Patrizia performs Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., at Iconnect Cafe (201 East Broadway). Cover: \$8. Recommended reservations: 760-643-2233. (VISTA)

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"An Evening of Sacred Sound: Tibetan Bowls and Devotional Chanting" promised when Diane Mandle teams up with devotional singer Schuyler Myers in concert on Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street); \$20. 760-944-3441. Bring something to lie on (ENCINITAS)

Gospel Choir Concert in celebration of Black History Month with appearances by 3MC, True Lovers of Christ, Unified Praise — Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Donations appreciated, 760-795-6771, (OCEANSIDE)

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"Love and Romance" provide theme when Synergy performs jazz standards, classical selections, "Histoire du Tango" for Schantz Organ and Music Concert Series on Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

Celebrate "A Dysfunctional Valentine's Day" when Comedy Grill convenes with comics Wally Wang, Mitch Feingold, Marty Martin, Charlie Ayers, and John Fojtik on Monday, February 14, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover, 858-550-8088. For those 18 and older. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Burning Album of Lame," book-release party for local author Greg Gerding, who reads and signs his latest collection of poems, Monday, February 14, 8 p.m., at Whistle Stop Bar (2236) Fern Street). Free. 619-284-6784.

Compete for Cash and a Trophy — or just watch and heckle — during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, February 14, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups at 8 p.m., slamming at 8:30 p.m; \$5 fee for competitors, free for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Read Your Poetry, selections by someone else, or just listen during open poetry reading, Monday, February 14, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups at 8 p.m., open readings 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Art Garfunkel appears in concert on Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$47, \$57. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Honoring Black History Month" is subject when author Ishmael Reed speaks on Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Novelist Don West visits Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to sign and discuss Dream of the Great Blue, Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with reading by award-winning novelist Cris Mazza on Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Mazza received both bachelor's and master's degrees from SDSU; her books include How to Leave a Country, Dog People, Is It Sexual Harassment Yet? Free. 619-594-5318. (SDSU)

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Calendar Local Events

7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Author Stephen Burns signs *Photoshop CS Trickery and FX* on Wednesday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fertile Ground, poets, lyricists, spoken-word artists, musicians welcome to open-mike events every Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard): \$3, 619-726-0012, (SAN DIEGO)

Playwright and Performance Artist Anna Deveare Smith explores issues of race, community, and character in America, Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2395. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession" signed and discussed by Mark Obmascik on Thursday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

South Bay Benefit Concert featuring Sweetwater Union High School District Symphonic Orchestra and Sweetwater High School Choral Union on Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., at EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway); \$10. 619-267-5141. (CHULA VISTA)

Roam-O-Rama

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

Granite Mountain massively swells along the western edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert, its flattish summit presiding over hundreds of square miles of brown desert to the east and the timber-dotted Laguna and Cuyamaca Mountains toward the south and west. No trail traverses Granite Mountain's upper flanks — though it's possible to approach the summit from nearly every point on the compass. The Pacific Crest Trail meanders low around the mountain's north flank but never approaches the top close enough to be much good in facilitating a summit bid. The following route breathes life into a task that, on some routes, can be tedious.

The hike, measuring 6.5 miles roundtrip and with an elevation gain and loss of 3200 feet, is no Sunday-picnic stroll. It is trailless and rocky throughout and could require a full day of hiking for some people. Hiking boots with good ankle support are essential. Since the climb is waterless, bring two liters of water if the day is cool, and much more if it's warm. Do it no later than March to take advantage of moderate weather and air that's likely to be dry and transparent. This year's early and prolific blooming of desert vegetation will make the experience even more interesting.

interesting.
From Scissors Crossing (an offset highway junction 12 miles east of Julian on State Highway 78), turn south on County Highway S2. Continue 4.5 miles southwest, passing through the small community of Shelter Valley. At mile 21.5 according to the highway mile

markers, just beyond the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park boundary, turn right on a dirt road and follow it approximately one mile west to its end at the foot of Granite Mountain.

On foot, proceed up the dry canyon just ahead and continue through a rock-walled portal. After only 0.2 mile the canyon divides.

Take the left (major, south) fork, passing over several easy-toclimb dry "falls." After another three-quarters of a mile the canvon splits into three forks. Go about 100 yards into the right (northwest) fork, and veer left to climb the ridge between the northwest and west forks. You climb moderately at first through sparse growths of cacti and small, brittle shrubs. Later, you'll



Ascent of Granite Mountain

be scrambling over or around large boulders.

By staying near the ridgeline and never descending, you reach a false summit — elevation 4624 feet — after perhaps one or two hours of effort. This view-rich peaklet is a worthy destination in itself for those who don't wish to go on. From this vantage point, look east to identify and memorize the route you took on the way up. You will be returning to your car on the same route.

The true 5633-foot summit of Granite Mountain lies farther along the ridgeline to the west, clothed in scattered piñon pine and juniper and tough but not impenetrable chaparral. After many leg- or arm-scratching encounters with the brush, you reach the topmost boulder pile — with its inclusive view. On the far north horizon rise the 10,000-plus-foot summits of Old Baldy, San Jacinto Peak, and San Gorgonio Mountain. The Salton Sea spreads to the east. On rare occasions — over Julian to the west — you can even spot far-off Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente Island.

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Wayne Brady and Friends take stage on Thursday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (located 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

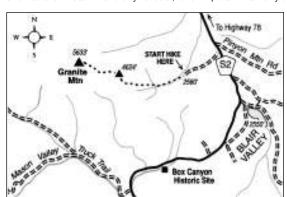
An Eclectic Selection of Pieces performed on classical, steel-string, and electric instruments when guitarists Derek Keller and Colin McAllister present faculty recital on Thursday, February 17, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Long Beach Ice Dogs on Friday, February 11; Fresno Falcons on Saturday, February 12; and Wheeling Nailers on Wednesday, February 16, at San Diego Sports Arena. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Lake Morena Circle Tour hosted by Knickerbikers on Saturday, February 12. Backcountry loop, 30 miles long, starts at 9:30 a.m. at Buckman Springs rest stop (on I-8, 3.8-miles east of Sunrise Highway exit). Bring lunch or money for stop at reservoir. 760-788-7908. (BUCKMAN SPRINGS)

The ISF High School State Championships run Saturday through Monday, February 12-14, with competition 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at north and south Oceanside harbor jetty. Free for spectators. 760-931-1450. (OCEANSIDE)



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The 37th Annual San Dieguito Half Marathon and 5k, Sunday, February 13, starting and ending at San Dieguito County Park (on Lomas Santa Fe Drive, about one mile east of I-5), with a scenic course through Rancho Santa Fe. Registration at 6:30 a.m.; run starts at 8 a.m. 619-298-7400. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Lunch at the Submarine Base is planned — so bring picture identification - by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Tuesday, February 15. The 35-mile ride starts at 9:15 a.m. at De Anza Cove parking lot. 619-583-5652. (PACIFIC BEACH)

SPECIAL

San Diego Bird Festival, celebration of all birds who make their homes in San Diego County, either year-round or just part of the time, through February 13. Field trips, lectures, free exhibit and vendor fair on February 12 and 13 (at Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Pacific Beach). 619-516-0139. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Culture and Cocktails, featured exhibition is "Human Presence" during events on Thursday, February 10, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. DJ music. Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$9 at door. 619-696-1941. (BALBOA PARK)

Paintings by a Grandfather and Granddaughter are showcased in new exhibit at Chinese Historical Society and Museum opening with reception on Friday, February 11, 5:30 p.m. Jiang XuanYi (1903-1977) belonged to a generation of Western-influenced Chinese painters, during a time when many European and American artists were undertaking journeys to Asia. His granddaughter, Jiang QiangEr, paints and creates one-of-a-kind furniture and iewelry pieces. Through Friday, March 11. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

"Longing" from The Hill of Evil Counsel by Amos Oz will be discussed when Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Friday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

San Diego Labrador Dog

Artists Helping Artists Round Table, Saturday, February 12, noon to 2:30 p.m., at Cafe Europa (667 San Rodolfo Drive, suite 133). All artists, musicians, actors, poets, writers, arts educators, "visionaries," invited to display work,

perform, make connections, build friendships. Free for first-timers, \$4 for others, 619-888-9386. (SOLANA BEACH)

Valentine's Date Night hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, in conjunction with upcoming exhibition "Chocolate," is Saturday, February 12, 6 to 9:30 p.m. Participants will explore exhibit, watch film Chocolat, enjoy chocolate desserts, gourmet coffee. Open to those 21 and older; \$15. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

A Banjo Bonanza is slated for Saturday, February 12, at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Nashville bluegrass musician Pam Gadd is special guest for activities, including instrument demonstration for kids and adults (10 a.m.); concert by Gadd with array of solo country and bluegrass music at 1 p.m. (\$7). Gadd and museum historian Dan Del Fiorentino lead tour of museum at 2 p.m. (CARLSBAD)

Gadd leads songwriting workshop at 7 p.m. at E Street Café (at 2nd Avenue and E Street). Requested donation: \$5. 760-438-5996. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society annual winter show is Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado, Exhibitors on hand to answer questions. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Off-Road Exposition runs February 12 and 13 at Cajon Speedway. Fifth annual event includes merchandise vendors, Show and Shine, Gale Webb's Extreme Sports and Air Show, entertainment, rides for kids, more. Show opens at 9 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 kids 8-12, free for those 7

All Aboard the Sweetheart **Express!** Vintage train rides for couples and their families over rails of San Diego and Arizona Railway hosted by Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13. Express trains leave Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for 1.5-hour rides. Fare: \$15 for those 13 and older; \$5 for kids 6-12, free for those five and younger. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Dinner" during "Artful Inspirati ons" class on Saturday, February 12, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., at Art Institute of California — San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). "Hidden pleasures of food will be revealed": \$90. Required reservations: 858-598-1474. (MISSION VALLEY)

Yeah, Baby, Family Expo, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Seminars, contests, fashion shows, celebrity reading areas, vendors galore. Admission: \$10 general, free for those under 10. 858-522-5570. (DEL MAR)

The Chinese Year of the Rooster is celebrated during 23rd annual Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Faire on February 12 and 13. Lion and dragon dancers. Chinese acrobats, children's activities, Asian Story Theater, martial artists, cooking and cultural exhibits, music, dancing, vendors' booths, more.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District (on Third Avenue at J Street). 619-234-7844. Free admission. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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"Valentine partner yoga workshop" led by Jaruska Solyova on Saturday, February 12, 11:30 a.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Fee: \$40 per person, \$50 for couples. 858-456-9964. (LA JOLLA)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422, (SPORTS ARENA)

Valentine's Botanical Party on Sunday, February 13, 2 to 5 p.m., at Coastal Sage (3685 Voltaire Street). Participants make Valentine crafts, "herbal aphrodisiacs," massage oils. Fee: \$40 per person, \$60 for couples. Registration:

Show, Friday through Sunday, February 11-13, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

and younger. 619-562-2528. Track is located next to Gillespie Field, at 1888 Wing Street. (EL CAJON)

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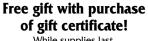
Chocolate Sundays continue, noon to 4 p.m., every Sunday through May, at San Diego Natural History Museum. Local chocolatiers will display their wares for sample and purchase. Museum admission

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Reading

Five Quarts: A Personal and Natural History of Blood

Ballantine Books; 2005; 309 pages; \$23

FROM THE DUST JACKET: "We're born in blood. Our family histories are contained in it, our bodies nourished by it daily. Five quarts run through each of us, along some 60,000 miles of arteries, veins, and capillaries."

- from Five Quarts

In the national bestseller *Sleep Demons*, Bill Hayes took us on a trip through the night country of insomnia. Now he is our guide on through history, literature, mythology, and science by means of the river that

runs five quarts strong through our bodies.

The journey stretches from ancient Rome, where gladiators drank the blood of vanquished foes to gain strength and courage, to modern-day laboratories, where high-tech machines test blood for diseases and scientists search for cures. Along the way, there will be triumphs: William Harvey's discovery of the circulation of the blood; Anton van Leeuwenhoek's advances in making the invisible

world visible in the microscope; Dr. Paul Ehrlich's Nobel-Prize-winning work in immunology; Dr. Jay Levy's codiscovery of the virus that causes AIDS. Yet there will also be ignorance and tragedy: the widespread practice of bloodletting via incision and the use of leeches, which harmed more than it healed; the introduction of hemophilia into the genetic pool of 19th-century European royalty thanks to the dynastic ambitions of Queen Victoria; the alleged spread of contaminated blood through a phlebotomist's negligence in modern-day California.

This is also a personal voyage, in which Hayes recounts the impact of the vital fluid in his daily life, from growing up in a household of five sisters and their monthly cycles, to coming out as a gay man during the early days of the AIDS epidemic in San Francisco, to his enduring partnership with an HIV-positive man.

As much a biography of blood as it is a memoir of how this rich substance has shaped one man's life, *Five Quarts* is by turns whimsical and provocative, informative and moving.

WHAT THE CRITICS HAVE TO SAY:

From Publishers Weekly: Hayes uses his own

encounters with blood's ability to save and destroy lives as a launching point for anecdotes in the larger story of blood. He launches into an account of the discovery of blood's components and its function in the body, and meanders through cultural perceptions of blood, from the sacred (the Eucharist) to the profane (Dracula). Hayes ranges far beyond red and white blood cells, platelets and plasma, taking readers inside a modern blood bank and to the bedside of a woman with hemophilia.... His sometimes irreverent commentary on misconceptions about blood doesn't shy away from the gruesome, particularly a cringe-inducing description of early blood transfusion techniques.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Bill Hayes was born in Minneapolis in 1961. "And then," Hayes said, on the day that we spoke, each from our California homes, "three years later, in 1964, our family moved to Spokane, Washington. We moved there because my dad bought a Coca-Cola bottling plant in Spokane. I had five sisters. I was the only boy. We settled in Spokane and went to Catholic school there all the way through. Then I went to a Jesuit university, Santa Clara University, outside San Francisco. In 1983 I graduated from Santa Clara. I ma-

jored in English. I had a series of jobs in nonprofits. Organizations and causes that interested me. One of my first jobs was at the Eureka Theater Company in San Francisco. I talked them into hiring me at age 24 as the marketing/public relations director. That was wonderful. Then I went to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and then I worked in a series of jobs in communications and public relations. Then AIDS became significant in my life, and I began doing volunteer work at the AIDS Foundation and then started working there. I also worked for the Library Foundation, raising money for San Francisco's new main library. But all the while I was busy at various nonprofits, I was writing when I had spare time in the mornings and on weekends. And publishing here and there in magazines and

Mr. Hayes is the author of the national bestseller *Sleep Demons: An Insomniac's Memoir.* His work has been published in *The New York Times Magazine* and *Details,* among other publications, and at Salon.com. He lives in San Francisco with his partner Steve.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: "Insomnia has defined my life as an individual, and insomnia was the subject of my first book.

"I had come to fear blood and to see blood as a hazardous substance, a carrier of disease and a source of anxiety."

required; samples are 50 cents apiece. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Behind-the-Scenes Tours offered at Mission San Luis Rey on Monday, February 14, 1:30 p.m. Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California

mission system; \$6. Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue. 760-757-3651. (OCEANSIDE)

"Dynamic: The Black Experience in America" is theme for three-book discussion series led by UCSD African American literature

professor in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Series continues with *Maud Martha* by Gwendolyn Brooks on Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. Free. 619-236-5816. (DOWNTOWN)

The Conceptual Design for Lakeside River Park will be unveiled during first community meeting of the Lakeside River Park Conservancy, Thursday, February 17, 6 p.m., at 12650 Lindo Lane. Meet team behind effort.

project manager. Free. 619-443-4770. (LAKESIDE)

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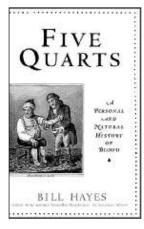
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What I came to realize is that blood has also come to define my life. My partner Steve has HIV. Blood tests have been a nervewracking part of our life together over the past 15 years.

"The idea for this book started in a mundane way three years ago. I was standing in our kitchen, slicing potatoes. I sliced too hurriedly. I cut my finger.

"I instinctively stuck my finger into my mouth. I'd done this many times before, but on that particular day, for some reason, the taste of blood triggered memories.

"I was struck by how blood

had defined our lives as a couple but also realized that I had, over the past 15 years, come to fear blood and to see blood as a hazardous substance, a carrier of disease and a source of anxiety for Steve and for me.

"My own blood had become tainted by this perception. Even though I am HIV-negative. So the more I thought about it, I saw how, in writing the book, I could reclaim the goodness of blood and learn about its history and also see it for what it is, as this amazing substance. I started out knowing little about blood, its history, or its science. I learned a lot in the process of writing."

"You're getting good at science writing."

"Thank you. It has taken time. What I wanted to do was weave together a natural history of blood, stretching from ancient Rome on through the Renaissance and 19th-century England and up to the modern day and then weave it together with a memoir about how blood has affected my life.

"Anyway, after the bleeding stopped and I bandaged my finger, I started to give this idea some thought. I realized that the first thing I needed to do was make sure that I had the emotional arc or personal narrative that would drive the book. So the first step I took was to start looking back on my life and finding places where blood left a mark. Does that make sense?"

"It does."

"From earliest childhood through adolescence and into adulthood I knew that I would write from the unique perspective of being an only boy in this devout Catholic household, growing up in close quarters with five sisters.

"I knew, inevitably, that I would write about the sister to whom I've always been closest, Shannon. She was a devoutly religious girl. So it was a natural way to tell that story of how blood plays such an important role in the Catholic sacrament. And we were a devout family. I was an altar boy. She was involved with the church.

"In working on the book I was constantly searching for different angles to come from. Whether it was science or history or looking at blood metaphorically, or looking at blood in terms of personal stories."

"Your writing about your involvement with the Roman

Catholic church and transubstantiation and the Eucharist was interesting."

"This was belief that on one hand I once had taken for granted but also turned my back on, since I haven't been a practicing Catholic for many years. So it gave me a chance to dig into the history of the Catholic Church just in the specific circumstances of my own family."

"I got a kick out of the scenes," I said, "like those in Sleep Demons, when your dad would take you to do 'manly' things."

"Those scenes are so vivid in my memory. I had such a strong sense of how we were all one family and yet this feeling that I was being raised differently, that being a boy, and the only boy, was special. I was forbidden from doing the dishes or doing any housework. Of course, that made me just want to do housework. I used to go over to my friend Chris Porter's house and ask if I could wash the dishes with them, since all the Porter brothers had to do housework like my sisters did."

"There's something powerful in your particular story about being the only boy in the family. It can't keep itself out of a book."

"Exactly. But finding different ways to tell it, looking through the lens of blood, made it more challenging for me with this book"

"Did you come to understand all this business about mass cells and stem cells?"

"Somewhat. It took me a lot of time and research; as with my insomnia book, I approach science as a layperson. I began by reading. My great resource is the UCSF medical library — both through contemporary books and textbooks and their Rare Books Room of 17th-through 19th-century books. Of course, I talked with doctors and scientists."

"Tell me the story of how blood cells are produced."

"There are stem cells in the bone marrow that —"

"And the bone marrow is like the marrow one digs from the bone with a marrow spoon?"

"Right. Bone marrow is a nursery for cells, these hot, dark, warm rooms where cells of different types are produced. Stem cells [an unspecialized cell that gives rise to a specific specialized cell] can produce different cells for different parts of the body. But some, for example, are genetically triggered to create red blood cells. It's in the bone marrow where these red blood cells are actually produced. Once they're at a certain stage, the red cells squeeze through the bone itself, and in the process they rid themselves of the nucleus, which is sort of the brains of the operation [a red blood cell in the blood of vertebrates transports oxygen and carbon dioxide to and from the tissues. In mammals, the red blood cell is disk-shaped and biconcave, contains hemoglobin, and lacks a nucleus]. That's why red blood cells, unlike white blood cells and most other cells of the body, do not have a nucleus and thus do not carry DNA."

"They're not big thinkers."

"They're not big thinkers. Sometimes they are called 'dumb cells' because they don't have those brains. White cells are different [any of the colorless or white cells in the blood that have a nucleus and cytoplasm and help protect the body from infection and disease through specialized neutrophils, lymphocytes, and monocytes. Also called leukocyte, white cell, white corpuscle]. White cells have DNA.

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4 p.m. Willing landlubbers hoist sails, steer ship, fire main battery of six-pound carronades. Fee: \$50 general, \$35 military, \$25 for kids 12 and younger. Reservations: 949-723-7814. (OCEANSIDE)

"Black Superheroes/Black Supervillains," historical exhibit focusing on African-American comic book heroes and villains is on view through February at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-527-3405. Free. (ENCANTO)

Thirty-Ninth Annual Local Authors' Exhibit is on view through February at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

February Is Museum Month — with half-price admission offered at many area museums. Museum month passes are free at all county

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Dance Photographs taken over the last three years by photographer Manuel Rotenberg are on view through Tuesday, March 15, at UCSD Faculty Club. Featured: works by choreographers Jean Isaacs, John Malashock, and Yolanda Snaith, others. Free. 858-534-0876. (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)

"Kenneth Capps: Backyard"
includes nine works with strong
minimalist sensibility, on display
through Thursday, June 30, at
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(CARL SBAD)

FOR KIDS

The Valentine's Show Fred E. Stare and Crazy Thing by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble continues through Sunday, February 13, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Celebrate Princess Phoebe's Birthday with Big Joe Productions, February 16-20.

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.



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They're much smarter in that way; they're the army of the blood who go out and fight infections and viruses. But their smartness is also a liability because it is in the nucleus that a virus, like HIV, for example, can then hijack and take over to produce its own millions of copies of its virus."

"Like a computer worm." "Exactly. So learning things like that, for this book, was fascinating to me."

'So the red blood cells clean the blood?"

"Red blood cells carry oxygen to all the cells of the body. The hemoglobin that's part of the red blood cell is literally a working pigment."

'It's the chlorophyll."

"Yes. It's the equivalent to the green in plants. It carries the oxygen to all the body cells. Once it's deposited its oxygen, it picks up waste and carbon dioxide in return and makes its way through the veins, back to the lungs. It travels in circuits throughout the body for about 120 days."

