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Barbarella Sweeps the Beats with The Highway Patrol

"Attention, San Diego units. 11-Boy requesting backup — he's on the shoulder of 805 southbound just north of Balboa Avenue, dealing with an irate citizen." That's us, I thought. "Is there a unit in the area?"

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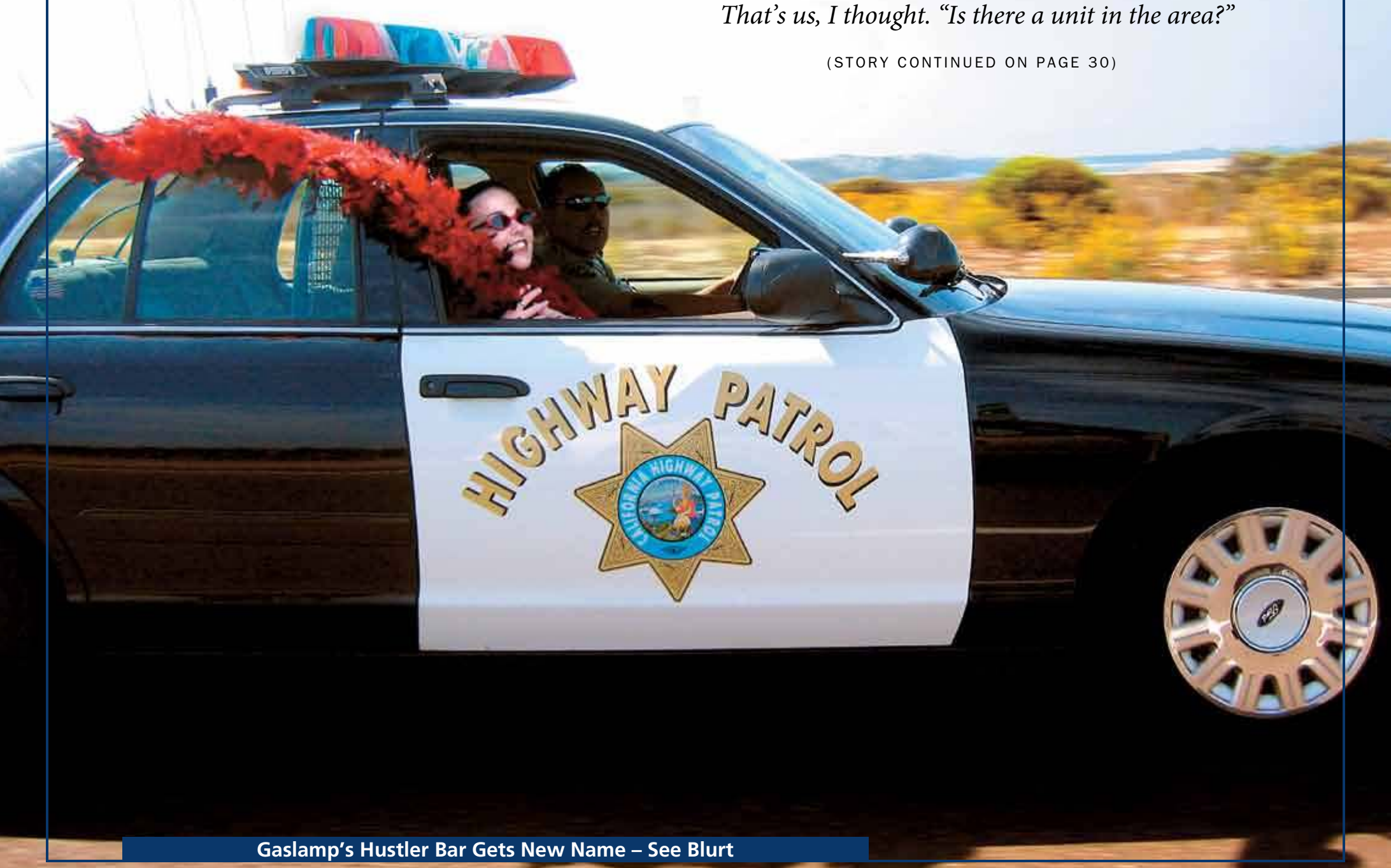

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Sewer Exposure

The squealing and squirming of Dick Murphy, et al. ("Weak Mayor, Lots of Power," "City Lights," February 10), are causing titillations that this old cynic thought forever gone. City attorney Mike Aguirre is a breath of fresh air in a sewer as he exposes Murphy and cohorts for the liars and thieves they are. I hope Mike Aguirre puts truth first, last, and always. The filth may destroy him, who knows, but God will remember.

D.F.

CORRECTION

Due to an error in last week's cover story, "When Your Love Is Locked Up," parts of two paragraphs did not appear. Of particular importance to the story was the sentence: "Over the din of reporters running from the room, cell phones beeping on, I heard the judge say that the jury had ruled that Dee did not wield the weapon to participate in the murder, and so this charge against her was dismissed."

Bree At Last

Re: the item on Bree Walker in "Blurt" this past Thursday (February 10). I'm sure she appreciates the mention, and she did a very nice acting job, if you caught *Carnivale* Sunday night; however, you completely failed to mention that Bree anchored the news in the two largest U.S. markets for ten years — WCBS in New York and KCBS in Los Angeles.

Joe Vecchio
via e-mail

Hand Biter

This is in response to Art Salzberg's letter to you (February 3) berating the Salvation Army downtown. If they had not had the foresight and vision to buy the property at 727 E Street to help persons like him, he would not have a beautiful apartment to live in at one-third of his income and get a good reduction on his electric bill. It sounds like Art is biting the hand that feeds him. The Salvation Army does not have persons sleeping on the ground inside their complex. Art should ask what he could do to help and stop complaining.

Janice Batten
Serra Mesa

Pothole Danger

Re "Remote Control King," February 3.

Ollie writes that he has a pickup truck. Later, in his comments on News at 5:00 p.m., he says potholes aren't dangerous. Try telling that to a motorcyclist, small-car driver, or bicyclist!

P.S.: I agree that it isn't "shocking," though.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont Mesa

Christian Science Context

I was a little confused when I read the review on Christian Science in the "Sheep and Goats" of the January 20 *Reader,* and I am a Christian Scientist! Maybe someone was misquoted or some things were taken out of context?

What was not mentioned was a Christian Scientist's daily striving to follow Christ Jesus in our love for God and our fellow man, that we pray daily for our world and have compassion for those who are suffering, that we read the Bible daily, that we practice Christian healing as Christ Jesus did and told us to do through prayer to God. The Bible tells us that God is the Great Physician.

I'd also like to mention the correct name of the magazine that publishes reports of healings that have taken place solely through prayer, *the Christian Science Journal,* which is published monthly. It can be read and/or purchased at any Christian Science Reading Room. The Downtown Reading Room is located at 522 C Street, San Diego, or visit the website, *www.csjournal.com,* for a free issue. If you would like to check out Christian Science for yourself, *www.spirituality.com* is a good site. Also, the book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy has the full statement of Christian Science.