"I was surprised by that." "All the different blood cells have life spans. Red blood cells live for about 120 days. And then sure enough, right around 120 days, they start to drop off, and their parts are efficiently recycled within the body by the spleen, and the parts of the cell that can be still used are sent back to the bone marrow.

"And the white cells?"

"There are different ages for white cells. There are all different kinds of white cells."

"Aren't 'white cells' a garbage-can term for many different white cells?"

"Exactly, yeah. There are different kinds, and they serve different functions. Some white cells last days, and then there's a type of white cell called the 'memory cell,' which is the ally in vaccinations, and that can last indefinitely.

"The 'memory cell' contains the genetic code to recall whether it has met up with a virus before. It will recognize it and then send signals to other white blood cells, other soldiers in the army of the blood, to go and fight it. So it operates as the cell with the collective memory for the body. And the different memory cells may have different recollections of the bacteria and viruses that strike the body."

"So they remember if you had chicken pox?"

"They remember it for the rest of their lives. And when they pass away, then they pass on the memory. Just like in families."

"And then platelets that are necessary for..

"...Coagulation."

"They also just last a few days. About ten days, I think. They're colorless. As their name would imply, they're shaped like tiny plates.

"There are so many kinds

of white blood cells."

"Monocytes and leukocytes and neutrophils are one of the reasons that white blood cells were discovered later than red blood cells, because they are basically transparent. They aren't white. You have to stain them. They're also much smaller than red blood cells; they're harder to see. So it wasn't until stronger microscopes were created that white blood cells were discovered."

"And when was that?"

"Well, let's see, one of the discoverers of white blood cells was Paul Ehrlich [1854-1915]. He was one of my favorite characters in the book. I find myself interested not just in the science, but in the scientists themselves. I still remember, early on, the first time I saw a photograph of Paul Ehrlich in a history of hematology. It showed this elderly man with a big, fat cigar in one hand and a book in the other, sitting in his study surrounded by books and papers and dwarfed by these books and papers. He looked so intense on what he was reading. The cutline read, 'Paul Ehrlich in his study.' I said to myself, 'I've got to know this man's story.'

"He was this brilliant scientist, now considered the father of hematology and immunology and chemotherapy. He came up with the notion of using chemicals to combat diseases. He also discovered a cure for syphilis, the sexual plague of the 19th Century. The more I learned about his story, the more I found that he was a great humanist.'

"He was the Flaubert of blood cells."

"He was. And a quirky, quirky, wonderful man. And so any personal details I could find about him I just loved."

"Do you and Steve spend a lot of time looking at his bloodtest sheets?"

"We do. He has to get blood tests every three months. Steve and I have been together for 15 years, so it's been at least that, if not more often during periods when he was sick. That's been a constant in our lives, not only going to the phlebotomist and getting his blood drawn."

"I understand that they count blood differently than they used to now that they have computers."

"That's right. They used to do it by hand. Or by eye count with a microscope and a counter. In some parts of the world, it's still done that way. But now it's done by staining the blood and with computers.

"Does living with someone who's HIV-positive change the way that you deal with blood?"

"Oh, absolutely. It's always been something that both of us have feared as a source of infection, as a carrier of disease, but also just emotionally as a source of anxiety."

"The anxiety rings all through the book."

"The author is. So that's probably true. As I said earlier, I think that's something that drove

me to write the book, this realization that blood had become this substance that I feared. And saw as hazardous and dangerous. So strongly that it even tainted my perceptions of my own blood.

"Murderers must feel horrified by the blood that comes out."

"When I told a friend I was working on this book about blood, he shivered and he said, You know, I like blood as long as it's in the body.' I think most people feel that way. You're not used to seeing it, and when you do see it, well, inevitably it's a sign of danger or injury or wounds. Seeing blood is not usually a good sign."

"But we like it in our meat."

"I interviewed a dietician for the section on vampires and put the question to her, 'What would be the risk of someone actually drinking blood, like, say, a vampire?' She paused and said, 'We eat blood all the time, in the meat that we eat.'

"But beef," I said, "if it's not well-done, blood runs out on the

"Exactly, and some people love that. It's much easier to call it 'juice,' but you know they used to call blood 'juice,' this special 'juice,' 'human juice.'

"Where did you get the ti-Five Quarts?"

"Five quarts is the amount of blood that runs through the average person. The general rule is that for every 30 pounds of you there is one quart of blood. I am

150 pounds average weight. So in me are five quarts of blood."

"How is this book different from the first book?'

"Aside from the subject matter, I made a conscious effort to try to make the book as fluid as possible. That was my goal. Sleep Demons had the fractured, frantic quality of an insomniac's state of mind. I don't even know exactly how deliberate it was, but when I look at it now, even the transitions seem sharp and bright. I made an effort with this book to just make the thing flow, so that one subject led into another. And my goal, what I would think about would be, 'I want to write the book so that even if I didn't have chapter titles and section breaks, I could take all those away, and it will still be 300 pages flowing from one to the other.' Especially knowing that I would be weaving back and forth between memory and history and science and that sort of thing."

"What does blood taste

"Metallic, kind of like change.

"That's iron and the

"Yes, the copper and the iron, which is literally in it. In fact, two-thirds of the body's store of iron is in the blood. It's no surprise that blood has that metallic taste." ■

- Judith Moore

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Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203.

Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog when Norman Bridwell's friendly canine visits story time on Saturday, February 12, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult.

Make Foam Flyers when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday,

February 12, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

Pokéman Trading Card Game

EX Deoxys Prerelease Tournament for those six and older, Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m., at Game Empire (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Participants "preview and play with unreleased cards from" upcoming expansion decks. Admission fee: up to \$25, 858-576-1525. (CLAIREMONT)

Chocolate Extravaganza for family planned Saturday, February 12, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Screening of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, chocolate-themed games and crafts. For those six and older;

\$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Mini-Sailboat Races highlight family day activities on Sunday, February 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey singalongs, rides on historic 1914 Pilot boat.

Children must be accompanied by an adult to enter for free. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"That's a Moray," learn how marine animals find love in the ocean during class for kids seven through nine years old on Sunday, February 13, 9:30 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedi-

tion Way). Hands-on activities, live animal observations; \$25. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

You're Invited to "Hearts, Flowers, and Bugs: A Family Valentine Party" on Monday, February 14, 10 a.m., in Seeds of Wonder Children's Garden at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Participants will make valentines and other crafts, pot flowering plants. Songs, stories. Regular admission plus \$10 materials fee. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

African-American Folktales read by Annjennette S. McFarlin for family fun time, Wednesday, February 16, 4 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free, 858-552-1668, (DEL MAR)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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)

San Diego Museum of African Art, collections are represented of all

regions of the African continent, covering civilizations of Sarah and Asante empire to Zulu kingdom in south. Find museum at 3066 North Park Way; 619-295-6622. (NORTH PARK)

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Giacomo Puccini's Classic La Bohème performed by Europe's Teatro Lirico d'Europa, Thursday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., a t California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). The company tours a full-scale opera production with a 50-member orchestra, 40-member choir of singers and soloists. Tickets: \$48, \$58, \$68. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

on the events section.

"Ode to Joy!" Westwind Brass joins San Diego Chamber Orchestra in concert on February 10. Programs include pieces by Handel, Stravinsky, Borodin, Rimsky-Korsakov, Smetana, Prokofiev, and Beethoven. Enjoy concerts on Thursday, February 10, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m;

\$60. Reservations: 858-350-0290 x7. (MIDDLETOWN)

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series continues with concerts by String Octet featuring Beethoven's "Trio in C Minor for Violin, Viola, and Cello No. 3," "Viola Quintet in C Major" by Mozart, and "Octet for Strings in E-Flat Major" by Mendelssohn.

Concerts presented on Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m., at Powerhouse Community Center (1658 Coast Boulevard), \$30; on Saturday, February 12, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), \$38; and Sunday, February 13, at 6 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum, \$30. Reservations: 619-239-0100. (DEL MAR, LA JOLLA, BALBOA PARK

"Theme and Variations: The Latin American Collection" highlighted during concert and lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, at San Diego Museum of Art. Janet Brody Esser, professor emeritus of Latin American art history at SDSU, explores museum's collection by offering insights into Latin America's distinct cultures. A guitar and vocal duo provides musical selections; \$15. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The Daedalus String Quartet plans concert on Friday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., for Pat Stein North County Concert Series, in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). 858-459-3728; \$20 for adults, \$5 for children. (LA COSTA)

The quartet performs pieces by Haydn, Bartók, and Beethoven for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, February 13, 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)

Pieces by Grieg, Dvořák, Glinka, and others promised when John Schneiderman (Russian guitar) joins Hutchins Consort in concert on Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Ensemble plays on eight scaled violins of violin octet designed and built by luthier Carleen Hutchins; \$24. 760-632-0554. (LA JOLLA)

Ladysmith Black Mambazo is joined by English Chamber Orchestra for project pairing their isicathamiya singing with pieces by Mozart, Schubert, and Bach on their new CD, No Boundaries. Ladysmith performs on Friday, February 11, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$24-\$34. 858-534-4550. (LA JOLLA)

"Tango," a concert of romantic, classical music promised when Camarada Ensemble presents benefit concert on Friday, February 11, for Band Boosters at San Elijo School (1600 Schoolhouse Way). Reception: 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.; \$30. 760-290-2800 x3502. (SAN MARCOS)

"Amore Italiano: Doc Severinsen's Valentine Celebration" on tap during San Diego Symphony Winter Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12. Tenoris Carlo Scibelli. Program includes pieces by Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, many others. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804.

Soprano and Baritone Lauren and Ryan Loewen present junior recital on Saturday, February 12, 3 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Duo will be joined by pianist Ines Irawati, trumpeter Brian Graley. Free. 619-849-2445. (POINT LOMA)

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the North Park **Theatre,"** Lyric Opera San Diego presents "humorous musical look at this odyssey" during fundraising concert on Sunday, February 13, 4 p.m., at Sheraton Harbor Island (1380 Harbor Island Drive). Expect 'several irreverent song parodies," music from Rossini to Sondheim, including selections from The Mikado, Countess Maritza, more; \$50.619-239-8836. (HARBOR ISLAND)

The Thies Piano Quartet performs "Piano Quartet in E-Flat Maior" by Schumann and Dyořák's "Piano Quartet in E-Flat Major" during concert hosted by Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society on Sunday, February 13, 2:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena); \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446 or 760-630-4360. (ENCINITAS)

Organ Classics by J.S. Bach, Franck, Reger, contemporary music, hymn arrangements in jazz style and more promised when organist Robert Plimpton performs in concert on Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. Child care by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"From Bach to Bebop" presented for "Second Sundays" series hosted by San Dieguito Performing Arts Association, February 13, 6 p.m., in Schulman

Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Flutist Lori Bell, guitarist Ron Satterfield, pianist Melonie Sacalamitao perform varied program with works by classical composers, Gershwin, and Ellington. Requested donation: \$5. 760-944-1840. (LA COSTA)

Duruflé's "Requiem" presented by St. James Choir and Orchestra on Sunday, February 13, 4 p.m., for St. James Music Series (743 Prospect Street). Pianist Gustavo Romero performs Mendelssohn's "Concerto in A Minor for Piano and Strings" during first half of program; \$25. Reservations: 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

The Shanghai Ensemble, featuring Chinese soprano Zeping Cai, perform works by Haydn, Mouget, Guo, Dvořák, Chopin, and others for San Diego Public Library concert series on Sunday, February 13, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138, (BALBOA PARK)

"Angelic Baroque Music" by Bach, Couperin, and Handel on program when Susan Barrett (oboe) and Alison Luedecke (harpsichord) perform mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 14, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Debussy, Chopin, Beethoven, and Mozart may be heard when pianist Audrey Grigsby performs in concert on Monday February 14, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Valentine's Soirée for Music Lovers, UCSD violinists János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter celebrate their 12th anniversary when joined by friends to perform pieces by Jean Marie Leclair, Robert Schumann, Mozart, and Brahms on Monday, February 14, 8 p.m., Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830; \$8 general.

Senior Recital with Steven Welker on saxophone and clarinet on Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). 619-849-2445. Free. (POINT LOMA)

New Works by Graduate Composers, performers, and scholars — with an emphasis on works by students of UCSD's Critical Studies/Experimental Practices discipline - showcased during recital on Tuesday, February 15, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The Romantic Piano showcased when pianist Michael Sellers performs for Concert Hour series on Thursday, February 17, 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)

An Eclectic Selection of Pieces performed on classical, steel-string, and electric instruments when guitarists Derek Keller and Colin McAllister present faculty recital on Thursday, February 17, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$8 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)



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GALLERIES

"San Diego Mesa College Faculty Exhibition" with work in a variety of media includes reception on Thursday, February 10, 4:30 p.m., in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Reception is followed by artists' lecture at 7 p.m. in LRC room 435. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. 619-388-2829. Through Tuesday, March 8. (KEARNY MESA)

Woodcut and Intaglio Prints by Kirsten Francis and Igor Koutsenko are on view through Friday, March 4, at Art Institute of California-San Diego (7650 Mission Valley Road). Meet duo during reception

on Friday, February 11, 6 p.m. 858-598-1200. (MISSION VALLEY)

"2005 Faculty Exhibition," an exhibition of new work in a variety of media by art and design faculty members, is on display through Wednesday, March 2, in University Art Gallery at San Diego State University. Reception for artists is Friday, February 11, 6 p.m. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

The February Show gets underway with reception for six participating artists, Friday, February 11, 6 p.m. at Taboo Studio (1615 1/2 West Lewis Street). 619-692-0099. Also on view: holloware by Michael Jerry, (MISSION HILLS)

The "Printmaking Invitational" is on view through February at Brandon Gallery (105 North Main Street). Reception for artists is Saturday, February 12, 4 p.m. 760-723-1330, (FALLBROOK)

Polish Artist Natalia Witkowska has exhibition opening with reception on Saturday, February 12, 6 p.m., at CJ Gallery (343 Fourth Avenue). 619-595-0048. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Valentine's Day Group Show at Planet Rooth, boasting work by over 18 artisans, includes reception and Ray at Night events on Saturday, February 12, 6 p.m. Find Planet Rooth at 3811 Ray Street; 619-297-9663. (NORTH PARK)

Fiber Arts are showcased through March at Shiva Artistic Collections (115-a West Grand Avenue). Paintings by Cleda Marie Simmons and Cynthia Colis are also on view. Meet artists during reception on Saturday, February 12, 5 p.m. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

"San Diego Heart Department," exhibit of works by studio members, instructors, and students opens with reception on Saturday, February 12, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street), 619-299-4278. Through February. (NORTH PARK)

"Go Figure," featuring multimedia works by local figurative artists, opens with reception on Saturday, February 12, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Show closes Tuesday, March 8, 619-546-9546, (NORTH PARK)

"Dark Mirror Revisited." an exhibition of 42 black-and-white photographs by La Jollan Lisa Kanemoto, documents "an especially dark period in her life...an unflinching examination of her mental and physical struggles." Exhibit opens with reception for Kanemoto on Sunday, February 13, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street; 858-581-9934). Through Sunday, April 3. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Secret Landscapes," featuring fine art photography by Linde Waidhofer, is on view along with work by four local photographers, through March at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue). Meet artists during reception on Thursday, February 17, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

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.

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, a variety of works in media including sculpture, painting, and installation by established and emerging artists are gathered in "Collectors XX: Building a Museum Collection," opening on Saturday, February 12, and closing on Sunday, May 15. The exhibited pieces (being considered for acquisition this year) are accompanied by major pieces purchased by Collector groups over the past 20 years.

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 heartfelt in each" of her subjects.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art,

"The Watercolors of James Hubbell: Meditations on Nature and Life" continues through Saturday, March 26. The 80 "vibrant paintings are spontaneous gestures that date from 1988 to 2004." Exhibit includes paintings that are "among the few works of art Hubbell was able to save from the Cedar fires" of 2003. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Past in Reverse: Contemporary Art of East Asia" showcases "cutting-edge artists working in a diversity of media...who use contemporary approaches to reflect their respective cultural and artistic backgrounds." Each artist's work is featured in a separate section while accompanying wall texts articulate how the artist is responding to historical precedents. Continues through Sunday, March 6.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Closes Sunday, May 1.

"Human Presence: Works from the Museum's Collection," two-part exhibit focuses on the human body. "Part I: The Singular Body" incorporates gallery sculptures of people and animals with those in the garden and court. "Part II" brings attention to "physiological reactions to pure form and color" via the "Through the Geometry of Color" exhibit. Experience through Sunday, July 24.

"Visions of the Great Goddess: The Divine Female in South Asian Art," focuses on cultural and artistic significance of goddess imagery in South Asia in paintings from Edwin Binney 3rd Collection. Works feature Devi, the "Great Goddess" or the "First Cause of Things" in four aspects — as a great power, a bestower of fortune, a beloved, and a human saint. Continues through Sunday, March 13. Concurrently, there's a small display of related sculptures from South India, including a newly acquired Chola-period bronze of Goddess Devi.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, "Benjamin West: Allegory and Allegiance," on exhibit through Sunday, February 27, showcases the artist's three major paintings based on Edmund Spenser's 16th-century epic poem "The Faerie Queen." The exhibition includes preparatory drawings for the paintings, related engravings, and graphic works. West (1738-1820) occupies a significant place in both American and British art histories.

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The Amber Glass

the 19th-century melodrama *The Drunkard* in which "the evils of greed and rum" lead to a battle between good and evil.
OTTO WILHELM SCHMIDT THEATRE, 389
NORTH MAGNOLIA AVENUE, EL CAJON, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT

Rebecca Lee Means has rewritten

As You Like It

4:00 P.M. 619-449-5096.

UCSD Theatre and Dance stages Shakespeare's comedy about love on a slow fuse. Larissa Kokernot directed.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Bad Date Theatre

Misfit Productions takes an "alternative view" of Valentine's Day with a slate of one-act comedies about dysfunctional relationships. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 14; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Book of Days

On Stage Playhouse presents Lanford Wilson's drama about a murder in a small Missouri town. David Kelso directed.

ON STAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Bright Ideas

Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Coble's comedy that asks, "How far would *you* go to get your child into the *best* preschool?" Andrew Barnicle directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA
CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, THROUGH
MARCH 20; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT
2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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Anna and Pale won't qualify for an e-Harmony.com connection She's a dancer/choreographer who has "no life experience to draw from." He's hyper, maybe coked-up, and overwhelmed by his feelings. But both have hid in their work, and the death of his brother brings this unlikely pair — as hesitant as Shakespeare's Beatrice and Benedict together in grief. And maybe in love. Lanford Wilson's Burn This never reaches the Wordsworthian depth it promises ("Something felt much deeper than we know"), and there are times when the playwright pushes for unmotivated significance. 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. Wilson wanted "bone honesty" in the acting. Jeffrey Jones and Jessica John both deliver as Anna and Pale, she ice, he fire. Manny Fernandes and the hilarious David McBean give ample support. And kudos to director Kristianne Kurner, not just for the rip-roaring moments, but for a quality of felt life throughout. Okay, Anna and Pale may not last ten minutes beyond the final curtain. In any event, each has midwifed the other back into the present. And the process, at Cygnet's intimate theater, is a scorcher! Critic's pick.

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 CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; TUSSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

The Clouds, the Ocean, and Everything in Between

San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre presents Michael P. Premsrirat's serious comedy that "follows two girls and a guy from the idealism of college to the burst bubble of dot-com society." Rhys Greene directed.

PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, THROUGH MARCH 5: FRIDAY AND SAT- URDAY (AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AND 21) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

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Forever Plaid

Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about an a cappella group with one last shot at the concert they never got to give. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH MARCH 27; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY, AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

The Gin Game

The new Broadway Theater of Vista presents D.L. Coburn's drama about a winner at cards, if not in life. Randall Hickman directed.

BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROAD-WAY, VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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, FEBRU-ARY 14, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-235-6125.

Green Meadows

Scripps Ranch Theatre presents Douglas Post's psycho-thriller. "Underneath Green Meadows' cool, mid-American exterior, something is rotten."

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 10455
POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, THROUGH MARCH 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-594-6884.

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

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The Land Southward

Mo'oleo Performing Arts Company opens its 2005 season with a staged reading of Darcy Hogan's new play. Based on actual accounts, it concerns those affected by the fallout of aboveground nuclear testing — "the downwind syndrome" — in the 1950s. Esther Emery directed.
FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, 4190 FRONT STREET, HILL-CREST, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-342-7395.

Mahalia

Community Actors Theatre stages Tom Stolz's award-winning "play with music," which celebrates the amazing gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge) Male Intellect never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote Male Intellect, which, like Forever Plaid and Late Nite Catechism), has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being so sensitive). When asked which of the characters he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those guys!'

Worth a try.

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.

Mapplethorpe: The Opening

Wallace Stevens wrote "13 Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." Brian Quirk's solo piece takes 41 looks at an artist and an event: the controversial opening of Robert Mapplethorpe's photos of nude males and S&M rituals. With a grace Mapplethorpe called "very catholic, very symmetrical," the photos' precision recalls Cartier-Bresson's "moment decisif." And their subject matter raised furious debates about the nature of art. In the piece, we don't see the photos. Just a black wall. Patrons speak (ranging from Patti Smith to envious sycophants), as do the photos (touching, tortured, often defiant monologues). Combined, the speakers effectively recreate a specific period - post-Stonewall, pre-AIDS New York and a complex portrait of Mapplethorpe, whom Joan Didion called the "Rimbaud of the baths." Though there are instances when the writing and his performance

should differentiate characters much more clearly (new ones tend to sound like old ones), Brian Quirk pulls no punches. His people freely reveal their obsessions, including excremental fetishes and self-mutilation, and Mapplethorpe's (a housecleaner expected to see chicken heads in his . Satanic-like abode). Mapplethorpe boasted that nothing could shock him. Quirk's 75-minute piece will shock audiences (if you're easily disturbed, steer clear of 6th@Penn). But like Jane Martin's Talking With and Adam Parfrey's Apocalypse Culture, Mapplethorpe: The Opening features rarely heard, marginalized voices, not to mention a whole palette of chic or clueless New Yorkers trying to dominate intellectually, or just figure out, images — both beautiful and damned - that resist facile cate-

Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

My Life by Juan Torres

Summer Golden's new play, based on a love story, asks, "What makes a meaningful life?"
NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031, EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-220.8663.