To sum it up, Christian

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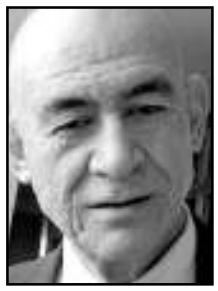
Remedial math San Diego Unified school board chairman **Luis Acle**, elected this past November, has lost a round against Uncle Sam in U.S. Tax Court. According to an opinion dated June 23 of last year, Acle, representing himself, took the government to court after the IRS said he owed back taxes of $40,818, along with an "accuracy-related penalty" of $7683.20. "Petitioner filed a Federal income tax return for taxable year 1998 with the filing status of head of household. Petitioner reported $300 of interest income, a $6760 business loss, and a $62,297 loss from rental activities, for an adjusted gross income of negative $68,757," according to the decision. Acle "also claimed dependency exemption deductions for two daughters and itemized deductions of $25,288 for mortgage interest and real estate taxes, resulting in a taxable income of negative $102,145, and zero tax liability." The decision goes on to describe seven rental properties, three in San Diego and the others in Washington, D.C., that Acle owned and were managed by others, on which he claimed a loss of $62,297, $59,000 of which was later disallowed by the IRS. "Although petitioner disputes the disallowance of the losses, he has made no arguments with respect to this issue, and at trial he stated that this issue 'seems to be a matter of law.' "



Luis Acle

Then there was the matter of allegedly underreported income from Acle's clients: "PSEG Global was interested in building and operating a power plant in San Luis, Mexico. During 1998, petitioner assisted PSEG Global by performing various tasks including negotiating with the Mexican government, acting as a conduit in obtaining the proper certifications and permits that are required in Mexico, and engaging in other business negotiations." Acle's monthly invoices, the court said, "indicate that they are from 'Luis Acle, Occidental Utilities,' and the total amount billed by petitioner in 1998 was $160,310. Of this amount, $140,763 was for services petitioner rendered and $19,548 was for expenses he incurred." Acle argued that many of the payments in dispute consisted of reimbursements, not income, but the court didn't buy it: "Petitioner has presented no credible evidence that any of the amounts deposited into his bank accounts were reimbursements for expenses incurred on behalf of San Luis Tank or any other entity or individual. The only evidence to this effect was petitioner's own self-serving, uncorroborated testimony, which we do not find to be credible: At more than one point in his testimony, petitioner stated that he could not recall the purpose of individual withdrawals or deposits noted on his bank account statements."

Addressing Acle's claim of a negative taxable income of $102,145, the court concluded: "Petitioner has not explained how he would have been able to pay the disproportionately large amount of expenses shown on his return in comparison to the gross income that he reported, while at the same time maintaining a standard of living for himself and for his two daughters, whom he claimed as dependents." The opinion concluded: "Despite being involved in transactions resulting in bank deposits of over $325,000, petitioner testified that 'I also am mindful of the fact that there's probably a valid criticism that could be made of me because I do not keep records that are precise, that can be added up and totaled.' " Interviewed this week, Acle said the IRS ruling was unfair and misinformed. "I'm not going to just roll over and play dead." He added he was "going to go to an expert and get some advice" on what, if anything, he could do next.

Big tabs San Diego city councilman **Michael Zucchet**, under indictment in connection with the Cheetahs strip-club bribery scandal, has paid $918,000 for a house on Adair Street in Point Loma. The deal closed on December 15 of last year, about five months after Zucchet and wife **Teresa** sold their previous residence on Yonge Street, also in Point Loma, on July 23 for $755,000. He purchased that house in August 2001 for $446,000. Zucchet financed his latest domicile with a $575,000 mortgage from CitiMortgage, Inc., records show. As of the end of 2004, according to his end-of-year campaign filing, the councilman also owed about $122,000 to crack criminal defense attorney **Jerry Coughlan**. Zucchet is expected to pay off most if not all of that debt using contributions to a new fund — established under recent city law — that will allow him to collect fresh cash from the same set of lobbyists and other special interests who have already reached their previous $250 limit. Zucchet is joined by fellow Cheetahs defendant **Ralph Inzunza**, along with Councilwoman **Donna Frye** and Mayor **Dick Murphy**, in raising money for their "legal defense." Both Frye and Murphy need the cash to pay off their rapidly multiplying lawyer bills from their tussle over who is really mayor. According to a recent pitch letter from Frye, "Because there are three lawsuits to defend, we may accept $250 per individual per lawsuit, for a maximum of $750 per person." In a new twist, donors are required to fill out a form disclosing whether they have "a matter pending before a governmental official or employee who is a City Official." The letter concludes with a quote from the late **Eleanor Roosevelt**: "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Frye also offers prospective donors the opportunity to contribute to her defense fund via her campaign website, an option that Murphy so far hasn't adopted.

Teresa and Michael Zucchet

— Matt Potter

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Chatterbox Agenda

By Don Bauder

On air: beware. Cock an eyebrow at money advisors who flaunt their expertise over the airwaves. They may be getting secretly paid to tout a stock or have an undisclosed relationship with a firm they laud. Increasingly these days, such commentators pay for their air time. Last week, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged that New York's Courtney D. Smith, a well-known television talker, took $1.1 million in secret payments to tout the stock of a now-defunct Van Nuys company, GenesisIntermedia, on CNBC, CNN, CNNfn, and Bloomberg TV. The regulatory agency noted that an uncharged accomplice in the arrangement was "a Saudi Arabian national reputed to be an international arms dealer and financier." That reputed arms dealer was Adnan Khashoggi of Iran-Contra infamy. Along with some other financial journalists, I have reported Khashoggi's ownership position in Genesis through an entity on the offshore tax haven of Bermuda.

Aubrey Morrow

Gabriel Wisdom

San Diego was involved in this one: Amr (Anthony) Elgindy, formerly an Encinitas resident, now a prison inmate, had the GenesisIntermedia scam figured out back in 2001, although he overstated his case by issuing a "terrorist warning," rather than simply saying the stock was overpriced. (On January 24, Elgindy was convicted of fraud, racketeering, and extortion.)

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San Diego media personalities have questionable records. Consider W. Aubrey Morrow, a financial planner who once did a series on the topic for public television. He has authored books on financial planning and recruits clients through seminars. Morrow has a two-hour radio show Saturday mornings on KOGO. "It's what we call a brokered show," says Cliff Albert, program director of KOGO. "Aubrey Morrow pays for the time."

Don Bruning, who now lives in Hemet, used to listen to the show and attend Morrow seminars. "I was a lamb sitting there for the slaughter," says Bruning. He had received money from an estate and went to Morrow. "I told Morrow I wanted it safe."

One of the guests on Morrow's show headed a company selling a device that alphabetized discount coupons for shoppers. Through Morrow's company, Financial Designs, Bruning and his family plunked $255,000 into the coupon-alphabetizing company, called Direct Access International. Through Financial Designs, the Brunings also put $40,000 in an outfit called DocuVision, which was supposed to provide a whopping 20 percent inter-

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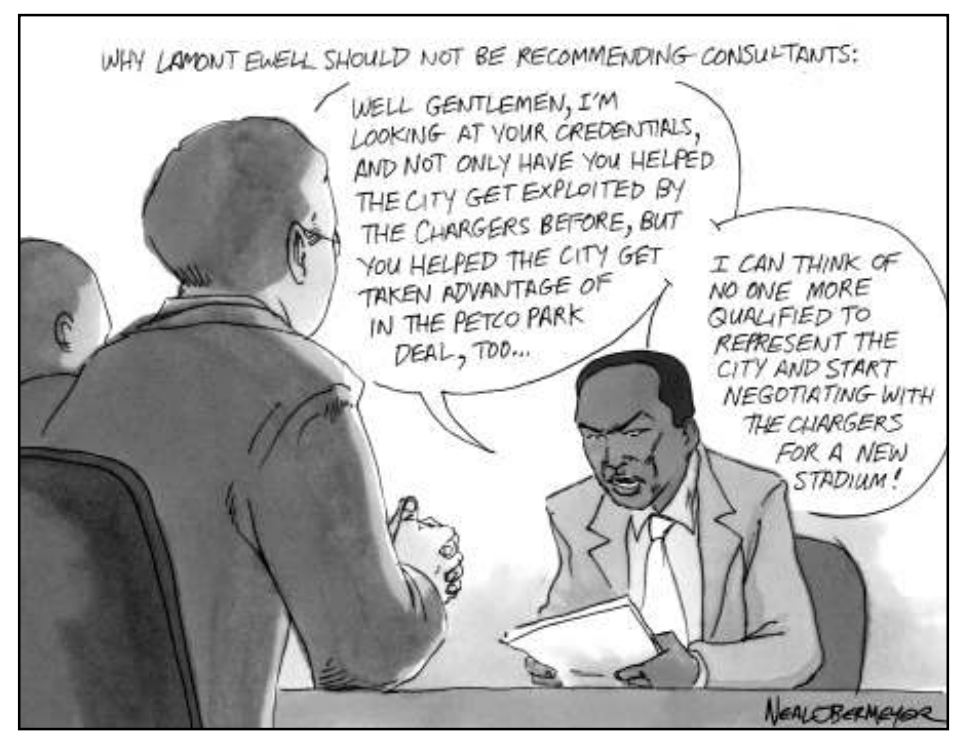