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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise Using suggestions from 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; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Of Mice and Men

There are compelling reasons to see Renaissance Theatre's staging of John Steinbeck's drama, but also puzzles and an odd neatness to everything. The best reason is the leads. As George Milton, Joshua Everett Johnson has the raw-boned look and serrated, Dust Bowl voice of a Depression-era "bindlestiff." This is an assured, tender/tough, moving performance. Though his slurred speeches threaten to cartoon Lennie, Daren Scott plays the savage innocent with emotional







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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 supporting characters life, and Jennifer Eve Kraus turns Curley's nameless wife into a platinum-haired Norma Jean eager for Hollywood stardom. Jeanne Reith's costumes are a puzzle: not the design, the fussy maintenance. Levi's and cotton shirts look ironed, as if the farmhands are at a dude ranch, not bucking barley

near Soledad under a blistering

Salinas Valley sun. Overall, George Flint's direction has a contained, perspiration-free feel. But the males in the cast should be as rustic as Marty Burnett's bunkhouse set. And the production is most tidy when it should be most expressive. Two gunshots are on muffled tape. Both, but especially the second, should rock the walls at 6th@Penn. Worth a try.

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.

Picnic

Coronado Playhouse stages William Inge's romance about a small Kansas town and a drifter who changes lives. Keith A. Anderson directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (AT THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Route 66

Ramona Mainstage Theatre and Music and Theatre Artists of San Diego present a musical tribute to the "Main Street of America."
Brian Wells and David Brannen directed and choreographed.
RAMONA MAINSTAGE THEATRE, 626
MAIN STREET, RAMONA, THROUGH
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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" - five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith ver read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822-B EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469.





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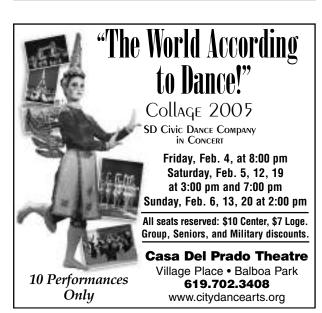


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Steel Magnolias

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Take Me Out

In the midst of a heated pennant race, Darren Lemming, the Empires' five-tool centerfielder, announces he's gay. Lemming comes out, but just about everyone else in Richard Greenberg's sitcom/tragedy/paean to horsehiders opens up as well. Shane Mungitt, ace reliever, spews racism and bigotry; Mason Marzac, a gay accountant, like Greenberg in 1999, becomes lovestruck for baseball. And the whole team does full monty nude scenes. Take Me Out has the zeal of a recent convert, and the spacy giddiness, and feels like an entire starting lineup competing for the next at-bat. Joe Mantello, who directed the original, doesn't always



account for the play's jumpingbean tonal shifts. But his stagings are always sharp and, when a game's in progress, like a cubist painting. T. Scott Cunningham, as Marzac, takes over Act Two with a blend of humor and adoration for "da game-a baseball." Greenberg is one of America's best playwrights. And he has embedded questions into his lengthy script, among them why sport has become America's reigning ideology. But the nude scenes — by design? — will steal controversy from weightier issues. (Note: due to popular demand, the Old Globe has extended the run of Take Me

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; 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.

Thunder at Dawn

IRA GLASS

It looked like a routine execution. A political prisoner offended the brass, or the suits, and the Captain, the Sergeant, and the kid recruit have another "nail detail" on a dusty hill. But this one lingers. He was a "treason-spewing Nazarene," yet there was something about His manner, even when they "spiked" Him. His eyes? That strange inner peace (was He the holy man some claimed? "Does God bleed?")? All the booze in Jerusalem can't wash away the memory. Max Enscoe's drama recreates the Easter story from the executioners' perspective. Soldiers wear Desert Storm fatigues and speak a salty modern vernacular (Lamb's Players cautions patrons that the production

contains "some strong language" and is not recommended for preteens). Robert Smyth as the Captain who thought he'd seen it all, David Cochran Heath as the cynical Sergeant, and Nick Cordileone as the raw newcomer give tight, visceral performances as three grunts in the wilderness: aggressive reactions to, denials of, and then unlikely converts to a religion in the first breath of infancy. Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, THROUGH MARCH 20; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "or-dinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish





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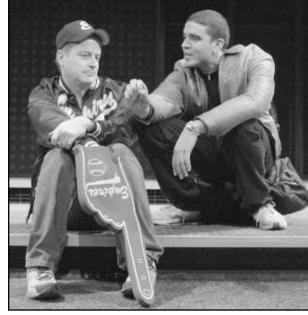
The Vagina Monologues

The Patio Playhouse celebrates "V Day," a global movement to stop violence against women, with performances of Eve Ensler's acclaimed monologues PATIO PLAYHOUSE, 201 EAST GRAND (ENTRANCE ON KALMIA), ESCONDIDO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14; RECEPTION AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:00 P.M. 760-727-3820.

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"I...build a stage. It

takes me all day to set up for a show and all day the next day to put it back the way it was." By day Nicholas Lynch is Lynch said he has "no idea" about the legal capacity of Hellfire House. "The most we ever had was 200. We had room for another 150."

Lynch, who plays guitar, was co-founder of SAFE (Scene Against Financial Exploitation).

"We put on our own shows at coffee shops, record

the inside track

a carpenter. On some nights, his Vista carpentry shop becomes an all-age venue for local and touring punk bands.

"We've had seven shows since August," said guitarist Lynch about Hellfire House. The sporadic club is named after his band Hellfire Trigger. "We've had no fighting. We've only had to kick out two kids who we caught drinking in the parking lot. There is absolutely no drinking. The bands aren't even allowed to drink."

stores, and

clothing

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And why is Hellfire House better than, say, Soma?

"The price. Plus it's way more personal. It

doesn't have a high stage that's far away. Every time someone over 25 comes here, they all say the same thing: 'This is the way it used to be when I was a kid.' "

This month the Hellfire House hosts its first big names. "The Weirdos were L.A.'s first hardcore punk band," said Lynch. "Duane Peters was one of the most important skateboard figures of all time. In the early '80s, he was the first skater to circumnavigate a full pipe."

The Weirdos, Duane Peters' Gunfight, Movie Addiction, the Lowdowns, Angel City Outcasts, and Hellfire Trigger appear 7 p.m., February 26 at Hellfire House, 1338 North Melrose Avenue #B, Vista. Admission is \$10, all ages. Agent Orange (\$10) appears March 26. For



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more information, visit

www.hellfiretrigger.com.

— Ken Leighton

Master P, 37, and Silkk the Shocker, 29 (Master P's brother), were arrested on felony gun charges by L.A. police January 27. P, whose real name is Percy Miller, played for the San Diego Stingrays basketball team during its only year in existence, from 2000 through

The duo were arrested for "unlawfully carrying firearms" after a UCLA police officer pulled over their leased Chrysler 300M shortly after midnight for a missing license plate. Driver Shocker (real name Vyshonne Miller) was discovered to have a loaded gun near his feet. Master P had another loaded weapon under his passenger's seat. Two other men in the back seat were not arrested. The rapper siblings were booked at the West Hollywood sheriff's station and released on bail about three hours later.

Master P was arrested on another firearm charge on June 3, 2004, at Newark International Airport in New Jersey for having a handgun magazine clip with eight hollow-point bullets (known as "cop killers") in his luggage. The bullets are illegal in most states, including New Jersev.

The rapper's sitcom Romeo! debuted last September on the Nickelodeon Network, costarring his son Lil' Romeo. Lil' Romeo turned 14 August 19 and is the

youngest solo artist to top the *Billboard* Hot 100 Singles chart with his first single, "My Baby," a title previously held by Michael Jackson. The Miller

Brothers will be arraigned March 30 at the Felony Arraignment Division in the Airport Courthouse of Los Angeles Superior Court. The entire police report is posted at *smokinggun.com*.

— Jay Allen Sanford

The music for the locally produced Clown Porn DVD was scored entirely by Chris Spoto's five-man band, Little Big Porn. Spoto is the lead singer and plays theremin. Spoto says all of his future Ramco productions are clown themed. "We have copyrighted all 20 titles. Our second feature is in production now. It's called Clown Porn Crime Watch."

Clown Porn, the first Ramco release, came out January 3. "So far we sold 1000 copies."

Spoto doesn't disclose
Ramco's exact location except
to say it's on Hancock Street



NAKED CLOWNS FUND LITTLE BIG PORN

behind the Sports Arena.

"We don't want to piss off the wrong folks. We're just artists."

He doesn't mind the publicity, however. "My clown porn girls were on Howard Stern on Friday."

Little Big Porn appears 10 p.m. February 25 at Joe 'N Andy's in La Mesa, free admission, must be at least

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Local talking head Bree Walker can be seen on HBO series *Carnivale*. She plays a circus sideshow character called Sabina the









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Scorpion Lady, which debuted last season and can be seen in three upcoming shows starting Sunday at 9 p.m. Walker was born with ectrodactyly, a congenital deformity in which her



BREE SNAGS HBO CAMEO

fingers and toes are fused together, which she displays in the show.

Walker broke into broadcasting in 1974 as a DJ in Kansas City. In 1979 she was identified as the "rock lady of the nighttime" on the now-defunct KPRI. She has also worked at Channel 10 and Channel 7/39.

— Ken Leighton

M-Theory Music, on 30th Street, was robbed on January 30 at 4:15 p.m., according to San Diego police report #05-006701. The responding officers spoke to cashier Chealsea Marie Daniel, who was the only employee in the store at the time of the crime. She told

police that she had her back to the entrance. A guy entered the record store and asked for change. He put a dollar bill on the counter, and Chealsea opened the register. According to her, the suspect said, "Give me all your money, bitch. I'm not kidding, bitch, I've got a gun."

gun."

"The male reached over the counter and grabbed a handful of money," Officer Costanza writes in his report. "He put it in his shirt pocket...then reached over the counter a second time and grabbed another handful of cash."

Chealsea describes the robber as "Hispanic, 35–40 years old, 6' tall, with dark hair and eyes, and a thin moustache."

Police lifted three prints from the counter and two from the register.

The loss is reported to be in the \$700-to-\$1000 range.

— Michael Hemmingson

A local firm, Genius Products, Inc., is licensed to produce music CDs based on PBS's popular TV show for preschoolers, Jay Jay the Jet Plane, which hit retail shelves this month. The CDs will feature songs from the television series along with new compositions. Genius Products has also produced music discs for My Little Pony, Paddington Bear, and Curious George.

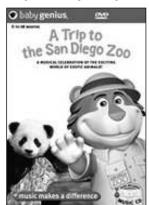
Jay Jay's plot concerns a six-year-old jet plane who travels a lot. The show airs in nearly 50 countries worldwide.

Genius's *Trip to the San Diego Zoo* (\$9.95 suggested retail) features "the first giant panda born at the zoo."

Klaus Moeller, CEO of Genius Products, says local acts are welcome to contribute new Jay Jay–inspired music for upcoming projects.



"I imagine a lot of local musicians have kids and watch the show.... We can't afford big-name acts anyways, and there's no money in contributing a song, but we'll get [songs]



LOCAL MUSIC WANTED FOR KIDS' DVD

professionally recorded, and the CDs will be offered individually and in multipacks in tens of thousands of retail stores worldwide. That's pretty good exposure."

Porchlight Entertainment (producers of the show) and Genius retain all ownership rights pertaining to songs appearing on Jay Jay CDs.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Area U2 fans who joined the band's fan club (for \$40)

at www.u2.com in order to get "preferred access" to "some of the best seats available" for the March 28 Vertigo tour opener at the Sports Arena show say they're pissed.

"They gave me a sixnumber priority code when I joined," says Sandra Cross, guitarist for Ocean Beach—based group Xlent. "It took until almost noon before I could bring up a page...then, I finally enter my priority code, and the page blanks out! I re-entered the information and was told, 'Your code has already been used!' "

Arthur Fogel, president of Clear Channel
Entertainment's TNA
Productions division (which is promoting the Vertigo tour), says, "I spoke to the Ticketmaster people on Tuesday, and they reported over two million hits within a very short period of time...obviously this caught everybody off guard, and everything possible is being done to make sure people are satisfied."

Advancetickets.com
currently has section LL2
fifth-row seats for \$1190.
(Face value is \$165.) This,
despite a presale warning on
the U2 website reading,
"Scalpers be warned.... When

we identify rogue *U2.com* subscribers...we are taking action to cancel the sale of those tickets and to redistribute those tickets to subscribers who have yet to get tickets."

An additional San Diego date has been added for March 30.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"The streets of downtown aren't safe without the blues." A

man carrying a case of Budweiser shouted this out to bluesman Pete Kelly. Kelly has been a street musician in the Gaslamp for 13 years, or so he claimed as he sat against the large window of the Z Gallery at Fifth and Market. He was playing his harmonica and singing in a loud baritone.

"I hear you from my loft every night," said a woman who stopped to put a dollar bill in the paper bag Kelly had in front of him.

"How much do you make a night?" I asked.

Thirty to 40 dollars. I'm now out of the wheelchair, so I can't do this all day like some do."

He told me he'd been in a wheelchair due to a car accident.

I asked him if he ever does

private parties.

"I charge \$100 for an hour. Three hours will run you \$500."

"You don't come cheap," I said.

"I'll be starting school



KELLY'S HARP GOES GOOD WITH PHILOSOPHY

soon," he said. "Going to Grossmont, majoring in philosophy."

– Michael Hemmingson

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efore the start of the last show I'd attended at the Casbah, I had lingered in my car. a brown-tinted bottle in the other, I dispensed a precise amount of GHB and then downed the salty

chemical with a grimace, chasing it with desperate gulps of soda. Finished with my task, I touched up my red lipstick and thought, now I'm ready to see some live music!

This time, with my brown bottle long empty, I entered the club sober with David, a man who wouldn't touch an illegal substance with a tenfoot leather whip. The Casbah is one of San Diego's longest-running live-music venues. If you've come of age in the past 20 years and have any social life to speak of, you've probably been there at least

Tonight's lineup would feature the Ghost Town Deputies, followed by the Millionaires, who would be opening for the Flying Putos. With three bands performing (from three different genres), this night's crowd was typical. There were the business/casual folks, looking as though they'd just left work for a happy-hour cocktail. A cluster of old people (think 40+) reminisced on shows they'd attended "in the old days." Standard clubgoers, dressed in the latest trends and anti-trends, were there to smoke, drink, and pick up on clubgoers of the opposite sex.

Of course, we also found the music-scene-lov-

ing rockabillies. These are the men with pressed jeans, cuffs neatly folded up, and hair styled high and slick; and women with Betty Page bangs, flaunting tattoos of cherries and pencil-thin eyebrows. David fit right in, wearing his side-laced

leather jacket, faded blue jeans, and a black T-shirt with a white silhouette of a praying mantis printed on the front.

Guitars and drums blared through the entrance as we were being carded. Drawing closer to the source of the noise, the sound became painful. We faced the "smoking section," an area that consists of the entrance corridor and a bedroom-sized space sided by a wooden shelf for setting down drinks and ashtrays (and the occasional ass). Beyond the smoking area is a back room, half-filled by two pool tables. Peering in the door, we saw four gruff-looking guys shooting pool as if they'd been there since the place opened.

The rest of the room contains a second bar and a few booths for those who fancy conversation over bleeding ears. Passing up the pleasures of the back room, we headed for the action. Next to a door jamb covered in promotional stickers of bands past and present, we saw the Ghost Town Deputies onstage. The floor in front of the band was deserted, save for one couple, and a handful of patrons gathered at the standing tables off to the



The Millionaires: Joey Guevara, Morgan Young, Russell Hayden, Joe St. Day

Two of the Deputies, the guitarists, wore western-style shirts and cowboy hats. The vocals were buried deep within the mix, but if I had to hazard a guess, I'd say pickup trucks, beer, and chicks were likely themes. With earplugs protecting our precious drums, David and I tried to place the genre of music. "Country grunge?"

"No," he shouted, "more like redneck rock." "Yeah, too clean-cut for grunge," I nodded. David wasn't a fan. Despite the decibels, I found the beat to be boot-tappin' fun.

"It's hard for me to respect anyone who, in an attempt to look cool, wears a guitar so low that he can't even reach it," David said. I hadn't noticed, but now I watched as the lead guitarist dropped one shoulder and stretched for the strings near

"I see what you mean," I said. But we had not come to see the Deputies; we were there to see the Millionaires, a band we knew nothing about except that "they might wear fishnet stockings," as my friend Derek had informed. This seemed rea-





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son enough to catch their act.

Derek and our friend Church materialized and suggested we stake out a spot by the stage. Fifteen minutes later, the Millionaires were setting up. Suddenly, the lights went out and fog cascaded from the stage. Though he admitted it "looks cool," David dislikes fog machines because "it's nasty stuff to breathe." As David began explaining how the contraption works (using big words), I became hypnotized by the two strobe lights illuminating the smoke-filled air. I turned to watch people move in the strobe, as though they were all doing the robot (I love that). I noted that the I-never-wash-my-hair messy look is "in" this season.

Silhouettes emerged from the mist, and the sweet sound of piano notes filled the air. Derek had told me the Millionaires "sound kinda like Queen," a band that is on my list of favorites. The ballad-like quality of the intro was reminiscent of the great gays, and as I pondered the similarities, the lights flashed on and before me was big glam rock on a small stage.

Stage right was Joey Guevara on keyboard, guitar, and vocals. His attractive, shaggy-haired head topped a blue Sgt. Pepper-style silk jacket and glittery gold pants tucked into silver platform boots. At one point he made the crowd go wild by playing both his guitar and keyboard at the same time. I was in the bathroom when it happened, but from there I could hear people screaming. When I returned, people told me about it — why does the cool shit always happen when you're in the bathroom?

Standing next to Joey was Russell Havden, the lead singer, cutting an imposing figure in a velvet bellbottom pantsuit lined with feathery fabric, incredibly tall heels (I used to have a pair just like them), and black hat. Tattoos were visible on his chest where the V-neck of his velvet shirt dipped down. Russell has a habit of lashing his tongue out between words, and at the end of each song he kissed his hand and waved it at the crowd. Morgan Young, the drummer, wore a purple-striped suit. Later, I would see him unbutton his pants to prove that his underwear matched — glam to the



The Millionaires

Joe St. Day, bassist, stood on Russell's left. Joe's silver boots looked exactly like Joey's. He wore black pants and a silver, glittery top. Blue eye shadow adorned his eyes. Joe is the tallest Millionaire, and he wore his light blond hair almost down to his chin. He, like the others, was having fun onstage. Later, he told me how the band refuses

to take itself seriously: "We have a great time writing and performing our music...we want people to leave their worries outside—check that shit at the door, rush the stage, and ROCK!"

The Millionaires know how to pose. During a few solos, Joey ignited the audience as he made kissy faces, crouched, kicked, and grimaced like Steven Tyler. Despite the band's theatrics and stage show, their music was well rehearsed and tight.

Someone to my left shouted, "Take off your pants!" When I looked over, I saw four women dancing wildly by the bar — groupies? They looked sloppy, bumping into each other and spilling their drinks, gyrating up

and down from crooked standing positions to awkward squats on the floor. They did this for the duration of the Millionaires' performance. Between songs, I looked to Church for understanding. "What the fuck is that?" I asked him. Church knows a lot of people. His answer explained everything. He smiled and said, "They're from P. P. "

Turning to look at the crowd, I noticed a few sad souls "head-banging." A preppy man, with a bit of a mullet, furrowed his brow in an apparent search to find the beat and stick with it. His head would go half up, down hard, half up — no, missed it that time, okay, start over...no, not quite, up fast! It was hard to watch without intervening, so I averted my gaze...only to find a woman jutting her head forward and back like a pigeon to the beat of a drum that existed only in her head.

I left before the Flying Putos took the stage. Derek told me some of the members used to be in the Beat Farmers, and we were bummed we couldn't stay to see them. But, as exciting as they promised to be, David in his hot leather jacket was all the excitement I needed to round out my evening.



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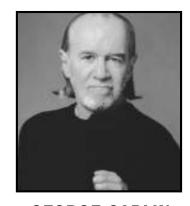
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Ladvsmith Black Mambazo [958]: Mandeville Auditorium, Friday, February 11, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Bright Eyes [244], Jessie Sykes, and Neva Dinova: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 11, 7.30 p.m. 121 Broadway, down 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.

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"Old School Valentine's Show" featuring Lisa Lisa [613], Debbie **Deb, Zapp,** and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, February 13, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Marcia Ball [953] and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Belly Up Tav Sunday, February 13, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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TUESDAY

GWAR [265]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 15, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Nanci Griffith [882] and Mary Gauthier: 4th & B, Wednesday February 16, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or

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Queensrÿche [431]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sleepytime Gorilla Museum: The Casbah, Friday, February 18, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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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Collective Soul [459]: 4th & B, Sunday, February 20, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

White Lion: Brick by Brick, Sunday, February 20, 1130 Buenos Avenue Bay Park, 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Interpol and Blonde Redhead [253]: SOMA, Sunday, February 20, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

Perfect Strangers: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

"Bob Marley Day Festival" featuring Steel Pulse [730], Jimmy Cliff [750], Alpha Blondy [737], Israel Vibration [275], Barrington **Levy** [751], and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 21, 1 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Wayne Shepherd [938]: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Camper Van Beethoven/Cracker [567]: The Casbah, Thursday, February 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

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Paul Westerberg: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

MARCH

B.B. King [951]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

KRS-One: Brick by Brick, Friday, March 4, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

The Jonny Lang Acoustic Band: 4th & B, Friday, March 4, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sage Francis: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Robin Nolan Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Pat Metheny Group [635]: Spreckels Theatre, Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

G. Love & Special Sauce: 4th & B, Saturday, March 5, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

O.A.R. and the Southland: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, March 8 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780 or

The Fabulous Thunderbirds [573]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

Chris Cagle: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Aimee Mann [566]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 11, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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Big Head Todd & the **Monsters** [477]: 4th & B, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Joe Cocker [533]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Blue Öyster Cult [509]: 4th & B, Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or

Michael McDonald [610]: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Social Distortion [466], Backyard Babies, and Streetdogs: SOMA, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Mary Black [830]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Reverend Horton Heat [268], the **Supersuckers** [367], and **Trainwreck:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105

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Mötley Crüe [475]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Elvis Costello [497]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Frankie Valli & the Four **Seasons** [612]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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Young Dubliners [469]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Drive-By Truckers [574]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or

Slipknot, Lamb of God, and **Shadows Fall:** Cox Arena, Friday, April 8, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Vance Gilbert: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Maktub [572]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 9, 143 South Cedros



BY DAVE GOOD

Steve Earle says that music helped to end the war in Vietnam. Maybe it did; maybe it didn't. But in the '60s, acoustic guitar was the protest's weapon of choice, and the will of the counterculture lived on in the songs of artists like Dylan, Baez, and Country Joe McDonald. Just last year Earle, author of some of the more bittersweet sentiments in alt-country, weighed in with his own collection of antiestablishment material called The Revolution Starts...Now. Dwarfed by the larger stardom of recent artists who have climbed on that bandwagon and churned out protest songs as if they were fashion statements, Earle's music is about passionate, rather than successful, career choices.