Something Happened To Michael

By Joe Deegan

'At the beginning of his term, [San Diego District 2 councilmember] Michael Zucchet stopped Sports Arena redevelopment, which already had requests for proposals out," says John McNab. "I'll give him credit for that. But later he comes up with his own committee, and who does he put on it? Groups that nominate people who own property around the Sports Arena. Something happened to Michael," McNab concludes without suggesting what that something might be.

McNab calls the city-owned land the Sports Arena sits on "the next Naval Training Center." He is a member of the citizens' group Save Our NTC, which views transforming the Naval Training Center into Liberty Station as a city giveaway to developer Corky McMillin. According to McNab, at the start of that transformation process, former mayor Susan Golding claimed the training center was filled with "shacks and obsolete buildings." Now redevelopment proponents in the Midway area are screaming that the city makes less than half a million dollars on the lease of the run-down Sports Arena.

In June of last year, Michael Zucchet created the Sports Arena Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of three representatives from the Midway Community Planning and Advisory Committee, two representatives each from the North Bay Association and the North Bay Project Area Committee, and one representative each from the Peninsula Planning Board, Point Loma Association, Ocean Beach Planning Board, and Ocean Beach Town Council. For four months, starting last June 25, the committee has met weekly at 7:30 a.m. in the Peninsula Community Service Center on Sports Arena Boulevard.

According to the ad hoc committee's report, completed on January 5, Zucchet charged it with "the task of evaluating various land use and other issues relative to 95 acres of public land anchored by the 38-acre Sports Arena property."

Ad hoc members chose former local business owner Joe Mannino, one of the North Bay Project Area Committee's two representatives, to be its chair. (The city requires the formation of project-area committees to advise all redevelopment efforts.) Mannino is also executive director of the North Bay Association, an affiliate of the city's Business Improvement District Council.

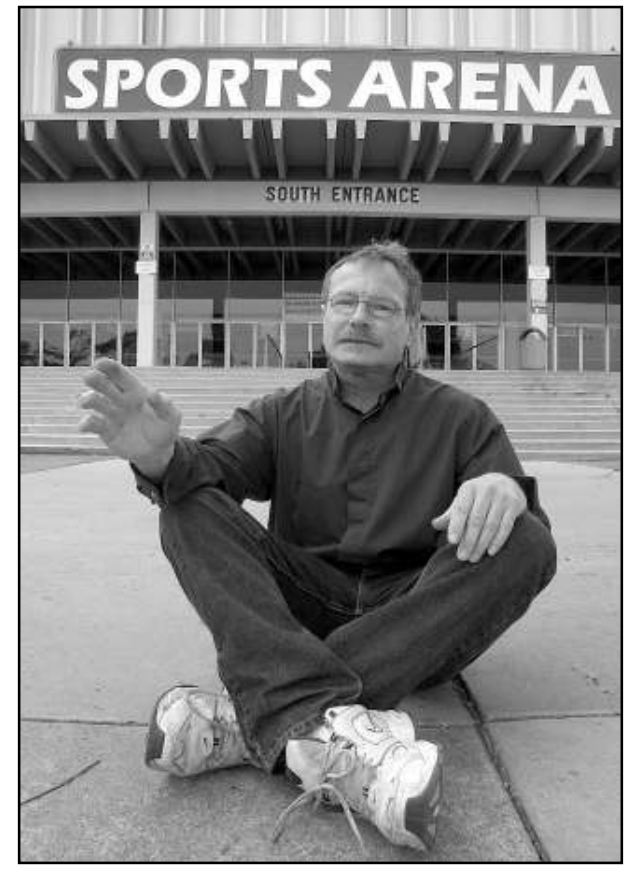
Michael Zucchet

John McNab

In its first action on July 30, the committee recommended "that the Sports Arena be moved." Reasons cited for the recommendation include the facility's age (38 years) and low annual generation of revenue for the city ($460,000), competition from newer facilities such as Coors Amphitheatre and Cox Arena, poor area infrastructure, bad access by both pedestrians and vehicles, and the desire for suitable National Basketball Association and National Hockey League facilities in other parts of town.

The Peninsula Planning Board's Jarvis Ross voiced the lone vote against the Sports Arena being moved. Since the reasons for his vote and the reasons for all subsequent votes against the majority received less attention in the ad hoc committee's final report, Jarvis and Vance Spurrier of the Ocean Beach Planning Board wrote a Sports Arena Ad Hoc Committee Minority Report. It appeared online (*www.obpb.org*), with councilmember Zucchet's blessing, shortly after the majority report came out in early January.

The minority report states, "There are many reasons why the [current Sports Arena] should be retained. (1) Among those are a versatile entertainment venue with close and convenient access by large numbers of San Diego residents. (2) Aside from serving the Sports Arena building events the large parking lot serves a multitude of uses from a swap meet, a training area for city bus drivers, used auto sales, and visual relief from nearby commercial buildings. Yes, it can be enhanced by planting some islands with trees or shrubs as is done in other commercial parking lots. (3) The current usage is low-impact at critical traffic hours. (4) Its useful life can be extended through creative reuse and proper maintenance. (5) Perhaps the most important use is...[its] being a cell-phone tower for multiple installations. These might otherwise have to be dispersed into residential neighborhoods where they are unwanted."



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Vance Spurrier

The minority report goes on to make several additional points: "(1) If the leaseholder has and does perform proper ongoing maintenance, the structure has many years of useful life left. (2) Competition has and will alter events but will not necessarily [reduce] revenue and profitability. Not everyone wants

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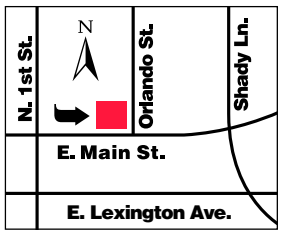

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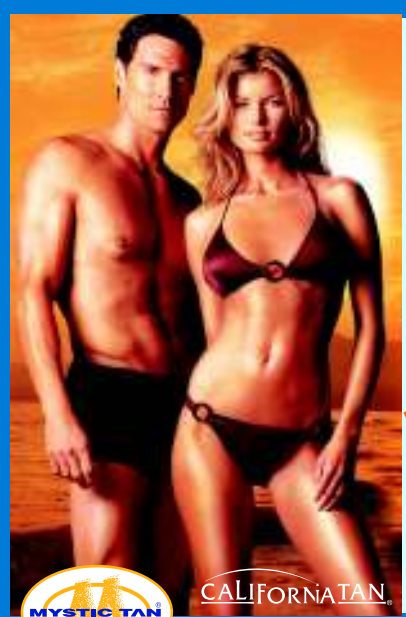

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est. "All the investment funds have been lost," concluded arbitrators when they ruled last year that Morrow had to pay the Brunings $207,000. The investments were unsuitable for the Brunings and were not registered with either the Securities and Exchange Commission or California, ruled the panel.