A derailed country rocker, Steve Earle had a large appetite for both food and

women. He has been married six times but is now looking slimmer than ever — it's hard to envision Earle as the hopeless junkie he became after his career got off to a hot start and then plummeted in the late '80s. For a while the industry didn't think he was coming back from the low side of Nashville, His wake-up call came, he says, while serving time. Once out of jail he did not look back and has since released several albums, written a book, and produced a play. He's done a little

acting, volunteers with various charities, and hosts a talk-radio show. Earle is a one-man

My favorite off *The Revolution Starts...*Now is "Condi, Condi," a love song to the nation's new Secretary of State. "Skank for me, Condi," Earle sings, "show me what you got. They say you're too uptight, I say you're not." The Revolution is potent, smart-ass protest music with a punch line. "Voting is

STEVE EARLE & THE DUKES vital," he writes in the liner notes, "but in times like these voting alone simply isn't enough. By the time some of you hear these songs, the election will be over. Then the real struggle begins.'

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Joe Satriani [536]: 4th & B, Sunday, April 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ellis Paul [819]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Gordon Lightfoot [886]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380. Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Steve Vai [523]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David Wilcox [883]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Tim and Neil Finn have been making music since the 1970s, sometimes together and sometimes apart, with Split Enz, Crowded House, solo projects, and most recently as the Finn Brothers. The New Zealanders are huge stars in pretty much every part of the English-speaking world, except the United States. Here, they have had a few hits: "I Got You" by Split Enz, "Don't Dream It's Over" and "Something So Strong" by Crowded House. Beyond that, their U.S. following is more or less limited to a small cult.

But unlike your usual music cults, Finn fans don't appear to have much in common other than their love of good songwriting. At

least that's the impression I get from my circle of friends: Phil, who may be the world's leading authority on '80s heavy metal, is a Finn fan; Dahlia, who is obsessed with the Kinks, plays in a band that covers "I Got You"; Lisa, a iournalist in love with Spoon, worships Crowded House, as does Toby, a rockabilly expert: Deb. who promotes downtempo indie-rock shows, speaks reverently of her "Uncle

When I ask my friends why they love the Finns, they have a hard time

explaining it. As beautiful as the Finns' melodies are, there's nothing flashy or groundbreaking about any of Tim's or Neil's projects (except maybe for the regrettable clothes and haircuts that Split Enz wore in the '80s). The Finn Brothers' records, especially, fit neatly in the unglamorous category



of adult contemporary. But their best work has a kind of honesty to it that touches people. That's all any artist needs.

FINN BROTHERS. Belly Up Tavern. Friday. February 11, 8 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. Sold out.

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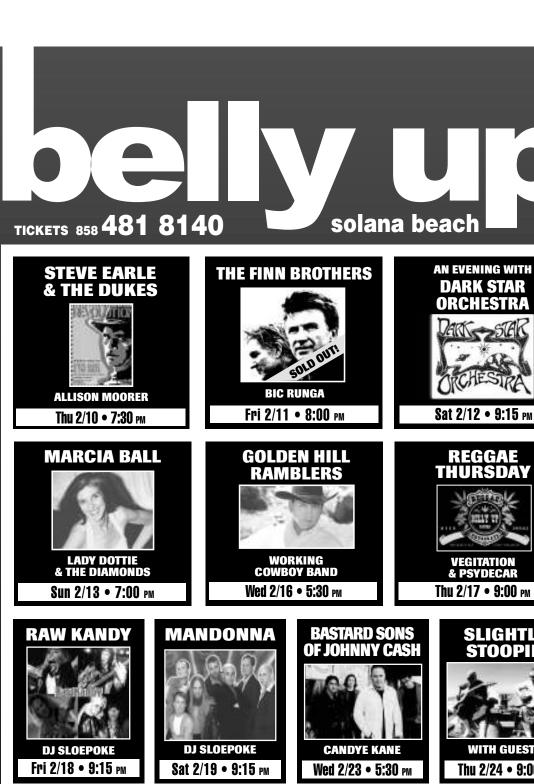


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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's, Brick By Brick

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Corvettes: Vieias Casino Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno

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Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

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JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar The B-Side Players [649]: 'Canes

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

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Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

The Sacha Boutros Quartet:

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado **John Cain** [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

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The Jorge Camberos Quintet:

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze Gilbert Castellanos [667]:

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze Jo Dark: The German-American

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Calico Ridge: Don's Cocktail

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

The Golden Hill Ramblers: Belly

Hill Country: Mulvaney's

Allison Moorer [783]: Belly Up

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / **FOLK**

Joseph Angelastro: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

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Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub Clare Burson: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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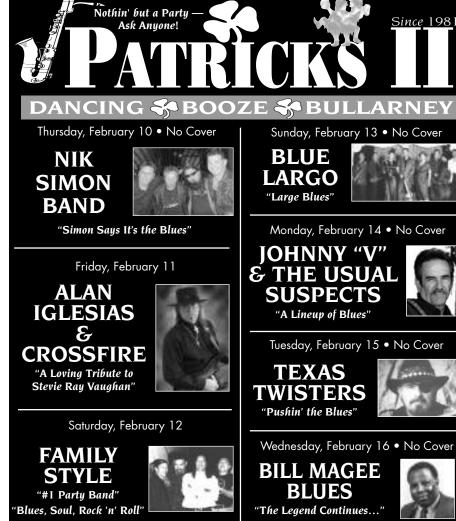
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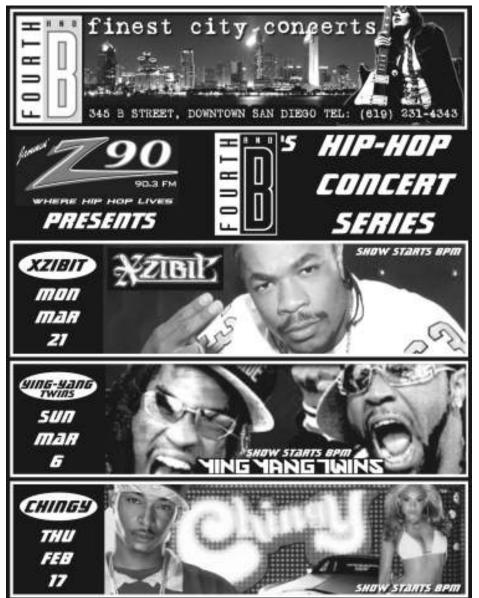
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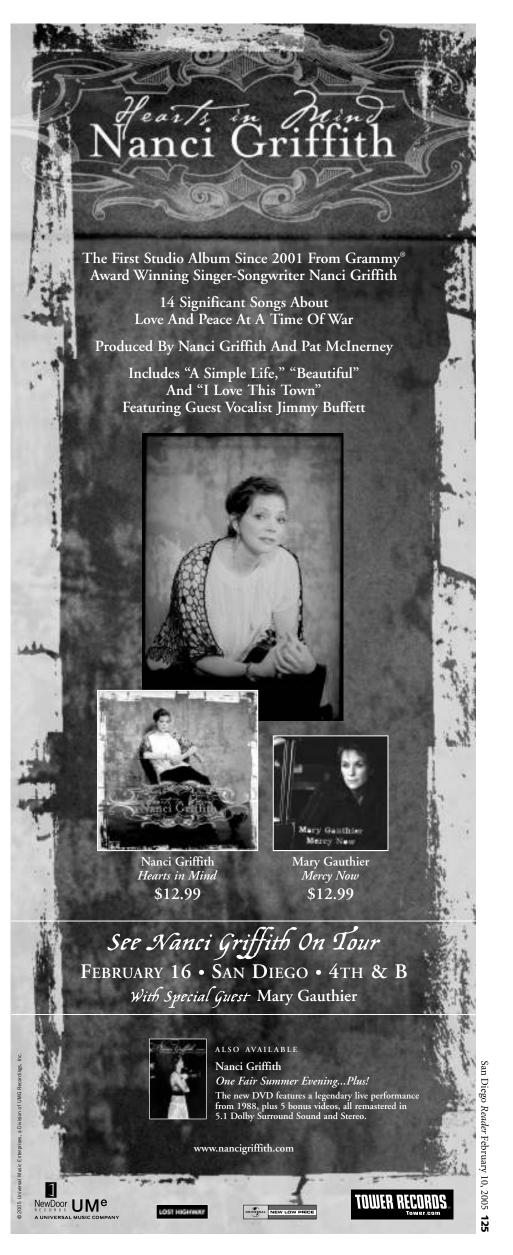
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The Encinitas-based singer/songwriter seems most comfortable with the folk rock, but by album's end she will have covered fuzz guitar and jazz bass on her Steinway. "Trees by Your House" starts the album off with Mendenhall's seraphic voice backed by accordion. In "City Window," Mendenhall sings, "I'll write / and I'll disappear into my words if they'd show me the entrance please, and I know that I will recover / and I'll iust be immune to one more



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Sabbat: 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 Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hiphop, 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.

subLIFE: First and third Fridays of the month, DJs Chronick and Chris Two Four with Voz Frontera. Deep/funky house. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown, 619-544-1609. Suspiria: Wednesdays, dark '70s and '80s rock and dancepunk, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

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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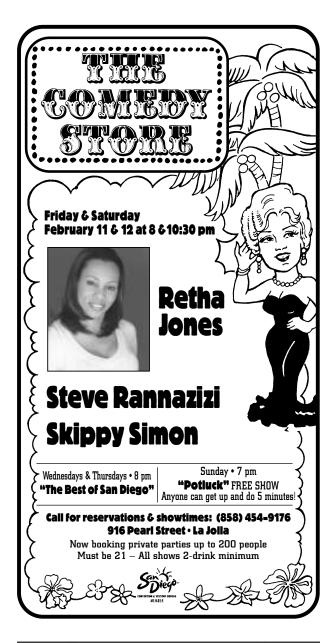
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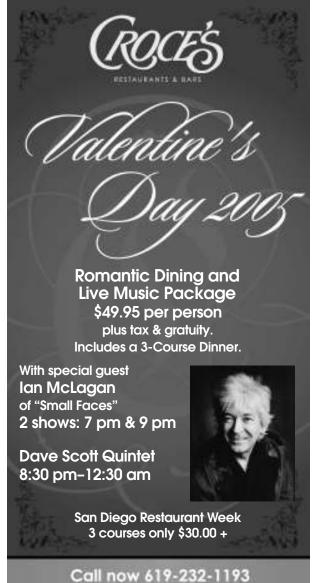
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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Steve Earle & the Dukes and Allison Moorer. Friday, 8 p.m., the Finn Brothers and Bic Runga. Saturday, 9:15 p.m., Dark Star Orchestra, alternative. Sunday, 7 p.m., Marcia Ball and Lady Dottie & the Diamonds. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Working Cowboy Band and Golden Hill Ramblers, country.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Donnie Finnell & Co. East, standards and light

Bistro Soliel, 641 South Coast Highway, Encinitas. 760-942-9549. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Dean Paul Ratzman, jazz/old Top 40.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-510-0004. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B.

Friday, 6 p.m., *Cory Wilkins*, blues, 9 p.m., rock. Saturday, live rock. Sunday, 4 p.m., Kingdom Sound. Monday, 10 p.m., live rock. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Metal Shop*, rock. Wednesday, country.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *C.O.I.*, reggae. Friday, Semisi & Fula Bula, reggae. Saturday and Monday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues/pop. Sunday, Middle Earth. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Runnin' Blue, blues.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, West of Memphis, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Robin* Henkel, funk rock/blues. Saturday, the Midnight Players, blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Len Rainey & the Midnight Players, blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Boneyard, rock

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *60ne9*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, Tommy Price, acoustic. Wednesday, Cathryn Beeks, acoustic/folk.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Saturday, *Junkies & Thieves* and *Rev*, alternative. Wednesday, rock and blues bands.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Ieff Moore & the Witchdoctors. blues/rock. Friday, *Bill Magee Blues* Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues/rock. Sunday, Blues Brokers.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Proper Jive, Freshly Squeezed*, and Steph Johnson, alternative/rock/folk

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, 7 p.m. to



NightSpotting

MAS FINA CANTINA

2780 State Street Carlshad 760-434-3497

MUSIC ➤ rock, blues, alternative.

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ open mike on Tuesday, live bands Wednesday through Saturday, and blues on Sunday in the summer

CLIENTELE ➤ 21 and up: average age, early 30s; 70 percent Caucasian, 20 percent Latino, 10 percent African-American: 75 percent of the

COVER ➤ none

HOURS ➤ 11:00 a m until 2:00 a.m. every day (during football season, open Sunday mornings for breakfast)

DRINKS ➤ ten beers on tap; happy hour 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. daily (9:00 p.m. on Tuesday); Thursday \$2.50 for Mexican beers

FOOD ➤ tacos on Thursday (to go with Mexican beer), Friday is

seafood, Monday has a burger and fries for \$4, Tuesday gets you \$2 basket of wings, Wednesday gets you half-off pizza; regular menu has 19 appetizers, eight Mexican dishes (average \$8.95), 19 burgers and sandwiches (average \$7.95), and four kinds of pizza

ACCESS ➤ I-5 to Carlsbad Village Drive going west, then right on State Street (near Old Carlsbad Theatre); parking all around; Coaster stop nearby, and bus stops

DRESS ➤ casual; a lot of baseball caps, a few flannel shirts, many had on blue ieans and T-shirts ("Skin Industries So Cal," "River Security," "Ever seen a biker pissed?" "Miller High Life," "Nebraska N.")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ none FIRE EXITS ➤ two — the main entrance and another in the kitchen

(fire extinguisher behind the bar) BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one urinal and one stall; women's had two stalls; both had a sink, liquid soap, and paper towels and were clean and graffiti-free

CAPACITY ➤ 30 (but will soon go back to 49)

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ outdoor patio for smokers, with seven tables (not covered)

FURNISHINGS ➤ beer mirrors. neon beer signs, four TVs, surfboards on the wall, 20 seats at the bar, four tables, pay phone out front, CD jukebox, thatched ceiling over the band, fake parrot hanging from ceiling, football banners

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 108 when the Small Town Heroes did a song called "Stranger Blues": 104 last week at Patrick's II

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN **LAST MONTH** ➤ Sandiacket **QUOTABLE** ➤ "I went to Catholic school for 12 years. That's why I act the way I do now."

One guy told me, "This place is one of the many we used to hit as part of the Carlsbad pub crawl. Now I'm watching the Lakers lose and hearing the blues music and watching this team suck on TV - itreally is giving me the blues. And to top that off, the only hot chick in here is the bartender."

I asked a different bartender named Andy what the capacity was. "It's 49. Well, actually, the fire marshal was here recently, and they lowered it to 30...until we get the other door put in, which we are doing soon. It will be back up to 49 soon "

I also asked him how to get to the bathroom since the band was playing right in front of the rest rooms. Andy said, "You have to walk through the band. They don't mind. They are used to it."

He was right. The standup bass player actually moved his bass and kept playing when I walked by.

- Josh Board

9 p.m., the Old Town Band, Dixieland jazz. Friday, Chimichanga & Sour Chives and the High Stakes Swing Band, Saturday, Avocado Moon, rock, Monday, the Big Easy, jazz. Tuesday, Nice & Easy, jazz.

Monterey Bay Canners, 1325 North Harbor Drive, Oceanside. 760-722-3474. Thursday and Saturday, Keni, Hawaiian, pop, Motown, and rock. Friday, 8 p.m., the Nate Donnis Band, rock/alternative/pop. Tuesday, *Rob* Mehl, acoustic pop/folk. Wednesday,

7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, alternative acoustic rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, *Todd Steman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Saturday, *Freshly* Saueezed, rock.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to

10:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the

Rosie O'Sullivan's, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-0954. Thursday and Friday, *the Clay* Colton Band, alternative acoustic rock.

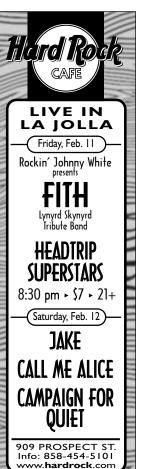
Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday through Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sambajazz, American and Brazilian

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Thursday, Faceles, the Perils of Being, and Sic Waiting, alternative.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, Hands on Wax, rock. Friday, the Free Range Chickens, rock. Saturday, the Republic of Letters, alternative. Wednesday, open mike.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben* Powell, blues/jazz.



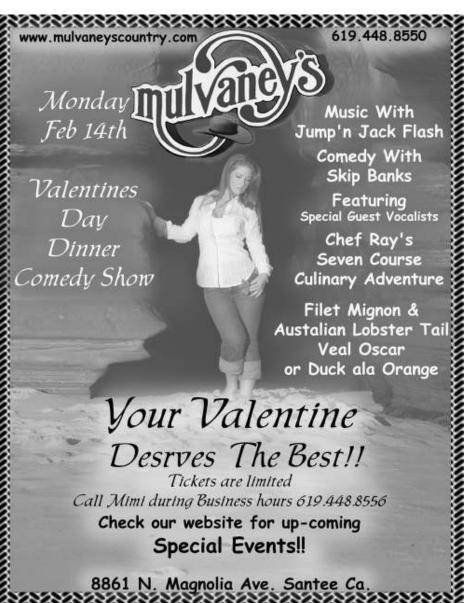




















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Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla. 858-551-8554. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bradley Leighton* and *Dora Hall*, jazz standards and contemporary. Saturday, the Sacha Boutros Quartet, Latin jazz.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7-844.





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'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780, Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Anya Marina, This* Holiday Life, DeLancey, and Symphony Case. Friday, King Spade, Sub Noize Soulijaz, Thicker Than Thieves, and Mower. Saturday, B-Side Player, Shotgun Wedding Quintet, and Tubby Sunday, Gavin DeGraw and Michael Tolcher. Wednesday, Yovee, Greg Laswell, Rvan Bentley, and Sheila Sondergard, acoustic/folk.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Daddio's Superior Bar and Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Thursday, 6 p.m., Fred Heath & the Slidewinders, blues. Friday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters. Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street.

Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All music is alternative/rock. Thursday Fraida, Fall Apart, Jenix, and Burkhart Breaks Boards. Friday, Lights of Zion, Nek'ter, Silver Side, and Disaster Magnet. Saturday, Jarvis Humby, In Memory, Ferona Vei, Tritium, and Zepparella.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mick Keys, classic rock/jazz.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert* Castellanos, jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, Cathryn Beeks,

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.

RT's Longboard Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030. Thursday, 10 p.m., the Blue James Band, rock/pop.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9734 Thursday, *Big Back Yard*, rock. Friday, the Fremonts, blues. Saturday, the Rock Trio featuring Joey Harris. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, Aerodrive, classic rock.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, 9 p.m., *Jazilla*, straight-ahead jazz.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, Israel Maldonado. Friday, the Animal Liberation Orchestra alternative. Saturday, Groundation reggae. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Zach reggae: Stinday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Janiva Magness, blues. Monday, Electric Waste Band, classic rock. Tuesday, Shanti Groove. Wednesday, the Percolators, Shoestring Strap, and the Multifaucets, alternative rock.

SAN DIEGO

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*.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Theosophists, No Such Luck, and Take Over Turn. Friday, Next in Line, Safety







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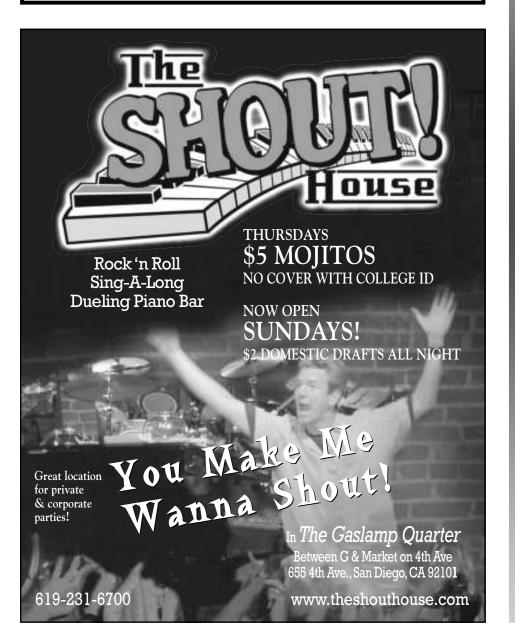
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Saturday, 33 Degree, Malachi Crunch, Rue, and Colporter. Tuesday, Jenn Grinels, Jon Kanis, Carlos Olmeda, Dave Humphries, Ron Franklin, Chuck Schiele, Angela Patua, Carol Ames, Lauren DeRose, Kim Divincenzo, Jim Diez, and Hugh Gaskins, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, Michael Wolff, Ripple Groove, and Topp Down.

Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sue Palmer, Sharon Shufelt, and Deejha Marie, boogie-woogie/jazz.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., John Lowery, Bill Farkas, Across the Room, and Dani Carroll, acoustic/folk. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Julius & the Jazz Junkies.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is heavy rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Walls of Jericho, Bury Your Dead, Full Blown Chaos, and Premonitions of War. Friday, the Napoleon Complex and I Like Girls. Saturday, the Locust, Ex Models, the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower, and Upsilon Acrux.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Stampede Jam, classic rock.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle Quartet, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *the Flock of 80's*, pop rock. Tuesday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8 p.m., Rockola, classic rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., Viva Santana, Latin rock. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown/dance. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Reel to Real, jazz. Monday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Fattburger, smooth jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Skelpin, Irish. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Carol Ames, original rock.

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, Deadbolt, the Starlight Sirens, and .357 Magnum, rock/alternative. Saturday, Royal Automatic and Nancy Huero, rock/alternative.

Kung Food, 2949 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-298-7302. Saturday, 5 p.m. to midnight, Velvet Crumble, original blues, Normal Heights, groove, and Kyle & Shawn, acoustic folk. Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, the Biddy Bums and Ember, folk/alternative. Friday, the Scarlet Symphony and Smug, alternative. Saturday, Allison Lonsdale,folk, 8:30 p.m., Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra, jazz. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Clare Burson, Stephen Clare, and Quincy, acoustic/folk.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, Blind Tamale, rock. Saturday, the Rockin' Blues Hounds.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, Secret Apollo, the Licorice Quartet, and the Pinwheels, indie rock. Saturday, 10 p.m., the Spots, rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo*, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Pale Black*, classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde*, blues

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative/punk. Friday, Rise Against, Tsunami Bomb, Alexisonfire, Only Crime, and Lower Definition. Saturday, Before Today, Half Way Home, With Hope's Last Breath. and Of Hearts and Shadows.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, the Rockin' Aces, swing. Friday, the Joey Show, rock. Saturday, Blazers, rockabilly. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, High Society Jazz Band. **Tower Bar,** 4757 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-284-0158. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *the West Coast Pinups*, honky-tonk/rockabilly/ alternative country.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Amy Obenski, Alex Esther, Keith Housel, and Davida. Friday, 8:30 p.m., the Hot Club of San Diego, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Martin Storrow, Jen Knight, Ashley Matte, the Reserved 16, Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective. Sunday, the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Exies, Transfer, and Moaning Lisa. Friday, Motherlode and Pocket. Saturday, Swandive and the Hidden Cameras. Sunday, Drag the River, Vena Cava, and Jackass. Tuesday, Rob Crow and Bunky. Wednesday, Earthless.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday and Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Sue Palmer*, jazz. Saturday, *Primo*, salsa.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop. Friday and Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Straight Six*, rock. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 p.m., Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda, jazz and classical guitar. Saturday, 8 p.m., Kristin Korb, Todd Johnson, and Steve Barnes, jazz trio. Sunday, the Coyote Problem, acoustic. Wednesday, the Cheap Leis and Sue Palmer, swing.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, Bobby Calwell. Tuesday, Gwar, All That Remains, and Alabama Thunderpussy, alternative/rock. Wednesday, Nanci Griffith and Mary Gauthier.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday, Atomic Groove, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Superfunk Fantasy, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue. jazz/dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, reggae/dancehall/hiphop/R&B. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the David Patrone Quartet, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Nik Simon Band*. Friday,

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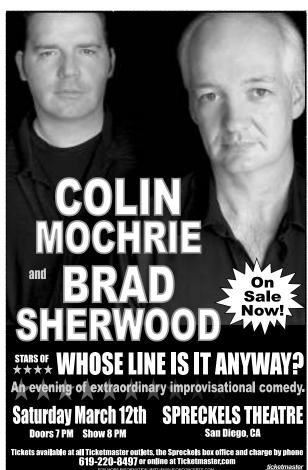
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Let Them Eat Cake

"Valentine's Day is our Christmas," says Karen Krasne, chef-owner of Extraordinary Desserts. "It's the busiest day of my year." Her original dessert café on Fifth Avenue has recently expanded into a second, larger location in Little Italy, and both spaces will be adorned for Valentine's Day with romantic decorations. This year, Krasne has created a special Valentine's item called "The Box for Lovers" (\$20). An ornate package (with rose petals and ribbons) will contain a pair of black-and-white fantasy desserts: "Folies aux Chocolat" ("chocolate madnesses") is a crunchy caramelized milk-chocolate confection covered with rose petals and gold leaf concealing a center of Valrhona chocolate mousse; "Paradis aux Framboises' ("raspberry paradise") has raspberries wrapped in white chocolate mousse inside a buttery tart shell. covered with whipped cream, white chocolate shavings, and a candied rose. The boxes will be available at both locations on Monday, February 14, only; best to reserve your order by phoning ahead. (But even if they sell out, there's a pastry case full of worthy substitutes.)

Since Valentine's Day falls on a Monday this year, there will also be a brunch on Sunday, February 13, at the new Union Street location, the first holiday brunch that Krasne has done in several years. This will include a passion fruit mimosa, a choice of three pastries, plus a buffet of Middle Eastern spreads, olives, cheeses, and breads (\$25, children \$13, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.). Reservations are recommended.

The vast space of the new café is the opposite of Krasne's original cozy cottage near Balboa Park. The feel here is urban-industrial, with a high, open-beam ceiling and white-painted pipes and ducts. Before you enter the "warehouse," you pass through a gourmet shop that displays cakes and pastries, cookie doughs, dessert sauces and exotic honeys, fruit and vegetable spreads, coffees and teas, exorbitant "designer" olive oils, scented candles, and coffee-table books on subjects of current interest to the owner. About half the non-pastry foodstuffs bear Karen Krasne's imprimatur, while the rest are from other culinary artisans. The latter show up in many of the menu's savory offerings. I make no secret of being a fan of Krasne's ethereal cakes. At the Little Italy location, she's also turned her hand to Mediterranean-style spreads and sandwiches, cheese plates, and salads.



Extraordinary Desserts' "Box for Lovers"

I recently invited some colleagues from the nearby *Reader* office to join me for a lunch of assorted nibbles. We arrived toward the end of the lunch rush and were seated at a banquette at the back of the restaurant. With no air-conditioning,

the room was stuffy (despite an open terrace door) and noisier than was comfortable. Conversations and crashing crockery echoed against the bare floors, the

glass-topped tables, and the glass sidewall. Evenings, the sound effects include ambient music pumped way up.

Perusing the menu, we soon realized that the savory dishes aren't intended as substantial meals, but as light breakfasts and lunches, after-work snacks, or post-event pick-me-ups.

We began with selections from the "bruschettas" section of the menu. Some of these meet the standard definition (thick slices of grilled bread and a topping), others arrive as toppings only, to spread on the hearty Bread and Cie table breads. Portions are normally small (priced at \$3 each), but since we'd told the waitress we'd be sharing,

she brought us larger (but still modest) servings for \$5 — without asking if we wanted them. We loved the Surfing Goat Ping Pong, delectable balls of goat cheese topped with daubs of Krasne's bottled "Maui Mango" spread. We also liked the avocado

slices atop truffled artichoke tapenade on grilled peasant bread. But we lost interest in a slab of dry French feta cheese, served with a white truffle honey that, however

luscious, couldn't rescue the arid fromage.

A full mezze platter, with hummus, tabbouleh, baba ganoush, etc. (\$20) is only available at dinner, but most items can be ordered individually from the "spreads" section of the menu. We chose a knockout called Pantelleria (\$8), a dip of crunchy celery chunks, whole pitted dates, basil, and Parmesan, dressed in balsamic vinaigrette. Who'd ever guess that celery and dates could make such a love-match?

Panini (Italian-style sandwiches) start with long slices of peasant bread, their exteriors moistened with olive oil and hash-marked on an electric panini grill. We enjoyed a bacon-salmon sand-

Extraordinary Desserts

Savories (meals and snacks)★★ (Good) Sweets★★★ 1/2 (Excellent to Extraordinary)

1430 Union Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001 (also 2929 Fifth Avenue, Uptown, 619-294-2132).

HOURS (Union Street location): Monday—Thursday, 7:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m., Friday until midnight, Saturday 10:00 a.m.–midnight, Sunday 10:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

PRICES: "The Box for Lovers" \$20 (available Valentine's Day only, both locations). Small appetizers and dips with bread \$3–\$8, sandwiches \$10, cheeses \$5–\$20 (priced by quantity). Pastries \$3–\$8 per piece (most \$7). Weekday continental breakfast \$5.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Mediterranean café meets Parisian pastry shop in hard-edged industrial-decor setting. Light meals (spreads and breads, salads, panini sandwiches), elaborate desserts. A few beers and wines (reasonably priced by the glass), champagnes, wide range of nonalcoholic beverages including teas, fruit teas, spa-style fruit "elixirs," and coffee and chocolate drinks.

PICK HITS: Surfing Goat Ping Pong, Pantelleria dip, bacon-salmon panini, cheese plates, all cakes (especially blood orange ricotta or chocolate gianduja).

NEED TO KNOW: Many nearby pay lots, but street parking is difficult. Service slow. Noisy, extremely so during evenings when the music pounds. Shaded nonsmoking side-terrace dining. Vegetarian and vegan-friendly menu. Advance orders recommended for "The Box for Lovers." Reservations recommended for pre-Valentine Sunday brunch on February 13.

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wich, featuring East Coast salmon cured with bacon spices, served with lettuce, tomato, and avocado. If the tomato was mushy, it was still better than the rock-hard specimens usually served

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this time of year. Another sandwich theoretically offered serrano ham (resembling prosciutto), buffalo mozzarella, balsamic onions, and a red plum spread — but the kitchen was out of buffalo cheese and forgot to apply the plum spread. We gave permission to substitute smoked mozzarella, which proved too dense for relief from the salty meat. We abandoned this sandwich after a bite or two

When Krasne translates the intense flavors of her desserts to savory dishes, the impact can be overwhelming. No wonder portions are small. A couple of bites may not quell hunger but will satiate appetite. We rated each dish either four stars or no star. The pricing is high for so little food, and few of the savories approach the quality of the cakes. The lunch bill came to \$25 per person before tip and tax. Would my ink-stained colleagues ever eat there again at their own expense? Their answer: For dessert, absolutely -

for nourishment, never.

To choose a dessert, you stroll to the pastry cases up front, then return to your table and order from your server. Our slices of cake, lemon praline and chocolate gianduja, were splendid. The regular espresso was so-so, while a decaf arrived so cold that the designer sugar refused to melt

Service is never swift and grew slower as the lunch crowd waned. It took 20 minutes for somebody to cut the cheese plate; my companions, already late getting back to work, had to leave before it arrived. You can choose a plate of one, three, or five cheeses from a list that includes peak-condition goat, sheep, cow, and bleu varieties from at least five nations, shipped down from specialists in Berkeley and Los Angeles. The plate includes an assortment of fruit spreads, candied walnuts, and more slices of hearty breads.

On the way out, I stopped at

the shop at the front of the café and picked up a couple of breakfast pastries and two packages of cookie dough. Later, I discovered that the breakfast "cinnamon brioche" wasn't brioche at all, but a tough, lardy-tasting dough shell filled with sugared nuts. A huge pineapple "French Danwas too sweet for a wake-up meal. The cookiedough packages (\$9 each) had sketchy instructions — perhaps everybody is supposed to know how to make cookies. Once baked, the cherry chocolate chip cookies were sweeter than I could stand, the mocha macadamia ones passable. Neither was worth a buck per cookie. When Krasne is good, she's extraordinarily good. When she's bad, she's not good at all. Either way, the creations of the princess of pastry do not sell for people's prices.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Karen Krasne caught the pastry bug while she was a student. "I

was working at a high-end pastry/wine bar," she said, "kind of a French café that was in Honolulu at the time I was going to school at University of Hawaii. The woman that owned it seemed like she was having the most incredible life. She was flying to Paris, she was successful in what she was doing, and she was enjoying what she was doing. And I thought, 'Wait! I'm going to go get a master's in science? I must be crazy!' I absolutely loved working with her. Once I got my degree — it was in food science and nutrition, with a minor in French — I decided to go study in France. I talked to a few different food people here, since I'm a native San Diegan, to get their suggestions for where I should study. They said, 'The Cordon Bleu.' " Krasne received a certificat de patisserie from that institution.

She opened her first Extraordinary Desserts 17 years ago (the Little Italy store is six months old) but has continued traveling the world and returning to Paris to study specific areas of pastry expertise at the famed Ecole LeNotre and the Bellouet Conseil Ecole Perfectionement. "I've spent the last 20 years taking one or two courses every year," she says.

Does she love sweets? "You know - I think that I must! I adore working around them, and I love what happens when we make something that's really delicious. I look at it more like a color-and-texture kind of palette. I don't enjoy working with food as much. To me, food is just...I enjoy it and I love to go eat at fabulous restaurants. but pastries are more like little pieces of art.

"I get a lot of my ideas from my travels. There's a lot of inspiration out there, but also, traveling is an opportunity for me to just quiet down in my mind, whether I'm on an airplane or a bench in Central Park, so an idea has a moment to enter. When I'm rushing to work and making sure my baby's attended to and running to the gym and grabbing sup-- those are not very creative moments."

Karen is a petite brunette, and I asked how she manages to stay so slim when her profession involves tasting (as well as baking) pastries every day. "The gym is part of it, and yoga, and running, and never having a moment to actually sit down and have a meal," she said. "It's really a struggle to stay thin, but the answer is, I love fashion. But I must have put on five pounds when I was tasting things to go into the panini here. I could get into a lot more trouble if I was a food chef."

She attempts to use organic products as much as possible and is now working on soups and salads for the menu. "We try to have things there for a person who can't eat wheat, and for vegetarians and even vegans. I've enjoyed being on all those diets. The one thing I haven't gotten into yet is coming up with things for diabetics." ■



















Dogs Welcome

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Oops. That's just me, letting loose a

crack-o'-dawn yawn. Sounds like a lion's mating call, now that I think about it. But I'm not feeling matey, just dog-tired. Need a catnap. Been

up for two hours, and it's not even eight. Those all-night freight trains are still hootin' and hollerin' downtown, and now, right in front of me, a guy's making a heckuva noise emptying parking meters, click-kashook-clack, solving the city's budget woes one coin box at a time. Farther up In-

dia Street, folks huddle around the Mexican consulate's entrance. The morning visa line. Threading through are residents of this new, gussied-up Little Italy, dressed in, like, tan track suits and ivory-colored running shoes, purebred dogs trotting at their sides.

Sigh. That's what Little Italy's becoming — LI. Like LA, only funkier.

But the real Little Italy hasn't quite disappeared. I'm standing outside Harbor Marine Supplies at Beech and India, waiting for Hank. The place sells anchors, port and starboard lights, and nets — not to mention signs to hang in the wheelhouse that say things like "Wanted: A good woman who can clean, sew, cook fish, dig worms, and owns a boat and motor. Send photo of boat and motor.'

Heehee. Just as well Carla's not here. She'd be straight inside, giving some hairy-chested fisherman the tongue-lashing of his sorry life.

So where is Hank, anyway? I've been pacing for 15 minutes. I'm sorely tempted to check out the coffee aromas coming from across the road,

where a sign says "Dancing Dog." It's a little place outside Village Walk — one of a rash of new apartment buildings — with a couple of tables and a sandwich board outside. I count the colors the whole complex has been painted in. Purple,

red, yellow, gray, cream. You know what? I approve. Why da heck are Anglo architects always so afraid of color?

So I crack. Cross over to this eatery that looks as though it's the social center of the neighborhood. A couple of families are gathered 'round a table, while a grandfather

heads down the street, arms outstretched to a kid who's running toward him. Smart-dressed people from the consulate buzz in and out, ordering coffees and croissants. The sandwich board lists egg dishes, and even tamales, for breakfast. Garlic. coffee smells waft out. I waft in.

Vicky's up front delivering two-way bilingual conversations. April's at the back, toiling away making sandwiches. You'd never know she's the owner.

"Coffee," I croak.

"Strong?" "How did you know?"

Vicky says nothing, but the look from the guy standing next to me all but shouts, "Have you seen a mirror lately, bro?"

I hand over \$1.35, grab a menu, and make for a lazy Susan loaded with coffee urns. "Turn to 'Northwest Strong,' "Vicky suggests.

Outside, I plonk myself on a tall stool at a wavy table and slurp that first gulp of the nation's drug of choice. Ooh yes. Strong, but not bitter.

The sandwich board hawks specials like Scot-

tish oatmeal (\$2.95) and "Summer in the City" (\$3.95) — two eggs scrambled with tomatoes, mushrooms, and avocado — and those tamales (pork, beef, chicken, or jalapeño with cheese) for \$2.00 each.

I check the regular menu, which boasts "San Diego's best scrambles." Like "The Little Italian," green and red peppers with onions, tomatoes, and sweet Italian sausage, sprinkled with Asiago cheese, \$6.95. "April's Scramble" (\$6.95) has chili, cheddar cheese, and onions. And hey, I see "Summer in the City" is usually \$5.95. So I'm saving two bucks on the special today. Well worth changing the season for.

Course they have sandwiches and soups and salads too. "Classic Roast Beef," \$6.95. (Ooh, that looks good, comes with sour cream, horseradish, and capers.) "Chicken Gone Nuts!" has walnuts, almonds, pine nuts, raisins. Plus there's a "Doghouse Dagwood" — "our version of a classic. Three slices of bread with two meats, two cheeses, three bacon strips, and avocado with chipotle. I used to be addicted to Dagwood sandwiches at the high school café. What a beautiful mess they

But it's \$8.95, and a bargain's a bargain. "Summer in the City," I say, and hand over my \$3.95.

"White, wheat, sourdough, rye, bagel, tortillas?"

"Uh, tortillas."

So now I'm heading out again toward another table when I notice the dawg. A two-foot-long rusty iron-carved basset hound that leans against the sandwich board. Good art! Someone's even given him a nose-bag. I do an about-face, looking for an explanation.

Man, guess they're serious about canines here. "Really," April says, "dogs are welcome. I have two, a lab and a shepherd." She points to a plate piled with things like "chicken bones" (\$1.00), 'Dog Lollypops" (\$2.00), and "Bark Scotty," a \$2.00 biscuit.

"It's like 'biscotti,' but for dogs," she explains when I give her the blank look.

Ten minutes later I'm sitting out on the sidewalk, eating "Summer in the City," and feeling if you want to know the truth — a twinge of jealousy toward these people who live here in the center of things.

The food's good. But it's the whole social atmosphere that clinches it. You feel you're at a bona fide French — okay, Italian — café. Make that bona fido. Glad I ordered the tortillas. I get to wrap up the eggs and mushrooms and avo, and just sit, and watch. Aaargh! I see this face glowering at me from across the road. Looking like "Uh-huh. Great. This is friendship?"

Hank

I signal him over. The man's bark is worse than his bite. I'll feed him a Bark Scotty. That'll put the muzzle on him. ■

The Place: The Dancing Dog, 1501 India Street #105, Little Italy, 619-230-1222 Type of Food: American

Prices: Scottish oatmeal breakfast, \$2.95; "Summer in the City" (two eggs scrambled with tomatoes, mushrooms, avocado), \$3.95; "The Little Italian" (scrambled eggs, peppers, onions, tomatoes, sweet Italian sausage, Asiago cheese), \$6.95; "April's Scramble," with chili, cheddar cheese, onions, \$6.95; tamales (pork, beef, chicken, or jalapeño with cheese), \$2.00; roast beef sandwich with sour cream, horseradish, capers, \$6.95; "Chicken Gone Nuts!" (with walnuts, almonds, pine nuts, raisins), \$6.95; "Doghouse Dagwood," with two meats, two cheeses, three bacon strips,

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Rough Stuff

"If we vinify like Australia has been doing, we're going to end up with hedonistic wines."

ike Rohner has a soft spot for Temecula. He tasted there in his early days as a wine enthusiast and was happy with what he tasted. Later, he worked there, becoming an assistant to Falkner winemaker Steve

Hagata and helping out with Hagata's solo project, Las Piedras. He admired Hagata's work, and also that of winemaker Jon McPherson (then at Thornton, now at South Coast). "Thornton's Cote Red of two vintages ago was \$18," recalls Rohner, "and it could stand up against any \$18

could stand up against any \$18 bottle in the store." The store is the WineSellar, and what gives Rohner's comment weight is that the shop can procure pretty much any wine it wants, at any price point.

Rohner's soft spot, however, is not so yielding that it will yield to local-boy boosterism. "I want Temecula to get good and be priced right," he says. "Recently, I've been shown wines that are going to retail at around \$35. Maybe that wine will stand out in a day of tasting in Temecula, but when I have a floor that houses every varietal from all over the world..." At \$35, people might be inclined to look for regions with more history — or more buzz.

Paso Robles, says Rohner, has recently acquired that buzz. "There's no denying the power of Justin Smith at Saxum. That's really what made the world start caring about Paso Robles. Not

just because the wines were good, but the scores were 95+" — and from kingmaker Robert Parker Jr. "When you get into that range, you're talking about world-class in the eyes of that reviewer." There were already good wineries in Paso Rob-

les — Eberle and Justin, to name two consistent producers — but 95+ is 95+. After the buzz began, says Rohner, "We started learning about other producers in the area who were doing 500 cases or less. They were all working together in a kind of consortium." One spectacular example: a friend

of winemaker David Core "is a bagger at the Trader Joe's in Cambria. He made two barrels of Syrah and one of Viognier as a lark, and he got tasted at Hospice du Rhone by Parker and got 90 points for his Syrah.

"I notice similarities between Temecula, Paso Robles, and Australia," says Rohner. He's talking about climate, but he wishes he could include winemaking and the marketing of the region. "If we vinify like Australia has been doing, we're going to end up with hyperconcentrated, hedonistic wines that people just go nuts for. They're going to be dead in four years, but still — I mean, it's all about pleasure. Or it should be. I wish everyone would just taste Las Piedras's wine and ask Steve what he's doing differently."