Morrow was on the advisory board of Direct Access and had a relationship with DocuVision. He was affiliated with both companies, concluded the panel. DocuVision "could only pay Morrow back if he could raise money from other people, and the other people were Morrow's clients," says Floyd Brown, Bruning's attorney.

Morrow's attorney, Erwin J. Shustak, says that isn't true, but Morrow did have his other clients in both Direct Access and DocuVision. "Aubrey had the same investment everybody else had," says Shustak.

Morrow claimed that the Brunings got into the two investments through another person, Steve Schroeder, who was only supposed to help with the radio programs and wasn't authorized to sell investments. However, Schroeder occupied a desk in Morrow's office "and was director of communications for a subsidiary," says Arthur Leider of Investors Arbitration Specialists, who helped in the case. The arbitrators weren't buying the Schroeder alibi: Morrow "was the primary cause" of the Brunings' investment "and failed to disclose material information" to them, the panel concluded.

Morrow used a similar ploy back in the early 1990s. After seeing him on TV and attending one of his seminars, two retired San Diego educators in their 80s entrusted their $775,000 nest egg to Morrow's firm. He determined that the nest egg should be sold off and the money shifted to new investments. But Isaac Cubillos, who worked in the office and was doing the paperwork, diverted $200,000 of the couple's money to his own account. Morrow claimed that Cubillos was an independent contractor, not an employee. And Morrow said he couldn't repay the $200,000.

With help from Sharon A. Dodson, the accountant who discovered the fraud, and from Morrow, Cubillos spent 18 months in prison. But by 1998, he had become a regular on KPBS radio's *Editors' Roundtable.* "We asked him to stop participating," says a KPBS spokesperson. Later, Cubillos joined *Hispanic Vista.com*, an online Latino publication, as managing editor. That didn't last, either. "There was never an indication of wrongdoing; it was bad management," says Patrick Osio Jr., editor.

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Gabriel Wisdom is a market reporter for KPBS radio and appears on other stations, such as those subscribing to Business Talk Radio, a nationwide syndication operation. "I have a barter arrangement" with commercial stations and the syndicate, says Wisdom, acknowledging that he effectively pays money to get on the air. He is an underwriter of KPBS programs but insists that has nothing to do with his being a regular performer there.

In 1999, Frank E. Rowlen, former finance director of

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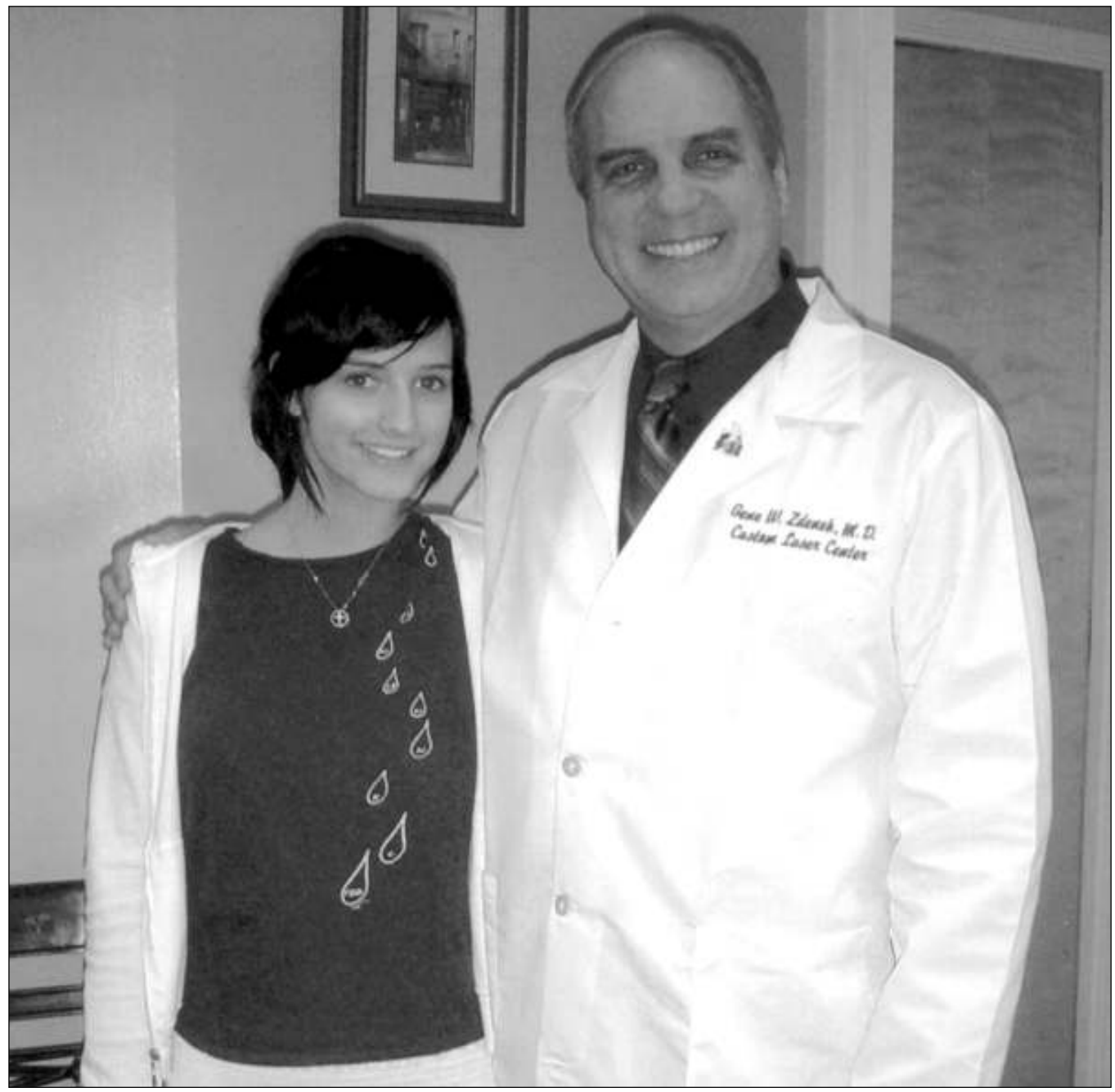

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Vista, admitted that he had put the city in illegal investments, submitted false reports to the council, and received favorable treatment from Wisdom and his stockbroker partner, Michael Axelrod. In return, they got the Vista account, from which the pair generated $768,000 in commissions The funds were illegal under Vista laws, confessed Rowlen.

He said that Wisdom and Axelrod gave him discounted commissions (often zero) and gave him access to hot issues of stock that guaranteed him a profit. Wisdom denies Rowlen's allegations. "I was dropped from that case," he says. "I haven't had any arbitrations since 1996."

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A business broadcaster of the old school is Bill Holland of KFMB. "He does not compensate the radio station in any way," says Dave Sniff, program director. Holland gets paid if he appears in a commercial that is also on the show. His programs are low-key.

But Holland has run into trouble. A client complained that in 2001–2002, Holland put him into stock of UAL, parent of United Air Lines, as well as preferred stock of Conseco, a scandal-plagued insurer. Both went into bankruptcy, and the former is still there. Holland had put clients in United for years, including the prosperous ones, and believed that new management would sweep Conseco clean. "I have 3000 clients; I have some who are unhappy. They always say stocks are unsuitable after they go down," says Holland, flaying "ambulance-chasing lawyers," including some who advertise on his show. In the UAL/Conseco case, the complainant asked for $500,000 and was awarded $190,000.

In another case charging unsuitability, the complainant asked for $80,000 and got $42,500; Holland paid $15,000 of it.

In November 2004, Holland left Wachovia Securities. He had worked many years for Prudential Securities, which was purchased by Wachovia in 2003. There are rumors that Holland was fired, but he denies it, and his official record with the National Association of Securities Dealers has no indication of any terminations. However, Holland hints that he may have been pushed. "I am 67 years old. I do not always do things they would like," he says. "There is stuff pending that I can't talk about." Wachovia isn't talking.

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Two years ago, a Roman Catholic lay missionary with a theology degree went into arbitration against a stock salesman with more than 125 customer complaints on his record. His insurance license had also been revoked in California for alleged misdeeds in selling annuities. The missionary, Masako Kimura Streling of Oceanside, said she had heard a radio program on KCEO 1000 by Anthony Amaradio, the broker with the questionable past. She visited him; she claims he said he could get her 25 percent annual returns by jumping in and out of the market. He denies saying that.

Streling didn't actually lose money under Amaradio, but she was put into high-risk mutual funds that were difficult to sell, according to the complaint. It was settled con-

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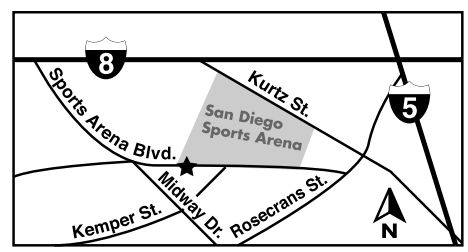

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fidentially, according to the attorney on the case, Ronald A. Marron. Amaradio did not return a call for comment.

A spokesman for KCEO 1000 says it is standard practice for market commentators to pay for their air time on the station. ■

Something happened

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to travel to Coors Amphitheatre and Cox Arena for entertainment...."

The minority report blames all the excesses of the ad hoc committee on "multiple layers of city-sanctioned entities that exert influence over the subject study area.... The overlapping jurisdictions of the Midway Community Planning Board, the North Bay Association, and the North Bay Project Area Committee [with its total of] seven representatives...outnumbered the remaining four."

But if the Sports Arena does move, new housing construction is likely to replace it. The minutes for the August 6 ad hoc committee meeting report chairman Mannino saying, "The Committee might want to review and use as a guide the section in the Ad Hoc [instruction] book which lays out the [city] Redevelopment Agency's recommendations. [Mannino] notes that one of [those] recommendations...is North Bay five-year goal, which suggests 987 housing units including 148 affordable units. Chairman Mannino...notes that... additional residents...would provide for a softening of the current hard-edged commercial community and would generate a need for schools, churches, and parks, all of which would help to limit adult entertainment in this community. The Chair states...his belief...that if this neighborhood is to improve, housing is a necessary component."

Eventually, in two separate motions on two dates, the committee recommended both reducing adult entertainment in the North Bay (September 10) and including affordable housing in any residential development on the 95-acre city property (October 22).

The minority report supports both of these recommendations. But it criticizes a September 10 committee recommendation to support large-scale, profitable residential development. The motion "gives the lessee the ability to terminate Kobey's Swap Meet," the report states, "remove the Sports Arena, and eliminate several active community-serving businesses. The blighted conditions, referred to in support of the motion, have...been artificially created by rent manipulation and short-term subleases. This has resulted in sub-lessees being unwilling to invest in the upkeep of their locations. The act of the principle [*sic*] lessee voting in support of this motion which directly benefits his interests is the basest form of conflict of interest."

The "principle lessee" is a reference to Ernie Hahn. Hahn's father Ron Hahn heads a business group that owns the arena and the San Diego Gulls hockey team, which plays there. If a decision to develop residential units on current Sports Arena property is made before the group's lease with the city runs out in 2017, the Hahns

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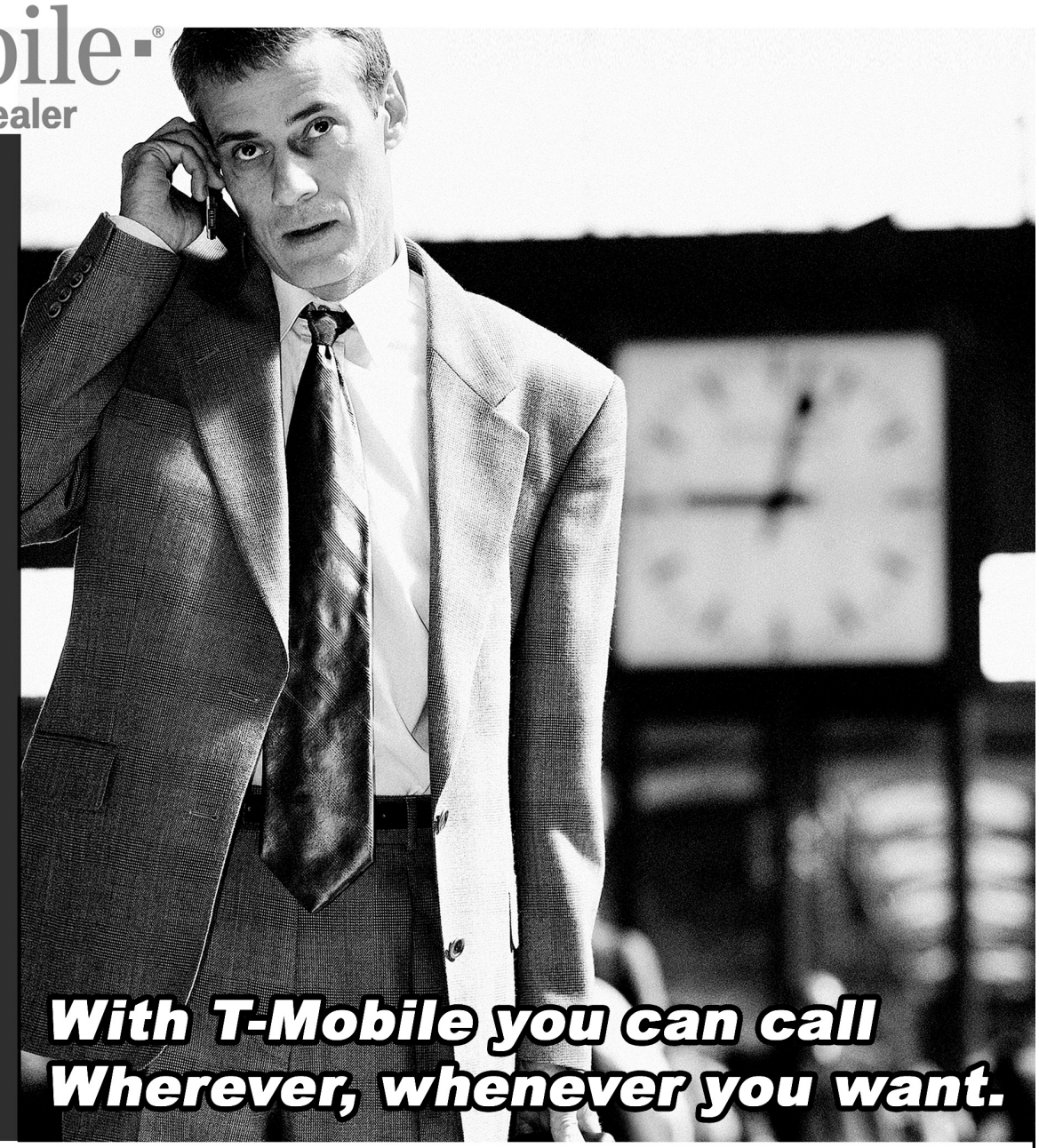

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Minutes of the August 6 Sports Arena Ad Hoc Committee state: "Mr. Hahn notes that...[the city] determined that the best thing would be approximately 40 to 60 units per acre. He notes that with the current 30-foot height limit [in the coastal zone], we would be limited to approximately 23 to 24 units per acre." Several paragraphs later, the minutes continue, "[Mr. Hahn] notes that by leaving the height limitation as is, we are condemning this community to remain the same."