Off to Temecula, then, to ask Steve Hagata what he's doing differently and about Temecula

following Paso Robles' lead. "I do think Paso is more together about sharing knowledge," he says. "There are a lot of new wineries up there, and they've probably got a technical group where all of the wineries go and share tastes and ideas. Here, we have very few wineries, and the ones we do have are owned and run by people who are individuals. Some of them are throwbacks and still feel that Cabernet and Chardonnay are the best grapes for the area. It's tough."

But even in the most collegial atmosphere, Hagata still might not be able to help Temecula's winegrowers the way Rohner wishes he could. "My success probably has more to do with being lucky than good," he says, chuckling — lucky in terms of vineyard location. Las Piedras's Arroyo Vineyard is not in Temecula at all; it's in San Diego County, near Sunshine Summit. "It's a great place to grow grapes. You're very vulnerable to late-season frosts, but if you can avoid that, you're in much better shape."

Late-season frosts are perhaps a little more of a problem than they once were, because Hagata has recently started making the sort of hedonistic wine Rohner talks about. "I thought, 'Do I really want to follow the trend in California, to pick at around 36 brix and get 14%-plus alcohol and all that kind of stuff?' I know everybody else is. I decided I would — with my Syrah." Getting that kind of sugar content means letting the grapes hang a little longer and so get a little riper — hence the added frost worry.

The resulting wine is exactly what he hoped it would be — rich and ripe — and it sells. When I spoke with David Derby at his new wine shop in Rancho Santa Margarita, he told me that "the wine at the tasting bar that I absolutely cannot keep in stock is Las Piedras Syrah. We've developed a cult following for it here; it's like Rombauer Chardonnay. People come in and say,



'I need a Syrah, and it has to be around this price point' "— in this case, around \$15. "I'll pour the Las Piedras, and they're, like, 'Oh, my God. This is really good.' It's an example of how good Temecula can be — it's world-class. We sell out and reorder it, and by the time we get the wine in, it's already sold out again."

But Hagata doesn't give the same ramp-upthe-ripeness treatment to his Sangiovese. "I'd rather have it lighter and maybe a little tarter, like Chianti, and try to retain some kind of resemblance to the wine of its origin." (Again, he got what he was after.) "I was in Florence for six months when I was in college — that was 1972 and Sangiovese was all you drank. It was pretty







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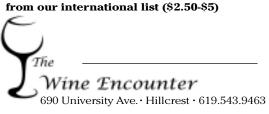
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rough stuff — not very good but it was my first exposure to wine. So this is a sort of hats off to Tuscany and Chianti. I read a really good article that said if you pick any kind of grape at over 25 brix, they're all going to taste very much the same. The last couple of years, I've gone to the World of Pinot Noir in Shell Beach. They have some outstanding Pinot Noirs there, but a lot of them are heavily extracted. You pour them and they're black. I immediately think, 'This may be a pleasant wine, but it's not Pinot Noir, not to my knowledge." ■

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Calvpso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as ahi trissaladière (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are gener ally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations ad-

Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaunifiers of seriousness are the pink pep-percorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the great-est chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back Fast are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts

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Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geraniumsplashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "Es ist Wunderbar!" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-youcan-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vig-ilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — N.W. (10/01)

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868, Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemontinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — N.W. (10/03)

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Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant

9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag." She's playing on words here: Trang once owned Pho Bolsa on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy

(non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with nuoc mam. Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burg-ers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. – N.W. (9/03)

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on nu-merous varieties of stuffed pancakes from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour aapams drenched in

not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. - N.W. (1/03)

Meiki Japanese Restaurant And Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily.

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (be tween Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946 Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Tay-lor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Iolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables

indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on fla vorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/04)

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to he the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Mon-terey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sand-wiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the footlong. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexiong. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — E.B. (10/01)

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre. 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and





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— N.W. (5/02)

George's At The Cove 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — E.W. (9/99)

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and

eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Eastern-ers (though Harry offers thick Belgianstyle waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey ourgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever wait-resses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long line on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453 Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their gar-den office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. -E.B. (2/03)

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Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy—hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak

and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafes offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, shawerma, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-inthe-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-thewall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) - you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong, Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Lee's Catering Truck In parking lot by Airgas industrial gas depot, 910 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex), Clairemont, 858-922-6444 or 619-889-0759. People stop here for an early stand-up breakfast on their way to

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New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports barpatio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pangrilled fish with caramelized onions) Kearny Mesa, but it has a Cheers feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. -E.B. (1/04)

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter - at one of Bour bon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler South ern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly ad vised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. -

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie The Beach, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes get-ting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the

soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: pad talay, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this de lightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lob-ster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an an tojito stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Prome nade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? Açaí (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too. along with garden burgers and sand wiches. But the acai power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and in-cludes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels in-timate. You sit down at varnished inlaid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of make shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only

just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive: dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.* (1/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and bon mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the huarache (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada*

(pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inide two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (11/00)

Jvoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue. Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "Treno della Pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresherthan-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Mama's Bakery And Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made saii, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slowcooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and baba ghanoush (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/99)

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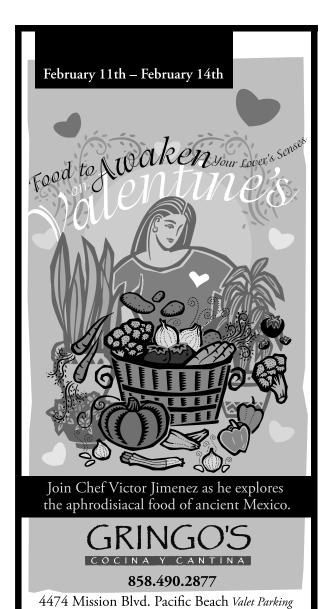
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Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabu-lous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the paddedleather wooden chairs, the chainsaw weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade Excellent Enchiladas Suizas pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sun-day through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (4/03)

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mezico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is abeautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Tyler's Taste Of Texas 576 North cond Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed ns and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbe cue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the ten-der catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

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tas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of chilaquiles. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "an cient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list

covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, nightly. Expensive. NW (2/04)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Ave nue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic—and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the "Chef's Specialty" items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W.* (5/02)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird

dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/03)

Gulf Coast Grill 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out di-vine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door, Full bar, Lunch Monday through Saturday, brunch Sunday, dinner nightly (early closing Sunday). Moderate to slightly expensive. N.W. (4/03)

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the palapa bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, chee and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drink ing green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups over-flowing with veggies and thick *udon* noo-dles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "ichi-ban" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible froufrou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more fo-cused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive chilton tle cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miracu-lously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a picante marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-andwhite drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the carne asada burritos, Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink horchata, a rice

drink, or jamaica, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chow der, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and sepia dining room evokes an Italian Re-naissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp fol-lies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service - attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succu-lent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/01)

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed re-sembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground stew, snephers spie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and din-ner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

George's On Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steak-house is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbited and left it to his partner George Har-rington. It's still wildly popular with conventioneers on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — al-though entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly, Expensive to extreme. — N.W. (3/04)

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waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their 'sleazy bar scene" in Top Gun. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It of-fers excellent tortilla soup, decent ce-viche, and filet mignon strewn with



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cuitlacoche (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (1/04)

Morton's Of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Ne-braska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiya Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and

dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. - A.M. (6/03)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guvs swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)



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Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicagostyle hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy.

vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot Some Like It Hot, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the birria en su jugo (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like taquitos, cucaracha (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: botanas (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — M.N. (11/98)

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

BAJA

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Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked

ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (4/03)

La Costa Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consistently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Americans. Identical lunch and dinner menus offer lobster, shrimp, grilled fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalone, and oysters, all in a variety of preparations. Price of entrées includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("escondida") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House

specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (cacerola de mariscos), the tambor (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("cabrito tatemado"). Desserts include the house especial, mango and ice cream with rompope Mexican egg nog, and crepas de cajeta con nieve, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the "Rey del Pollo" sign. The La Escondida entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (1/05)

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-



















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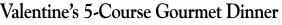
California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708 Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBO chicken, red onions, and cilantro The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalava, If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (2/03)

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nau-tical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)









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In the Meantime

The star gets his accustomed surplus of closeups.

ithout any question the first claim on my attention this week should be Alejandro Amenábar's *The Sea Inside*, one of the five nominees for the foreign-film

Oscar, which opened at the Hillcrest last Friday. (Unless it should be Zana Briski's and Ross Kauffman's *Born into*

Brothels, one of the five nominees for the documentary Oscar, which opened last Friday at the Ken and moves over to the Hillcrest tomorrow.) But between my taking my car to the shop, twice, for a new driver's-side mirror, taking my dangling arm to the doctor for an X-ray, and taking my fanny to the couch for Super Bowl XXXIX, I had time barely to see it, not additionally to say something about it. (It's not as good as the New England Patriots, I'll say that much.) The following will have to suffice.

Bride and Prejudice, directed and co-written by Bend It Like Beckham's Gurinder Chadha, is a Jane Austenpattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, the filmmaker aggressively pushes the third word into the realm of race relations, as an Ugly

American hotel king, retaining the family name of Darcy, and idly looking to acquire a property in what he views as "Hicksville, India," butts heads with a marriageable but mod-

ern-minded native ("I thought we got rid of imperialists like you"), quite impervious to the advice of her conven-

tional mother: "Don't say anything too intelligent." (It is still a fairy tale, for all that, a long way shy of a Kipling-pattern miscegenation tale along the lines of Without Benefit of Clergy or Beyond the Pale.) The American, played or merely represented by the callow, wooden, male-modelly Martin Henderson, is so unappealing that the viewer is apt to root against détente, and is apt to think less of the immensely appealing Aishwarya Rai when she inevitably relents. The song-and-dance number of the four unmarried sisters in their pj's, "No Life without Wife," is the tipsy highpoint, though there are long dry spells during which you can almost forget that the movie is a musical.

The Wedding Date goes straight downhill from its title, a decorous double entendre referring at once to the heroine's paid escort and to the social occasion to which she is being



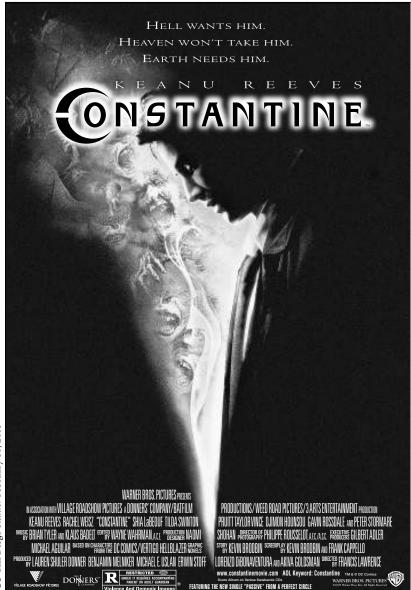
Hitch

escorted — her baby sister's nuptials. The reason for the escort — to enable the heroine to hold up her head in front of family and former fiancé — has roots in psychological reality, but the roots run shallow: it would be a very cavalier woman, especially when coughing up a fee of \$6000, who would wait till she was aboard the airplane to meet the man she intends to present as her new beau.

The gigolo's suitability, at a single glance, as a candidate for serious romance in a frothy comedy is a gauge of the movie's superficiality. While he liberally doles out the sort of platitudes that win him the epithet of "the Yoda of escorts," as well as the sort of sweet nothings that clog arteries and rot teeth ("I think I'd miss you even if we'd never met"), his only evident asset is his surface

polish. The B-list principals — Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney — take us no nearer a sense of reality while taking us much farther from a sense of enchantment. Under the willfully blind direction of Clare Kilner, the movie eventually earns some laughs only when it turns earnest.

Hitch, a more literal definition of a "date" movie, has the opposite prob-



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lem. Rather than treating a squirmymaking situation as a harmless frolic, it spends a lot of time squirming where there is no apparent reason. An anonymous Date Doctor, working by personal referrals only, dispenses self-help slogans ("With no guile and no game, there's no girl") and empirical pearls of wisdom ("Eight out of ten women believe that one kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a relationship") to a select group of male clients carefully screened for their moral fiber and their honorable intentions. Yet the women in the movie, as the men intuitively fear they will, react to this newfangled advisor to the lovelorn, this better-dressed Cupid, as if he were the satanic spawn of Valmont and Mme. de Merteuil from Les Liaisons Dangereuses. Will Smith tries to apologize for his insufferable air of overconfidence by way of a cartoonish depiction of a shellfish allergy (his face swelling like a battered boxer's), a flashback to his days as a collegiate nerd, and a genuinely funny bout of inarticulacy when pleading his case to his steamed girlfriend. Director Andy Tennant sees to it that the star gets his accustomed surplus of closeups. In fact he sees to it that the B-list support team — Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Julie Ann Emery – get more than their share of closeups, too. In fact he sees to little else.

Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior, although Ong-Bak is in point of fact not a Thai warrior, is a tacky Thai martialarts adventure about a backwater Buddha's head severed and stolen by Bangkok bad guys, and about the acrobatic rube who answers the call: "If we can't recover Ong-Bak's head, our village is doomed." The filmmaking style places a heavy emphasis on instant replays, and the martial-arts style which seems to be known as Muay Thai — places a heavy emphasis on elbows, especially the elbow brought down on the crown of the head like a poleax. Tony Jaa, the would-be next Jackie Chan, has a lot of moves, but no movie around them.

Finally, a couple of brief public service announcements. The first would direct your attention to the Fifteenth Annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival, commencing tonight, the 10th, and continuing through the 20th, at the various venues of the AMC La Jolla 12, Mann Hazard Center 7, Ultrastar Poway 10, and the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. There's little I can say beforehand that I haven't said before, including the suggestion to visit www.lfjcc.org for the complete schedule.

The second would direct your at-

tention to something I have never before mentioned in print, nor seen mentioned, which goes by the name of the Secret Cinema Salon, convening every other Sunday night since I don't know when. Part of the "secret" of the thing is the identity of the film meaning the DVD or video — to be shown and discussed, an identity only hinted at in the cryptic clues dispatched by the Secret Curator. (Write shadowcinema@vahoo.com, to get on the mailing list.) I myself have never attended, but I have been intrigued. A cabal of cineastes gathering together without fanfare, to watch and to talk about "films that might not otherwise find their way to this sleepy town of ours," conjures up something of the glamour of the French Resistance or the Book People in *Fahrenheit 451*. To give you some idea: last month's offerings — the secret is now out — were two films championed by the late Susan Sontag and presented in tribute to her, Alexander Sokurov's Moloch and Rainer Werner Fassbinder's The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant. For this current month the Secret Curator has opted to break his own code in the greater interest of a Tsunami Relief fund (suggested donation: \$10) and to disclose in advance the identities of two scheduled Thai films, Mysterious Object at Noon on the 13th and Last Life in the Universe on the 27th. (By the mere sound of them, they must be

slightly tonier than Ong-Bak.) The time and location, as ever, will be seven o'clock at the Media Arts Center, 921 25th Street, in Golden Hill. A bit off the beaten path, but then that's the whole idea.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Assault on Precinct 13 — Remake of the John Carpenter shoestringer 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 hommages 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 obsessivecompulsive 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. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM

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-phonographneedle 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 twocolor 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM

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

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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 betravals 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 gratuitious impression of Jerry Lewis in the bargain (not bad), and doing his own singing in a mellower, droopier, croonier style possibly more suited to a biography of Vic Damone or Al Martino. The objection, voiced on the set of an autobiographical

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)

Boogeyman — Horror film with Barry Watson, Emily Deschanel, and Lucy Lawless, directed by Stephen T. Kay.

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SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Born into Brothels — Zana Briski's and Ross Kauffman's documentary on a group of children of Calcutta prostitutes.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/11; KEN, THROUGH 2/10)

Bride and Prejudice — Reviewed this

issue. With Aishwarya Rai, Martin Henderson, Daniel Gillies, Nadira Babbar, and Peeya Rai Chowdhary; directed by Gurinder Chadha.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/11)

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, THROUGH 2/10; HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 2/11)

Closer — Reekingly urbane Mike Nichols

chamber piece, prone to be seen as a longdistance companion to his Carnal Knowledge in its dirty talk and its romantic disillusion. The quartet of players — two American females, a stripper (but of course) and a portrait photographer, and two British males, an obituarist and a dermatologist align and realign over an extended period of time. (The title is presumably to be pronounced with a soft s, synonym of nearer," not a hard s, synonym of Mariano Rivera.) A lot of important events transpire 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

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.

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PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN
MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN
SQUARE 14)

Code 46 — Ungadgety specimen of science fiction, set in a not too distant future, with primary locations in the Far East and the Middle East, when a global Big Brother keeps a close and censorious eve on human coupling and breeding. While neither very original nor skillful as storytelling, the vision of the future is well textured on a small budget: a sun more to be shunned than worshipped; a population divided into geographic insiders and outcasts; an English language liberally salted and peppered with French and Spanish; elective viruses for the inculcation of anything from mind-reading empathy to Mandarin Chinese; surgical memory erasure reminiscent of Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. The film comes up shortest where more budget would have been least helpful: the writing of the illicit love affair, a garbled futurization of the Oedipus myth, at the heart of the film. Tim Robbins and Samantha Morton lack either the charisma or the chemistry to plaster over any cracks. Directed by Michael

Winterbottom. 2004.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/14, 6:30 P.M.)

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 Visniic, Terence Stamp; directed by Rob Bowman. 2005.

• (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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





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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; PALM PROMENADE 24: RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Hide and Seek — To speed his daughter's recovery from her mother's sudden death, a Manhattan psychotherapist whisks her upstate to a Gothic monstrosity, big enough to house a family of twenty, on the edge of a deep dark woods, where she seems to sprout into a Bad Seed. But is her imaginary new playmate really imaginary? Of the several possible ways for the plot to go, it would be hard to pick a worse. A classy cast — Robert De Niro, Famke Janssen, Elisabeth Shue, Dylan Baker, Melissa Leo, not counting a newly dark-haired Dakota Fanning — in a workaday potboiler. Directed by John Polson, 2005.

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Hitch — Reviewed this issue. With Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Kevin James, and Amber Valletta; directed by Andy Tennant. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/11)

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.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN

House of Flying Daggers — Martial-arts bodice-ripper about a blind showgirl (the jug-eared China doll, Zhang Ziyi) who is neither blind nor a showgirl, but an agent of 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

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Bride and Prejudice

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)

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

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 significance. He had a long way to go to live down American Pie and Down to Earth, but if Clark Gregg, Malcolm McDowell. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: ESCONDIDO 16:

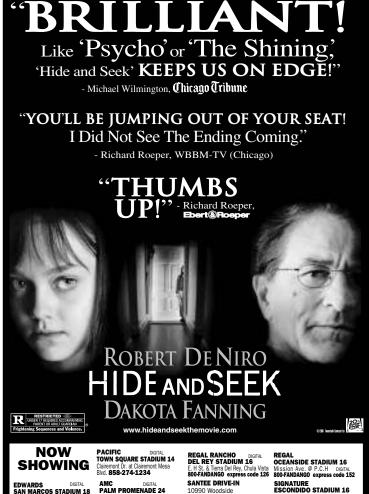
parallels, placing emphasis, finding About a Boy took a step in the right direction, this one has earned him a fresh start. Marg Helgenberger, David Paymer,

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Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill

Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout of Kinsey submitting to the same sexualhistory interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species - carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all,





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more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the facade 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)

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-manarmy Murray against a boatload of cutthroat 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 maneating 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-toodark 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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15; 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 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

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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 womandisguised-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 damnedest 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 oldtime 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 deathrow countdown in an anti-capitalpunishment screed. With Jeremy Irons, Joseph Fiennes, and Lynn Collins; directed by Michael Radford. 2004. (LA IOLLA VILLAGE)

Million Dollar Baby — It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of Mystic River, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of Blood Work, Space Cowboys, True Crime, Absolute Power. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fightfilm conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character - a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager, and cut man — taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing,

almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a latestarter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as Mystic River, it proves in the end 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. 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 selfimposed 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, 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. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman.

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Palm Promenade 24

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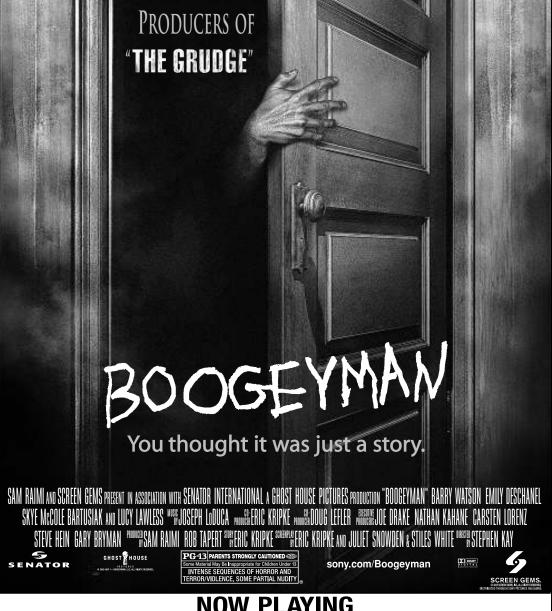
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226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 8:00; The Polar Express (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00; White Noise (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 10:15

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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 fortytwo 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)

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



Hide and Seek

gang at all, but a member of law enforcement (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Even the victim of the previous heist returns (Andy Garcia), rounding up each of the thieves in a laborious preamble, demanding repayment plus interest, or roughly \$19 million per head, after having been informed of their identities and whereabouts by a rival heister known only as the Night Fox (Vincent Cassel), who wants to force them into a bragging-rights competition to swipe the "famous Fabergé coronation egg" on exhibit in a Roman museum. Smugness, rather than the promoted "coolness," would seem to be the predominant attitude, not only of the cocksure crooks but also of the filmmakers, fresh from laughing all the way to the bank. Steven Soderbergh, as he found out on the first film, has built up enough credit with critics (some of it well earned) that they will go a long way to make excuses for him. This

time they will need to go a long way and a little farther. It oughtn't to be necessary, though, to pick apart the nonsensical plot in detail in order to demonstrate the contempt of the filmmakers for their material and their audience. It ought to be sufficient to cite the lame comic twist whereby the character played by Julia Roberts is asked to put on a Southern accent and impersonate the real Julia Roberts; is accepted as such by the Roman press as well as by Bruce Willis (playing himself); and is put in the position of speaking over the telephone to "herself" on her Taos ranch. Far from being some postmodern Pirandellian prank, this smacks of the desperation of an old-time middle-ofthe-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.