On October 8, the ad hoc committee voted seven to three, with one abstention, "that the City Council support placing an initiative on the ballot to allow a variance to the 30-foot building height limitation" in the Sports Arena area up to 85 feet. Committee members stipulated that revenue generation from this recommendation must result in various benefits to the surrounding community.

But the minority report calls the recommendation "the worst motion made and approved. It was made solely to enhance the value of the lands owned or controlled by a majority of the supporters. It would result in further degrading of the coastal area."

In the past, Michael Zucchet consistently rejected any change of the 30-foot building-height limitation in the coastal zone. According to a January 31 article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* by Angela Lau, Zucchet recently supported the height limit again, saying that "exceptions should be few and far between." This time, however, "He said the committee's reasoning was 'absolutely valid and cogent,' " writes Lau. "It may be only a matter of time before Zucchet no longer protects the 30-foot height limit." Lau goes on to note that Zucchet supports many of the committee's other recommendations, including "the development of residential and commercial projects."

But that means he favors the Sports Arena moving. "It's very clear that Zucchet's got this thing up for a giveaway," says Save Our NTC's McNab. "And now he's playing these games, saying, 'I'll save you from going over 30 feet.' Well, how about our public property? We own it. The Sports Arena is not only public property, but it's some of the most valuable because it's in the coastal zone. Everybody in the county wants to come to the coastal zone."

In McNab's estimation, Ernie Hahn makes lots of money on the Sports Arena site through subleases, Kobey's Swap Meet, the cellphone tower, and other ventures. "At the same time," says McNab, "Hahn is not reinvesting in the site. He's making it look blighted, and he's doing what they did at the Naval Training Center: making the Sports Arena look like an obsolete shack. Yes, it may not be the prettiest sports arena ever built, but it's functional and it's paid for. And Zucchet is saying that public lands are supposed to make money. They're not supposed to make money; they're supposed to allow the public to do things at a very low cost. Protection of public lands for public purposes should be the goal. That's the philosophy of public service."

But Joe Mannino wants to revitalize the Sports Arena neighborhood. "The city is not likely to do it," he says. "Only the profit motive can make it happen." ■

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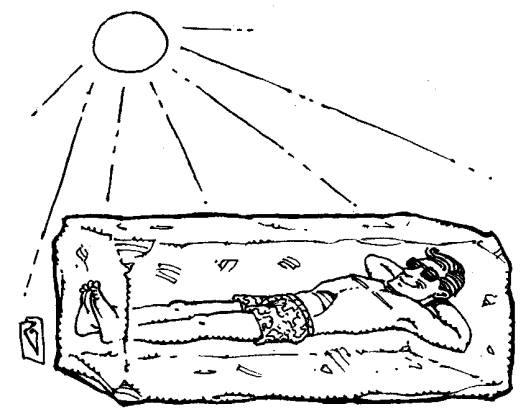

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Matt:
I was just in New York City and the temperature was about 25, but it was bright and sunny. If you sat out, would you get a suntan? I realize you'd freeze, but would you also get tan?
— Travelin' Man in San Diego

You'd freeze, you'd get a tan, you'd collect quite a crowd, and you'd maybe get arrested for deranged loitering. Well, maybe not in New York. The sun in winter is lower in the sky than it is in the summer, so you'd have to work a lot harder in February than in August, but wait long enough and you might return from your trip a little crispy around the edges.

Hey, Matt:
Why is it that when a man is standing at a urinal urinating, he indulges himself in the urge to expectorate? I do it, I'll bet even you do it! I've seen it lots of times.
— JF, San Diego

I considered not answering this for a year or two so I wouldn't disturb Joe's picture of M.A. as a useless idler. But instead we took up the challenge, and luckily, among our cavalcade of friends is a La Jolla M.D. whose specialty happens to be urological dysfunctions of the rich and famous. At my urging, he checked the current literature, consulted with his peers (sorry, bad urologist's pun), and determined that there is no physiological connection between micturation and expectoration. At least none that anyone's taken the time to prove. You can pee without spitting, no problem. And, luckily, you can spit without peeing. This is the sum total of scientific information available on the subject.

Now we're reduced to quasi-scientific speculation and creative imagineering, which I'm particularly good at. Just enough facts to make my case look reasonable to the average citizen, but fuzzy enough around the edges to allow me to weasel out of it without losing face, should I be challenged. What more could a know-it-all ask for?

Theory number one has to do with the "personal space" that each of us has around our bodies — the psychologically bounded territory that we consider inviolable under most circumstances. Americans, as a general rule, have a two-foot air space around them that they protect from invasion through subtle body-language cues. According to one psychologist, spitting is, among other things, meant to repel people and keep them at a distance. (Don't snicker. For this he needed six years of postgraduate work.) A man standing at a urinal might feel vulnerable, and spitting could be a way of enforcing his personal boundaries.

If that theory is a little too anthro-psycho-squishy for your taste, how about theory number two. Spitting when you pee is a conditioned reflex. You started doing it when you were little, either by watching Dad or because of your little-kid fascination with body parts and functions, especially things that come out of your body that you can control. The spit-pee connection, according to this theory, is no different from Pavlov's salivating dogs.

Dear Matt:
My boss says that Queen Victoria died by being crushed by a horse in an unusual kind of "riding accident." He says she had a stallion rigged up to some kind of a hoist for Her Majesty's personal pleasure; apparently the hoist broke, causing the horse to fall on the queen. I can't find any historical reference to this incident, and an English-born lady in the department thinks he made it up. Is it true?
— Mr. Ed, La Jolla

In that little ménage à trois, Ed, you seem to be the only one with his hoist rigged up right. Your boss finishes out of the money, and so does your English friend. The story is an old standard. Been around for decades. Maybe centuries. He did take some liberties with the case of characters, though. For Queen Victoria of England, let's substitute Catherine the Great of Russia. Now at least we have the correct rumor, but the facts in the story aren't any more true.

Not that Catherine didn't have a legendary love life. She is even said to have had a squad of, well, ladies-in-waiting, I guess, who auditioned potential boyfriends for her. When she got bored with one she'd bounce him out of the palace and send for a new recruit. But this was just a relaxing pastime and a break from the pressures of life as a land-grabbing 18th-century czarina.

Catherine died at 67 of a stroke, apparently unrelated to suitors or stallions. Victoria was 82 when she succumbed to the general infirmities of old age — in continual pain, unable to eat, barely able to breathe, with bouts of facial paralysis and too weak to sit up. Hardly in a mood to entertain herself with a bedroom full of exotic hardware and farm animals.

Victoria was pleasant, if a bit dim. Catherine was a tough-minded, clever, feisty, and powerful woman, just the kind most likely to become the subject of outlandish rumors. A king could be as bawdy and imperialistic as he liked and people thought nothing of it. But a queen like Catherine would inspire rude stories that would live two centuries beyond her. That's life in the queen business, I guess.

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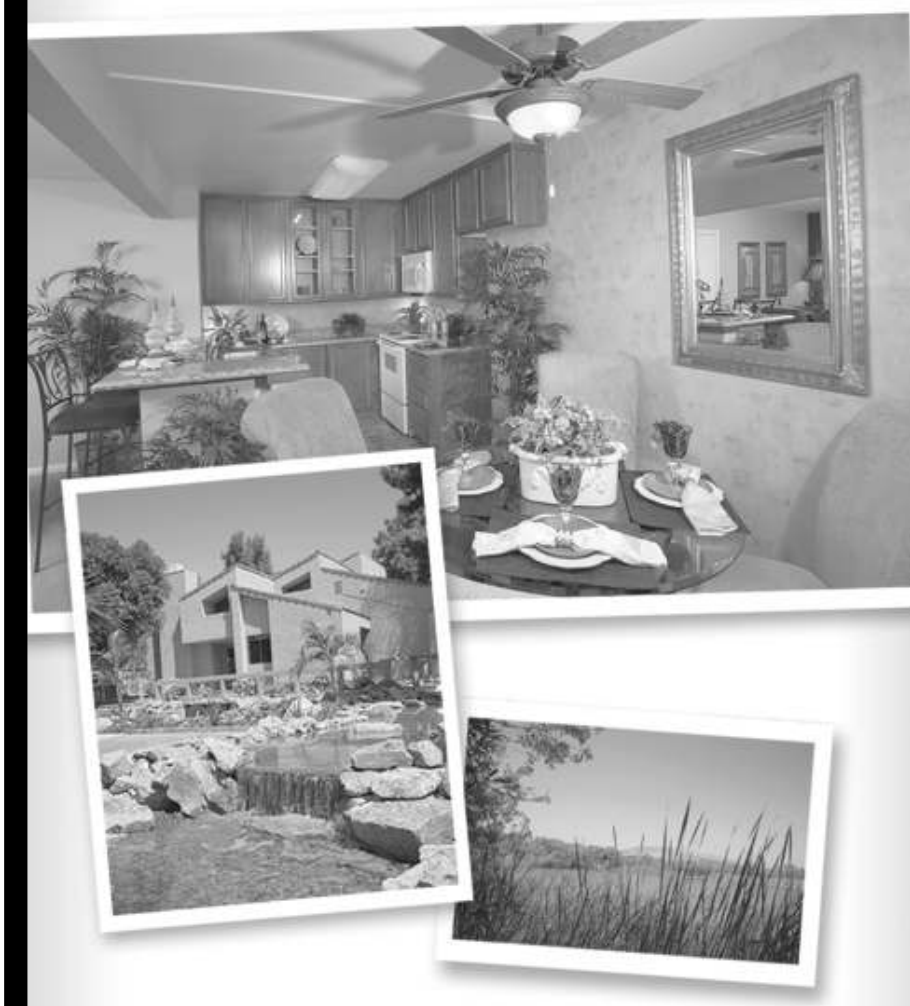

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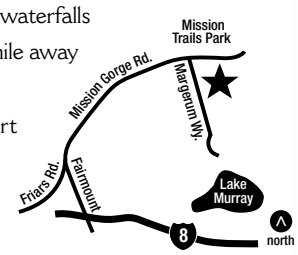

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Walking California

Carlisle Pryce is a naturalist. Old school. He reserves for himself one day every week and hikes seven, eight, nine miles. He paints and takes photographs. He knows the names and characteristics of all the plants and animals he sees. He knows weather. Three, four times a year Pryce hikes for ten days — meaning, he drives to the end of the road, parks his Honda, straps on a backpack, and walks into the bush. Walks ten days. Almost always in California, almost always in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Pryce is tall, 6 foot 6, has longish white hair and beard, fierce black eyes with a basketball player's physique, and a Harvard Ph.D. in his back pocket. He's been walking California for the past 51 years. We're sitting at his round oak dining room table talking about the October hike. Kick off was Kennedy Meadows in the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains. This time he was accompanied by his son and two friends.

I ask, "You knew you were going to hit snow?"

"We knew we could; we didn't know we would hit it as much as we did. We had three days and three nights of snow and high winds. The wind was a killer.

"The first day of high wind, we walked eight or nine miles. It got pretty bad. We stopped, got in our sleeping bags, only got out to fix dinner. The next morning we stayed in our bags. Finally, at 11 o'clock, we decided we had to move.

"One of the guys was showing altitude sickness. The triggering event was getting chilled to the bone by the wind. I wasn't prepared for the wind. The wind was picking up rocks the size of quarters and skipping them uphill.

"The insidious thing on this trip was, we went in on horses. The idea was to get dropped off and walk back. Going in, your gear is on pack mules, and the packers don't like to stop. And we all wanted to go as far as possible in one day.

"When you're going in, you're going up in altitude. You're in a very dry atmosphere, sunlight is bouncing up off rocks and so on. You're getting significant radiation. Your tissues are going to swell, and the liquids are going to have to go somewhere. At the same time, you're working off the adrenaline and thrill of being on the hike. It's windy and you're perspiring. If you're wearing cotton, the wind will chill you down to your skin."

I can picture that. "And everybody says to themselves, 'I'm not walking, I'm not carrying anything.' "

Carlisle nods. "Everyone pushes it. And once you're there, you run around like a bunch of monkeys because it's so good to be there."

"Were you surprised when you realized you had altitude sickness?"

"No; I was disappointed. My son got it first. I should have noticed. His pace started getting smaller and smaller and smaller. The last three days he was taking 12-inch steps; he was really suffering."

"What are the symptoms?"

"Either your lungs or your brain fills up with liquid. In your brain, you get severe headaches. That's the one to look out for. If that happens, you do whatever you have to do to get him out. You've got to get him down to 7500, 7800 feet."

"Helicopters, medivac?"

"Anything. In this case, my lungs filled up as did his. We were coughing continuously. I was coughing up a bit of blood.

"The other problem is, you stop breathing. Suddenly, you're starved for oxygen, and you start breathing very quickly. Then, the next thing you know you're not breathing again. When people get altitude sickness, they're so sick they don't want to eat. You have to force them to eat and drink and rest. Hard to do with grown men.

"I knew we had to get to a lower altitude. We were above the timberline and needed to get to where we could burn firewood. We walked all day and found a suitable campsite after dark.

"We spent two nights there, burned wood, put a tarp around the fire, trying to keep the worst of the wind away. Drank a lot of cocoa and a lot of soup. Finally, it looked as if the storm was going to lift, so we started walking out. We still had to make our way over two passes that were more than 10,000 feet high.

"I chose a route out that was closest to the trail that all the packers use. I was hoping we'd meet a packer on his way in because they carry radios."

"We did. He radioed the office and told them we were coming out. The foreman radioed back and asked, 'Do they look as if they can make it on their own?' Packers are smart; they've seen real train wrecks up there. The wrangler said he thought we'd make it."

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Johnny Depp *(Finding Neverland)*	12/1	Imelda Staunton *(Vera Drake)*	10/1
Clint Eastwood *(Million Dollar Baby)*	20/1	Catalina Moreno *(Maria . . .Grace)*	33/1
Don Cheadle *(Hotel Rwanda)*	25/1	Kate Winslet *(Eternal Sunshine)*	33/1

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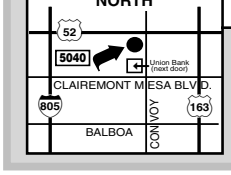

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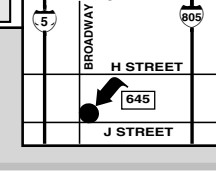

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Senior pastor: Pastor Ryan Sharp
Congregation size: 12
Staff size: 0
Sunday school enrollment: 0
Annual budget: 0
Weekly giving: 0
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: white
Meeting time: 6:30 p.m. Friday nights
Length of meeting: 1–3 hours
Website: *www.anchor-point.org*

"Nobody wants to talk about failure," said Pastor Ryan Sharp. "As a new church, you try hard to build it and then you slap God's name onto it, so there is a certain sense of gravity and guilt about failing."

Twenty-eight-year-old Sharp reflected on the highs and lows of being a pastor. "I don't know the mechanics of why failure happens. I look at it in more of a deistic experience rather than it was God's will to grow our church and then shut it down. I attribute our failure to many things," said Pastor Sharp.

PASTOR RYAN SHARP

Pastor Scott Crosley founded Anchor Point Church in 2003. Crosley raised $120,000 in support by sending a DVD to 700 people, including family and friends. "I've always been a person to dream big dreams, to have big visions," said Crosley. On December 31, 2002, Crosley left his role as pastor of evangelism and outreach at the Desert Vineyard church in Lancaster, California, and moved to Oceanside. Two families moved with Crosley to begin work for the church. Anchor Point's first service was held September 14, 2003, at Oceanside High School. The church started with five families, six married couples, six single recent college graduates, and four homeless people.