• (GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior — Reviewed this issue. With Tony Jaa, Perttary Wongkamlao, and Pumwaree Yodkamol; directed by Prachya Pinkaew.

• (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; FROM 2/11)

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. ullet (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14;

The Polar Express — Neither an "instant classic" nor the polar opposite, but a middling addition to the holiday repertoire: computerized illustrations of the Chris Van Allsburg children's book about a little bov already too old to believe in Santa ("This is your crucial year"), snatched out of his bed on Christmas Eve for a faith-restoring train trip to the North Pole. Is seeing believing? or vice versa? (The answer to the explicit question, "Could this be nothing but a dream?," is a firm "No!") The fundamental animation technique of drawing on top of live-action figures — as in Ralph Bakshi's version of *The Lord of the Rings*, for example — is nothing new, but it has never looked quite like this: a mobile billboard or magazine ad airbrushed to the thickness of cake frosting, giving the image a velvety, mossy, furry, peach-fuzzy feel. Filmmaker Robert Zemeckis, who really did foment a revolution in animation in Who Framed Roger Rabbit, does not now appear likely to

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13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **Are we There Yet?** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **The Aviator** (PG-13) (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **Ine Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (3:15) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (3:15) 7:00; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat.

10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18 1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old

California Walk (760-471-3711)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:10, 4:30) 7:20, 9:35; The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 4:00) 8:00; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:00, 7:40, 9:25, 10:45; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:40) 7:10, 10:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:45, 1:15, 1:50, 3:45, 4:15, Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:45, 11:15, 11:30, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:35; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:55) 7:55, 10:40; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:35) 7:25, 10:10; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:20, 5:05) 7:40, 10:25; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:15) 6:30, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15; Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:25; The Phantom of the Opera (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:40) 7:05, 10:20; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:15) 7:20, 9:20; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:10); **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:35, 10:30; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25,

Vista Village Metroplex 15

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45; Sun. 10:45, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45; Mon. 11:45, 2:00, 4:10; Tue.-Thu. 11:45, 2:00, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:20, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:35; Sun. 11:20, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15, 9:10; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25; Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25; **The** Wedding Date (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 6:45, 8:45; The Work and the Glory (PG) Mon.

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15: Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 6:15, 8:15; **Racing**10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45

Flower Hill 4 2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; In Good Company (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Million Dollar** Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Hitch; Pooh's Heffalump Movie; Boogeyman; The Wedding Date; Million Dollar Baby; Are We There Yet?; Racing Stripes; Meet the Fockers

La Paloma

VISTA VILLAGE)

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Finding Neverland (PG) Fri. 6:40, 9:00; Sat.

4:00, 6:40, 9:00; Sun.-Thu. 6:40, 9:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 12:00, 1:55, 2:25, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 3:25, 7:45; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 9:50; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:30, 6:50, 9:55; **Pooh's Heffalump** Movie (G) Fri.-Thu, 11:00, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:05

Oceanside 16

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repeat the feat. But only time will tell. (Maybe when computer-generated touch-ups have become as commonplace in Hollywood as cosmetic surgery, we'll look back on The Polar Express as the breakthrough.) There are some marvelous sights on parade — the ghostly first appearance of the choo-choo out of a clearing cloud of steam and swirling snow; the wind-borne ticket that returns to its holder via a relay network of a pack of wolves, an eagle, a rolling snowball, etc.; the perilous slog over the top of the railcars against a relentless salvo of blinding snowflakes; the train snaking across an icecovered track; the red-brick Victorian architecture of the Pole — but these, without exception, are significantly liberated from the live actors. They are free-hand animation. The recognizable face of Tom Hanks, behind a walrus mustache and half-moon glasses, in the part of the train conductor and chief proselytizer for childlike credulity, is something of a distraction — a disruption in the cartoon universe — in the same way that an overly recognizable voice can be a distraction (Robin Williams in Aladdin, Eddie Murphy in Shrek, Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres in Finding Nemo - name your own). But Hanks's voice, in a handful of other roles besides that of the conductor, almost as though he alone were reading the Van Allsburg text for audiotape, has been sufficiently disguised or electronically altered to be no more than a minimal distraction. 2004.

★★ (VOGUE)

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



Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior

the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004.

★ (GASI AMP 15)

The Sea Inside — Javier Bardem stars in a fact-based story of a Spanish quadriplegic fighting for the right to die; directed by Alejandro Amenábar.

Sideways - The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and wine-tasting a week before the former's wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let's say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring

Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his Election and About Schmidt, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what's best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker's wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the New York Times crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother's birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit — self-deception congenital mendacity — extends as far and as wide as a whole way of life, a fundamental condition of existence, a subject for a film of substance, 2004.

★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Sky Blue — Futuristic animated feature from South Korea, directed by Moon Sang Kim

(KEN, 2/11 THROUGH 17)

Swimming Upstream — TV-caliber true story of Australian backstroker Tony Fingleton (who authored the script himself) and of the abusive alcoholic father who favored his other two sons, the freestyler and the no-talent bully. (To judge by his rendition of Chopin on the piano in the parlor, before the bully slams the lid on his fingers, the unfavored son could have also had a career as a concert pianist by the age of twelve.) Shakily, choppily directed by Russell Mulcahy, meaning he literally shakes his cameras and chops up the races into split screens. With Geoffrey Rush, Judy Davis, and Jesse Spencer. 2003.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Vera Drake — Mike Leigh's post-WWII portrait of a middle-aged homemaker and housecleaner who performs the occasional abortion on the side: "All right, then, dear, first thing we've got to do is put the kettle on." (Tools of the trade: a cheese grater, a bottle of disinfectant, a bar of soap the color and nearly the size of a canned ham, and a rubber tube and squeezable bulb collectively known as a Higginson Syringe.) A master of euphemism, the very embodiment of cheery British sublimation, she doesn't so much do abortions as "help young girls out." And the fetus will not miscarry so much as simply "come away." And everyone is to be addressed as "dear," even the police inspector conducting her interrogation. The rights and wrongs of abortion, as distinct from the legality of it in early-Fifties England, or the fact-of-life of it in any place and period, do not enter into it. Far, far from

the run-of-the-mill problem picture, the movie is loaded with what might be termed irrelevancies, the flavors and textures of the characters' lives irrespective of any overriding "issue": Vera's husband, in coveralls, at work in the garage with his business partner and brother; their son taking measurements at the haberdashery or having a night out with his chums at the dance hall; their hopelessly mousy daughter testing lightbulbs on the factory assembly line or throwing herself at — no, not exactly throwing herself at, but leaning ever so timidly toward — the lonely bachelor neighbor whom Mum has calculatingly invited to dinner; the circumspect war stories that make up the liveliest topic of conversation at that dinner. The movie narrows its focus and slackens its pace (never very swift) once the police come calling, but by then the reality of the situation wonderfully, horribly, excruciatingly real has become so engulfing that you would not want to skip a beat. Faultlessly acted from top to bottom: from Imelda Staunton and Phil Davis (tops) to Alex Kelly, Eddie Marsan, Daniel Mays, Peter Wight, Ruth Sheen, Lesley Manville, Sally Hawkins, Jim Broadbent, 2004.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Wedding Date — Reviewed this issue. With Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney, and Amy Adams; directed by Clare Kilner.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: ENCINITAS 8:

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ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER
HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD
CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6;
LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20;
OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY
PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;
RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN
SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

White Noise — Serious-minded, studiously researched occult thriller on the topic of EVP, short for Electronic Voice Phenomena. Or in plain words, communication from the Other Side through household appliances and gadgets. Sitting in front of a bank of AV equipment, looking at snowy screens and listening to staticky speakers, does not make for the most interesting cinema, but the film still delivers a jolt or two, a tingle or two. And though the plot may be hyped up (a mix of ghostly demons and a flesh-and-blood serial killer), the special effects are held in check. With Michael Keaton, Deborah Kara Unger, Ian McNeice, and Chandra West; directed by Geoffrey Sax. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)









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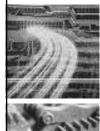
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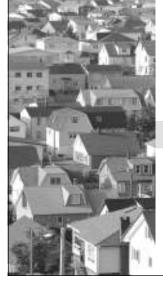
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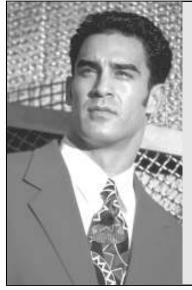
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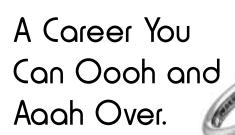
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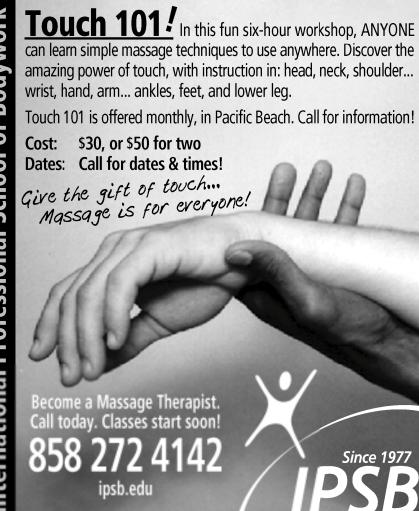
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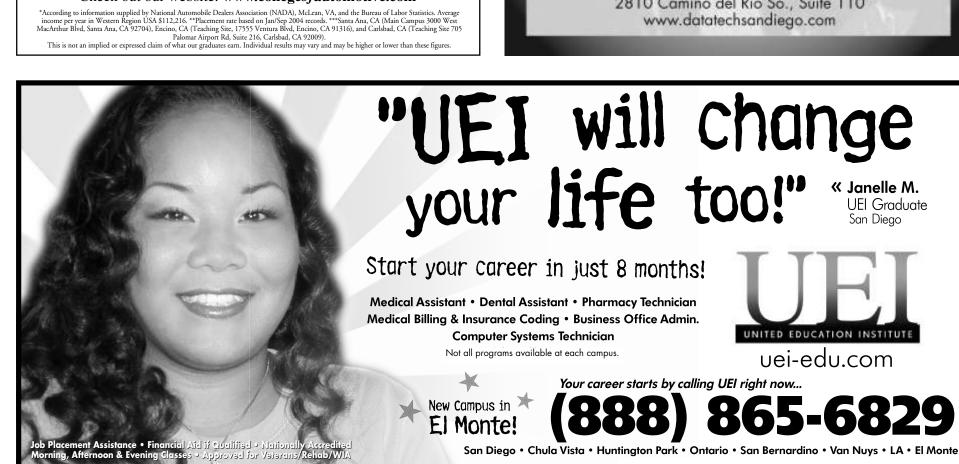
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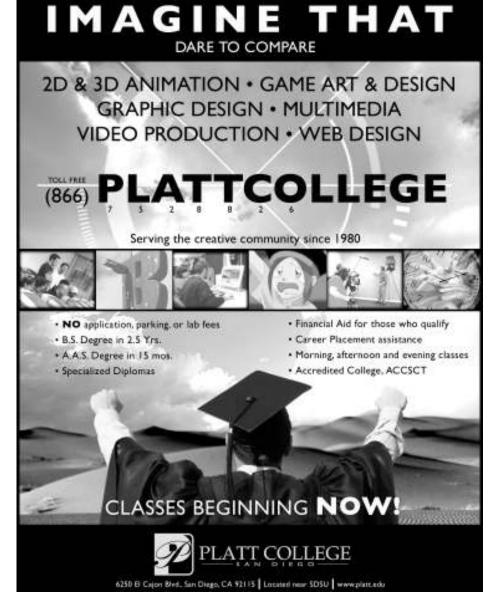
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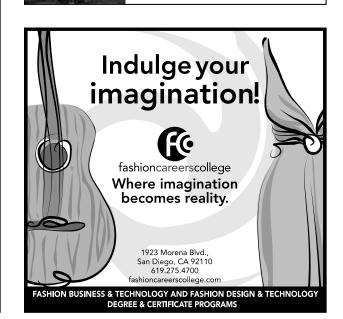
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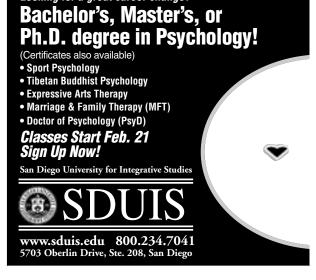
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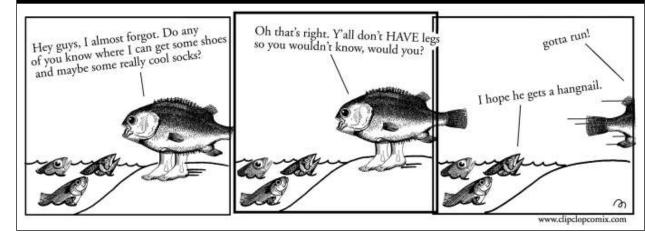
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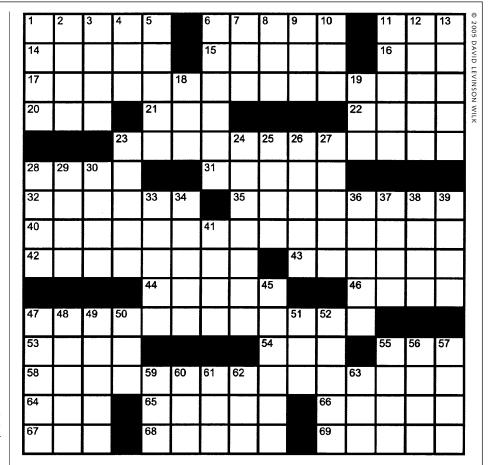
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- 65. Bone: Prefix
- 66. They're looked up to
- 67. Roseanne's husband on
- "Roseanne" 68. "Mrs. Dalloway" novelist
- 69. San Francisco footballer, for short

- 1. Where Tulsa is: Abbr. 2. Brazilian saints
- 3. "Even ____ speak ... 4. Queens player
- 5. "Waiter, can I see _ 6. Rodeo participants
- 7. Wrath
- 8. German article
- 9. District in India south of Bombay
- 10. Guess: Abbr.
- 11. Open areas
- 12. Increase in loudness on musical scores: Abbr. 13. Former CBS chairman Laurence
- 18. "Oh, give ____ home ...
 19. Quiet ending?
- 23. Critical
- 24. Annie Oakley, e.g.25. Cabinet dept. established in 1977

- 26. "Dumb" one and namesakes
- 27. Range choice
- 28. Play ____ (do some tennis)
- 29. "Star Trek" navigator 30. "Since ____ You Baby" (1956
- 33. Part of UCLA: Abbr.
- 34. Former East German secret police Like a March day, perhaps
- 37. Victorious outburst
 38. Part of Zorro's costume
- 39. Network: Abbr.
- 41. "Holy Toledo!"
- 45. Many
- 47. Washed (down) Song Go Out of My
- Heart"
- 49. Established fact
- 50. It gets ground up 51. Suffix with girl or boy
- 52. Host of the 2006 Winter Olympics
- 55. School in Berkshire, England
- 56. Nautical
- 57. It encompassed eleven time zones
- 59. Propel a boat
- 60. That: Sp.
 61. Words before "B" or "Z"
- 62. Bill of Rights subj.
- 63. Ugandan dictator Amin

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- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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- 1. Dennis Hicks, Del Mar
- 2. Pat Jones, San Diego 3. Joseph Izzo, Vista
- 4. Dennis Beabout, Temecula
- 5. Marilyn Contreras, Lemon Grove

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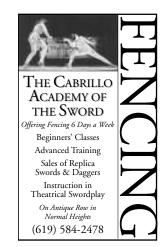
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FRENCH, 40, 1301bs., blonde-blue, attractive, sexy, golden-hearted, well-balanced, affectionate, romantic, beach, outdoors/indoors, sports, dancing, travel/trips, socializing, Gentleman, first class, handsome, sexy, Same. (2/16) \$\alpha\$33941

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Nice lady, 52, Pacific Beach, wants to meet an average man. I am 5'3", 125lbs. my interests are writing, mental health pie, ice cream. (2/23) \$\alpha\$33958

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FIT MIND AND BODY, pretty, 5'3", slender, healthy path to my higher spirit. Loves outdoors, dancing, theater, 50s. You are similar, fit, humorous, nonjudgmental, nonsmoker. (2/16) \$\infty\$ 33952

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OPEN-MINDED man with positive vibration, 45-60, wanted to explore/enjoy the mysteries of life, love, the universe, and everything. Must have sense of humor. (2/16) ☎33944

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TRANSPLANTED NEW ENGLAND Patri ots. Easygoing, fun-loving yet very family-oriented. I'm looking for an honest, caring gentleman that knows how to treat a lady. (2/23) \$\infty\$33967

FUN, ADVENTUROUS, passionate, 33 5'4", 145lbs., adorable female prefers 35 45, nonsmoker, 5'9"+ male with greasense of humor/values. (2/16) \$\infty\$33950

ATTRACTIVE, 61, ABOVE average fitness, nonsmoker, stable, animal lover. Seeking gentleman, financially secure, fit, for friendship, maybe more, exercise,

movies, fine dining, dancing, theatre, etc. (2/23) \$\alpha\$33964

PROACTIVE, SPIRITUAL, African-AmerirnoActive, SPIRITUAL, ATRICan-American, playful, seasoned, attractive, educated. Seeking exciting, spiritual, honest, educated, well-groomed, 55-65 for enjoying conversations, activities, and each other. (2/16) \$\mathref{\textit{Ta}}\$3943

YOUNG SWEETHEART WANTED. Seeking young sweetie, 28-40s. Attractive, youngyoung sweetie, 28-40s. Attractive, young-51 woman wants to be spoiled and spoil you. Lots of hugs. Call, you won't re-gret. (2/16) \$\alpha\$3937

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HISPANIC. INDEPENDENT. attractive lady, 50s. Seeking independent companion for friendship and romance. I love movies, travel, theatres, music, dancing, laughter, hugging, kissing. Call me! (2/16) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$3939

LADY, TALL, QUIET, adventurous, conservative, comical, full of surprises. Seeking same in gentleman. Graduate degreeyes. Smoking/drugs, no. Cocktail, yes. Football, no. Hugs, yes. (2/16) \$\overline{a}\$3346

TALL, PRETTY REDHEAD, nice, full figure, fun, loveable, financially secure. Enjoys family, friends, travel, baseball, movies. Seeking fun, established fella to be close with, 50+. (2/23) \$\tilde{2}\tilde{3}\tilde{3}\tilde{3}\tilde{3}\tilde{3}\tilde{6}\til

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 47, seeks gentle man of integrity, Christian or with Christian values, for friendship, dating, and eventual long-term relationship/marriage. North County area preferred. (2/23)

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HANDSOME, TALL, WHITE male, divorced father, sexy, romantic, mid-50s. Seeking young, intimate lover; enjoy quiet evenings, cocktails, candles, flowers, soft music, kisses, hugs, me. (2/23) \$\mathbf{x}\$34193

conventional? Quick-witted? Competent? Personable? Attractive? Curvaceous? Sexual? Conservative? Unorthodox? Democratic? Outdoorsy? Sean Connery look alike, 61, wants to meet you! (2/16) \$\frac{1}{3}\$4144

VIRTUE, QUALITY, SOMETIMES it takes a while to find someone special. Dynamic while to find someone special. Dynamic businessman seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romancing, possibly more. (2/23) \$\mathbf{x}\$34192

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (2/16) ☎34174

myself. (2/16) \$\frac{\text{334174}}{\text{ANOTHER HEMINGWAY}}, highly educated, professional, retired military officer, likes music, dancing, nature, travel, good company. Tolerant, considerate, happy, healthy, North County, sportsman, romantic gentleman. (2/16) \$\frac{\text{334176}}{\text{34176}}\$ ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 52, successful, confident, professional, looking for intelligent, if woman, 39-50, for conversation, romance, who wants to make the most of life. North County. (2/16) \$\frac{\text{334175}}{\text{34175}}\$ CAUCASIAN, 45, athletic social education.

CAUCASIAN, 45, athletic, social, educated, communicative, cultured, traveled, speaks French, Spanish. Enjoys road trips, hiking, camping, motorcycles, staying fit, music, gardening, sailing, skiing, mountain biking. (2/16)

NORTH COUNTY HEAD BANGER, 35. seeks a beauty to check out upcoming lo-cal and national hard rock scenes. Inter-ested? (2/23) \$\infty\$34206

OPEN MINDED WOMAN with positive vibration, 40s, wanted to explore and enjoy the mysteries of life, love and the uni-verse. Must have sense of humor. (2/23)

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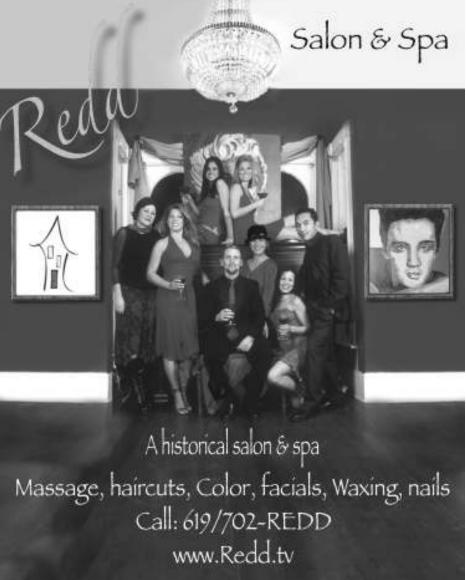
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Erin Cartaya Student

Linda Vista

'm definitely book-smart. [For Instance] the square root of 16 is 4, and my minor in school is in science, so I'm pretty good with the periodic table [of elements]. Mv major is English, and I read during my Christmas break, When I have to do things that require streetsmarts, I just ask my dad and he's ood about telling me when to do things like change my oil. I don't know how to change a tire, but...I am a girl. The whole common-sense lingo escapes me; street-smart peo-ple usually know how to react. If someone attacked me, I wouldn't know how to give him a head-butt or knee him in the groin; I'd probably try and talk to him until he left me alone.



Aroline Salas Hairstylist La Jolla

believe that I have both street $oldsymbol{1}$ smarts and book-smarts. In my opinion, I believe that book-smarts is more important because it's a more cultured, learned kind of inteligence that enables one to understand things like feelings and emotions on a deeper level. Also, when a person is book-smart, it usually follows that the person is a quick study and fast learner (a invaluable quality for anyone). There are still people who are only book-smart and lack streetsmarts, but that doesn't matter because a book-smart person is more in tune with the important causes in the world. It's admirable when someone understands how they fit in with the world around them.



Nate Kryscynski Personal Banker

Pacific Beach

value street-smarts above booksmarts. Anyone could be booksmart, but not everyone can be street-smart. Give me enough time, I could learn the ins and outs of quantum physics. I'm originally from Detroit, and I think that I notice people in California tend to be less street-smart. Street-smarts help you get along within and around the system. It's different and more laid-back here. I wouldn't say that people where I'm from are any less book-smart, but I notice my friends from the East Coast have the tendency to be naturally more street-smart.



Jennifer Torrey

Student

Mission Valley

Book-smart. I don't really pay attention to MTV or whatever's popular. I don't hang out with any-body who does drugs or anything like that, either, I do make a lot of stupid little mistakes because I have other things on my mind and I'm not always paying attention to what I'm doing. I don't balance my checkbook, and I don't know how to change a tire. I can't do any of that. I probably could balance a checkbook, but I just don't have the time. I don't watch TV at all, and I've never bought a CD in my life. I still like music, but I only really listen to it if it's on the radio. It's more important to be book-smart because it will enable a person to make more money.



Kipper Schauer

Lobbyist

Encinitas

combination of the two. Through Ahigh school and college, I had to use the book-smarts to get me through. As soon as I decided that the whole educational system wasn't for me, it was a time where I had to completely relearn my views on intelligence. Book-smarts will get you [through] the first steps, but street-smarts are what get you through the door. If a person was street-smart and they wanted to become book-smart, it would be up to their will and determination. Peo ple who are too book-smart can get lost in their own intelligence and their own little background in what they study, and it's for that reason that people who are only street-smart have a hard time relating to people who are only book-smart.

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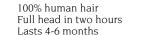
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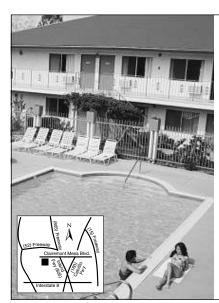
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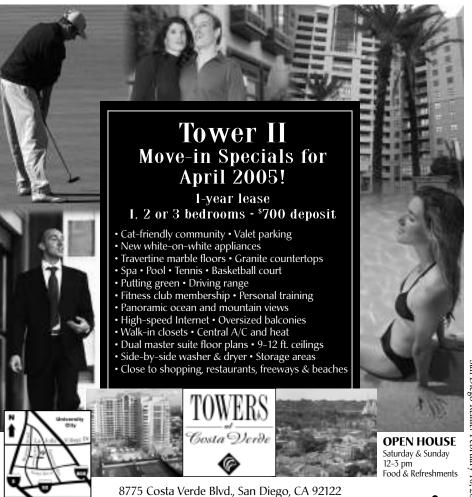
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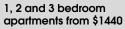
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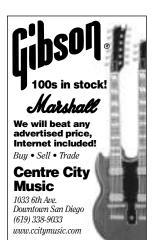
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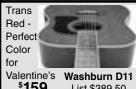
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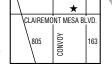
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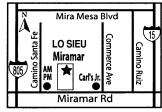
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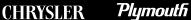


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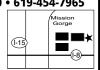
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Scenes of the Surreal

 (1) In a December demonstration against the opening of a McDonald's in the Mediterranean town of Sete, France, about 500 protesters, using a homemade catapult, bombarded the restaurant with fresh catches of the area's renowned delicacy, octopus. (2) NASA announced in October it was retiring the KC-135 plane it had long been using to train astronauts for weightlessness in flight. An official told reporters that the air crews had kept track of the amount of astronaut vomit cleaned up over the years and that the total was at least 285 gallons.

The Classic Middle Name (all new)

- Charged with murder recently: Jessie Wayne Walker (Greensboro, N.C., December); Michael Wayne Carter (Indianapolis, October); Matthew Wayne Ferman (Waverly, Ohio, October); Keith Wayne Graham (Merced, Calif., August); Justin Wayne Smith (Bay City, Texas, December). Suspected of murder when he committed suicide: Brian Wayne Pennington (Klamath Falls, Ore., December). Convicted of murder: Billy Wayne Cope (York, S.C., September).

Least Competent People

 A 21-year-old man was hospitalized in intensive care in Murdoch, Australia (near Perth), in

December following a barroom stunt in which he put on a helmet connected to a beer jug, with a hose that ran between the jug and a pump powered by an electric drill. The idea was to facilitate drinking a large quantity of beer without the laborious tasks of lifting a glass and swallowing, but the flow was so powerful that he had to be rushed to the hospital with a ten-centimeter tear in his stomach.

 (1) Samuel Woodrow was convicted of burglary in Santa Fe, Texas, in December, one of four men who had broken into a home. However, the men had fled empty-handed when they were scared away after hearing a police call from the video game Grand Theft Auto ("We have you surrounded! This is the police!"), which the resident's three grandsons were playing in another room. (2) In January, a 22-year-old man robbed a Chevron station in Vancouver, Wash., and eluded police in a high-speed getaway. He then got lost and wound up back at the same Chevron station. Not recognizing where he was, he asked for directions. The clerk notified police, who soon arrested him.

Grown-Ups

- Charles Bonney, 67, and Victor Harris, 36, were detained by police in Godfrey, Ill., in December after squaring off in their vehicles (Chevrolet Camaro and Acura Integra). They repeatedly rammed each other in the street and then in the parking lot of C&W Auto Glass because of their ongoing feud over a woman. Eventually, only Bonney faced criminal charges.

— Amid a recent, stepped-up wave of parental violence in kids' sports contests (e.g., choking a basketball coach in Akron, Ohio; choking a hockey referee in Toronto), a woman was barred from the Greater Toronto Hockey League in December, following an altercation between parents of the 11-year-olds who were playing. According to a witness, the woman lifted her top above her shoulders (in the style of guests on The Jerry

Springer Show) and "shook [her breasts, while wearing a bral side to side," then velled at other parents, "What the hell are you looking at? Have you never seen [breasts]?"

- Cameron Miller, 19, was arrested in Alexandria, La., on Christmas Day and charged with firing shotgun blasts at his mother, stepfather, and stepbrothers as they drove away because Miller was unhappy that he did not get money for Christmas but instead got only music CDs. ... On the day after Christmas in Feasterville, Pa., according to police, Steven Murray, 21, set his parents' house on fire because he was angry at having received no presents.

On Dec. 20, a United Parcel Service driver was involved in a crash on an icy road near Keene, N.H. The driver suffered a head injury and was taken to Cheshire Medical Center, where tests were to be performed, except that the machine was broken (though parts were on order). After checking the status of the order, hospital personnel discovered that the parts had been shipped and were in the crashed UPS truck. Someone was dispatched to the scene of the accident to retrieve them.

- According to the British parents' organization Bullywatch, which issued blue wristbands to students to publicize the campaign against school bullying, any kid wearing the wristbands was immediately targeted for attack by bullies (December). ... Fifteen hundred cords of firewood were burned up when a fire broke out at the Ossipee Mountain Land Co., in Tamworth, N.H. (December).

Recurring Themes

 Latest From the Class-Action Lawyers' Money Tree: (1) The six lawyers who helped 83 Wal-Mart workers win about \$2500 each (for being improperly denied overtime pay) asked the Portland, Ore., judge in December for fees totaling \$2.57 million, about 12 times the clients' winnings.

The lawyers cited the difficult work, Wal-Mart's contentiousness, and the case's implications beyond their 83 clients. (2) When phone-company customers won \$25 refunds in a September class-action settlement with Ameritech in Madison County, Ill., lawyers got \$1.9 million in legal fees. A local watchdog group said only about 10 percent of eligible customers would bother to apply for refunds, meaning that lawyers' fees would account for about 60 percent of the amount Ameritech pays out.

Thinning the Herd

 A 70-year-old woman was fatally struck by two cars as she, wielding a knife, chased her husband into the street during an argument (Springfield Township, Pa., November). ... A 43-year-old back-seat passenger was fatally injured after he began beating up the driver, causing him to lose control and smash into a tree. The driver survived. (Newport News, Va., November). ... A 54-year-old man was killed after a road-rage duel with another driver when he got out of his car, lunged after the other car while it was moving, missed, and hit his head (Jacksonville, Fla., August).

A Way With Words

- (1) "[You'll] have no teeth left in [your] mouth [if you keep that attitude]"; allegedly said by Sister Catherine Iacouzze of St. Cecelia School in Iselin, N.J., to an 11-year-old boy who had sassed her. The sister was fired in December. (2) "We do not think it rises to the level of a safety defect," said Chrysler spokesman Max Gates in December. He was fighting a threatened recall of 600,000 Dodge Durango and Dakota trucks even though, Gates acknowledged, "upper ball joint separation" might make the trucks' wheels fall off.

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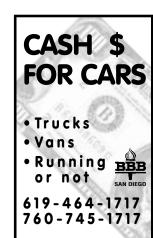
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ROBBERY

Location: 645 B Street, Downtown
Time/Date: 11:10 a.m. on 1/26/05

Officer's Statement: I was in full police uniform and driving a marked patrol vehicle. I was dispatched to



investigate a robbery at Sante Men's Clothing. Upon arrival the reporting party/witness

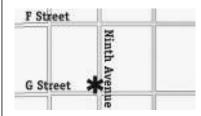
identified as Maria M. was in the store and on the phone with the police call taker. I spoke to M. and got a detailed description of the suspect. I aired the suspect over the radio. The description was a Hispanic male, 50s, 5'10", 150 lbs, gray hair, salt-and-pepper mustache, transition glasses, baseball cap, blue windbreaker jacket, light blue jeans, and white tennis shoes.

Statement from Maria M.: I was in the back room and I heard a chime at the front door. The chime means a customer entered the store. I approached the front counter to see if the customer had any questions. The guy was looking around and asked me if we had any overcoats. I told him, "No, sorry." He looked at a jacket close to the front counter. He looked at the price on the jacket. He looked over at me and placed one of his hands behind his back — sorry I don't know which hand. He stated, "Open the register, I have a gun." I thought he was kidding but he raised his voice, "Open the cash register, I have a gun." I opened the cash register and took a step back. He asked me, "Where's your purse?" I told him I didn't have it. He told me to get to the back of the store. I went to the corner of the front counter and got on my knees. He told me, "Get all the way down, I have a gun." I got down on my face. I heard him fumble through the cash register. I heard the

door chime and assumed he had left. I immediately looked back and saw him exit the store and walk eastbound on B Street.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

Location: 700 9th Avenue, East Village Time/Date: 1:40 a.m. on 1/26/05



Officer's Investigation: At

about 2:00 a.m., I responded to assist Officer K. Besker #5221 on a flag down at 1300 Market Street...by a male later identified as Evan H. When I arrived I spoke with H. and his friend Alexander A.

H. and A. told me that A. had been "iumped" and robbed on the 700 block of 9th Avenue about 20 minutes ago. H. said he tried to call 911 but the phone number was busy so they flagged down the first police officers they saw. A. told me that he and H. were downtown tonight but A. got sick. At about 1:30 a.m. H. went to get A.'s car and left A. sitting on the sidewalk. Two black males approached A. and asked why he was sick. Then they started kicking and punching him and asked where his money was. A. told them they could have whatever was in his pockets. They took his day-planner and two credit cards from his pants

pockets. They then told A., "Sorry, we have to eat."

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: [1700] via Encantadoras,

Time/Date: 1:15 p.m. on 1/31/05



Officer's Investigation: I

responded to a radio call of people fighting. Upon arrival, I saw several aluminum beer cans on the front lawn. I spoke with Randy R. I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. I saw R. had a red mark on his right tricep area. He also had several red marks on his back.

R. told me that he had been drinking with some friends. Amor F. was also there. Amor got into a verbal argument with her husband, Adrian. R. tried to calm both parties down. Adrian left but came back with an aluminum bat. Adrian hit R. on the right arm with the bat. Adrian hit R. three more times on the back. R. was hesitant to get Adrian into trouble [because] he was concerned about Adrian and Amor's children.

Amor admitted she had been drinking alcohol. She was uncoop-

erative about giving information about Adrian. She was subsequently arrested for being drunk in public.

SEXUAL BATTERY

Location: 800 44th Street
Time/Date: 7:50 a.m. on 1/26/05



Victim's Statement: I left my house at around 7:50 a.m. because I was going to take my daughter to school. She attends kindergarten. As I was walking southbound on 800 44th Street and approaching F Street, I heard someone approaching behind me. I could hear his pants rubbing briskly together. I found it strange. I was walking with my children. Angela was walking next to me, and I was pushing Adrian in his stroller. All of the sudden, I felt a hand grabbing my right butt cheek, causing pain. I immediately grabbed my daughter because I was afraid that the person was going to take her from me. When I turned around. I saw a male run away. He was wearing a red and black checkered blanket covering his entire body except for his legs. I could see that he was wearing black pants. I was not able to see his face and will not be able to recognize him. He only grabbed my butt and didn't do anything else.

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Andrea's Destiny

Andrea Duvall is creating a line of fashion accessories. For the start-up money, she may have to sell her '69 Chevrolet Chevelle.

"The car had been my destiny since the day I was born," she tells me. "My mother drove cars like her, and my mother's not around these days, so it might be a way for me to feel closer to her.

"People ask what made me buy her. Well, on Christmas Eve 2002, I was traveling home from Seattle to eastern Washington to see my family. I was driving a Jeep Wrangler over a mountain pass, thinking that everything was fine, when that Jeep slid. It rolled seven times. It was mangled. My seat broke and I almost lost my legs. My neck snapped. There's no way I should be alive.

"When I started to miraculously heal, I was scared. I didn't know what to do. I questioned everything under the sun. Knowing you should have

died can stop a 23-year-old girl real fast. It was hard just to get up in the morning and deal with the range of emotions. Then I told myself, deal with this. Play it a little safer from now on. And get yourself a reward. The Chevelle is my reward for being alive."

"It's a beauty," I say. "And it sounds fierce."

She tells me, "It's a small block 350 with lifters and a four-barrel carburetor. The exhaust is the highestperformance Flowmaster series. It comes off the ceramic-coated headers and into an H pattern that is clipped before the back axle, right after the muffler. That's what gives it the fero-

"When I knew I was putting my money on the line for her, I didn't think she'd be her own entity with her own sound, her own voice and feel. It's odd how something made of metal can invoke something so passionate. The car does something to people.

"And half of the fun about own-

ing her is that I'm a girl. The first question is always 'Is it yours?' And going to a mechanic is a whole other story. That's why I've taken it on myself to work on it.

"Look at the detail, you'll see every owner's touch. Sound. Tachometer. Interior. My focus with the car, so that I would feel proper having owned a '69 Chevelle, is to restore the integrity. The small details. I fixed leaks. I pulled metal shards out of the wheel bearings. I replaced transmission mounts. I rewired it. These kinds of things are important to me.

"I was an engineering major in college. And it's nothing for me to fall asleep in bed with wiring schematics all over. I like the instantaneous reward involved in fixing machines. And this one has given me more than that. It has also given me passion.

"It's helped me to see beyond the mechanics of things, beyond the attitude that something is right or wrong, or it's not working so let's fix it. Sometimes now I look at my life



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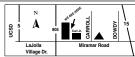
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"WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME," I said to the back of a hooded red rainjacket.

"Oh, my God," the coat squealed, then spun around. "I thought I'd lost you," Cassandra shouted into my shoulder as she hugged me. "You didn't tell me where you were going when you left Prague."

"I know. It slipped my mind."

"Well, we're here," she reminded me. "That's good luck, isn't it?"

"The Rugby World Cup is on," she told me as we strolled through the main square of downtown Krakow.

"What?" I couldn't believe it. "You like rugby?"

"No, but Australia's playing, and it'll be another four years before the next one," she said, unsure of her facts. "I think."

"I've never seen a rugby game," I admitted.

"Well, I've seen them. They're not terribly exciting, but we're really just using it as an excuse to get drunk first thing in the morning. You want to get drunk, yeah?"

"Is a frog's ass watertight?"

"I'm not sure. What does that have to do with —"

"Never mind."

The bar was divided into two rooms, one for Australia's fans and one for English fans. We sat on the Australia side, and we yelled, "Ozzy! Ozzy! Oy! Oy! Oy!" I had no idea what was happening on the field and only cheered when everyone else in my room erupted in excitement

Cassandra and I joked that the game was really just an elaborate plot for men to hug each other and pat each other on the butt. I don't know what the final score was, but I assume the Australians lost. The bar was too crowded to see the TV, and a pyramid of Guinness pints on our table reached eye level. A Scottish girl would bellow "Ballbags!" when the English scored, and that's how we kept track of the game.

I stumbled from the pub at 10:00 a.m., knee-walking drunk and on a vision quest for a kebab. I found a food stand and forced six of the meat pockets into my face. After the bulk of food hit my stomach and combined with the creamy goodness of black Irish beer, I was in a race with the devil to make it somewhere safe before I slipped into a coma. I started searching the maze of alleys for my hostel.

With *tzatziki* smeared from my mouth to my hairline I collapsed into bed, ass up and broken. When I woke up I had a terrible feeling that wasn't just alcohol and grease balling up my intestines. In my drunken state, I forgot to ask Cassandra where she was staying or how to get ahold of her. I lost her again.

After a shower to clear my head, I strolled back out into town. I was bumming around the statue of a poet when, from behind me, I heard an Australian accent say, "Well, you're right on time."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

AMBUSH MAKEOVER

FOX 6, 1:00 P.M.

This is where being a man comes in handy. Not only can I jump up and slap things across the room whenever I feel like it, I can also grocery shop without being bushwhacked by a gang of angry stylists. I'll never have to worry about fighting off screaming banshees who "just want to update my look." Dirty T-shirts and flip-flops are de rigueur for this season's Ocean Beach male.

BRITNEY SPEARS

E 49, 8:00 P.M.

Until E! Entertainment puts something remotely interesting on, I say they should

change their name to B! Boring or M! Mediocre-at-Best. After forcing them to change their name I would slowly increase entertainment value — starting with a biopic on a stick of gum and interviews with icecube trays.

THE APPRENTICE

NBC 7, 9:00 P.M.

Essay by Brian, age 10

"I like to watch TV. My favorite show is *The Apprentice.* When I grow up, I want to be a corporate yes-man. I would like to wear a blue suit and sell Pepsi, Nestle candy bars, and Burger King sandwiches. My dad doesn't have a job. He likes beer. He says, that *The Apprentice is* a corporate orgy aimed at the

undereducated and unemployed. I like Donald Trump's hair. Carolyn is nice, too." Thank you, Brian.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

NOTIVISA DE LAS 6:00 P.M. XEWT 12, 6:00 P.M.

I should learn a second language. I tried Spanish once but failed miserably. The guy on my *Learn Spanish in 7 Minutes* tape spoke 400 words per second, and all I could understand was the word for pencil. With my

headphones on, I couldn't tell how loud I was talking, so I'm sure my neighbors wondered why the guy next door kept yelling, "¡Un lápiz! Blah blah blah, I don't know what he's saying. THERE, HE SAID IT AGAIN! ¡Un lápiz!"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

THE JACKSONS: AN AMERICAN DREAM (1992) VH1 46, 3:00 P.M.

Remember when he was a talented kid? He wasn't the frightening portrayal of psychological abnormalities. He wasn't a 40-year-old man interested in Ferris wheels, cotton candy, and little-league uniforms. He was the all-American elementary schooler who just wanted to sing songs about grown women. And not the other way around.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

FOX 6, 8:30 P.M.

People recommend shows to me every chance they get. "You should see this" and "You should see that." Quite a few have told me about *Arrested Development*, and I always blew them off. I always relied on my own sense of smug self-satisfaction to choose what I watch. I am, after all, the TV critic who hates TV. I am so smart. I only give my time to the Independent Film Channel and documentaries about Colombian prisons. I hate Fox. I'm very "indie." Now that I've seen David Cross plugging *Arrested Development* on IFC, I'll allow myself to see it. Of my own free will, thankyouverymuch.

THE 47TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS CBS 8, 8:00 P.M.

Welcome to the first annual Floyds, where we acknowledge famous people who have never done anything fame-worthy. Tonight it's expected to be a hot race between Ed McMahon, Arsenio Hall, and Jack Osbourne. Of course, our own celebrity-watching



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celebrities, Joan and Melissa Rivers, will be working the red carpet with their particular brand of sassy banality and ingratiating irritation. Stay with us, folks: this promises to be better than that red-assed baboon Jack Hannah drags around with him.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SUPERNANNY

ABC 10, 10:00 P.M.

Last weekend my roommate attended a baby shower. As a treat, she made chocolate-covered strawberries. When she wasn't looking, I swiped two. While she was at the party, I spent the afternoon jumping up and down on the furniture and sing-screaming "The Road Goes on Forever." My scalp tingled and I couldn't concentrate. I now know what happened to my grades when I was nine and why we had to hire three different babysitters: that was the year my father relented to my pleas and introduced sugar cereal into our household.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

AMERICAN IDOL

FOX 6, 8:00 P.M.

It's unfortunate that the winner of this becomes a star. It would be way sweeter if people just lined up to sing and got verbally abused with no winner. Actually, it'd be better if Paula Abdul was replaced by Lord Humungus from *Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior* and Simon was thrown out in favor of Blaze from *American Gladiators*.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

THE SIMPLE LIFE: INTERNS

FOX 6, 8:30 P.M.

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