Crosley began to have second thoughts after four months into starting the church. "I quickly realized we didn't have a core group of people to support the church," said Crosley. "One of the friends that moved with me to start the church quit." Crosley fired the second friend for financial reasons.

Crosley prayed with his family and decided to leave the church after four months. At the time, Crosley's wife was pregnant with their third child. "One of the main reasons I left was the uncertainty of the finances and the toll this had on my wife. In retrospect, I was kind of prideful. I imagined that people would be drawn to the church because I was leading it. God really humbled me." Crosley spent the rest of 2004 delivering papers at 4 a.m. and twisting balloon animals at TGIFriday's in the evenings. Six weeks ago, Crosley joined the Army as a chaplain. He told me he is scheduled to go to Iraq for a year in September.

Upon leaving, Crosley handed the church over to Ryan Sharp. "Ryan and his wife, Holly, taught us what grace is all about. Ryan had more of an impact on me than anyone I've ever known. He and his wife lived out what it means to be a Christian," commented Crosley. Crosley and his wife named their last child after Ryan, in honor of this relationship.

"After Scott left, there was an initial surge of excitement because he seemed depressed," said Pastor Ryan Sharp. "The people told me, wherever you take us, we'll go." Sharp started to change the church. He moved to a Bible-study format that was held in people's homes.

"People view church success as a stable ministry, with a growing number of people attending the services. I've revamped my idea of what success looks like now," said Sharp. "I see success as people sacrificing more than they had, people giving more away. I see success as people connecting to nonchurch people and showing their faith and telling the story of God in their own words. My goal isn't to grow the service, but to get people to go out and do the things we speak about at church."

Through the changes, the church has shrunk to a dozen people. Sharp has discussed closing the church down. "People change a lot slower than I imagined. I always thought people would get this stuff and live it. But the dam never broke where people got it," said Sharp. "Fifty percent of the decision to dissolve the church is my failure and my impatience with reaching my expectations."

I spoke with Rhianon Wilhoit. Wilhoit and her husband attend Anchor Point. "As Christians we need to admit we have questions. Before my experience here, I never questioned my faith. I had all of the Christian cliché answers. In our community, we embrace questions. Previously, what I had known of Christianity was routine. I wanted more but didn't know how." At Anchor Point, Wilhoit believes she is safe to ask questions and wrestle with the Bible. "What we have at Anchor Point is the only thing that feels real right now in my life," Wilhoit remarked. "We met last Wednesday to discuss where we go from here, and whether or not we will shut down the church. The whole time tears were streaming down my face. I can't imagine life without the people from Anchor Point. We've been able to be vulnerable together, to be intimate and speak about difficult things together."

In closing, I asked Sharp what happens to people after they die. "The person who began this church is totally different than who I am today. I believe everybody goes to be with God. I don't know how it works but I like C.S. Lewis's idea of a singular place where people will enjoy it differently based on their relationship with God." I asked Sharp where Christ fits into his faith. "I can be okay with Christ's cross showing how far God would go to bring the Kingdom into this world. I believe God is redeeming all of humanity," Pastor Sharp replied.

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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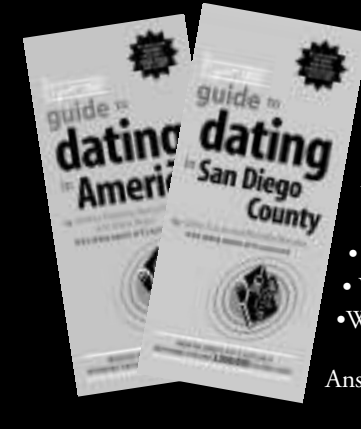

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NEW ECONOMY BLUES IN SAN DIEGO

Dear Blues,

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Dear Saffron,

This is in response to the guy who's freaked out about stuffed animals on his new girlfriend's bed. I am 27 years old and have never thought twice about the two stuffed bears that sleep on my bed. They're not huge, but they are nice and comforting, and if a guy didn't like them I would throw them at him. I also have stuffed animals in my car and I've never had an accident or any traffic citations in 11 years. Coincidence?

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TWO-CENTS FROM NORTH PARK

Dear Saffron,

Here's some advice for Almost a Lawyer, who wrote that her father-in-law hassled her and her husband constantly because their heavy law-school schedule made it difficult for them to attend family events once in a while. They should respond to one of his e-mails like this: "Dad, we've realized that family comes first and that you do have a point, so we decided to make that our number-one priority and we are both planning to drop out of law school and find a less time-consuming profession so we're more available to spend time with family." Maybe he'll get the point from that that they're doing something important by going to school.

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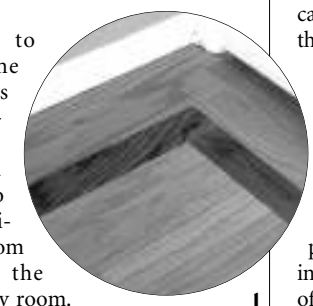
Patrick wants vinyl;

I lean toward a wood look.

—EVE KELLY

Our 1930s house feels cramped. We love the elegant living room with its coved ceiling, candlelit alcoves, and art deco fixtures, but it doesn't hold a big gathering well. No more than six diners can eat in the dining room at one time. And the kitchen is tight. Chatting around the stove, which is tucked in one corner of the 10-by-10-foot room, is out of the question.



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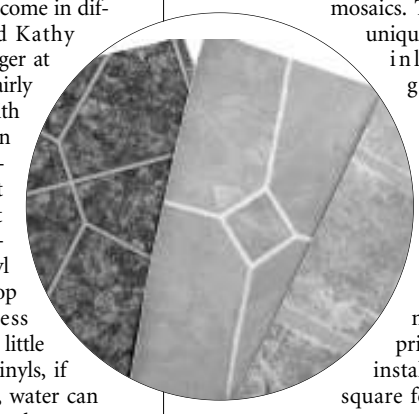
We love to entertain, but the limited space is becoming a bother. So, last summer, husband Patrick decided to remodel. He envisioned a great room encompassing the kitchen and family room. Near the top of the long list of to-dos is kitchen flooring. Patrick wants vinyl; I lean toward a wood look. We're both pretty sure we don't want tile. But neither of us had knowledge of the products until I hit the phones.

"All the flooring options come in different qualities," explained Kathy Anderson, hard-surface manager at Coles Carpets. "They are all fairly easy to maintain nowadays, with the finishes that they put on them." Vinyl flooring "sometimes is less expensive but there are some grades now that are so high that they are competing with ceramic tile. Vinyl is more resilient: when you drop something on it, there is less chance of breaking. It's also a little warmer underfoot. The tile vinyls, if they are installed improperly, water can get under them, but generally they are very durable, and they come in all different grades. They're also easier for the do-it-yourselfer.



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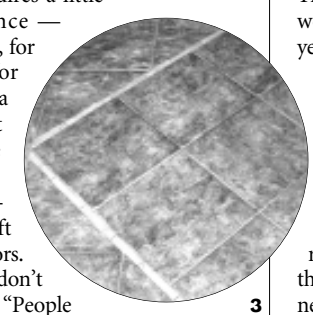
"Porcelain tiles are very popular," continued Anderson. "People are moving to them because of the durability. The tile is fired at a higher temperature [than ceramic tile], so it is less likely to crack or break, although it is not impervious. Many have a natural stone look. You don't have to seal the porcelain tiles, but traditional sanded grout should be sealed. There are new epoxy grouts that don't require sealing, that are very easy to maintain.

"Natural stone," she added, "is also a trend now. It requires a little more maintenance — you need to seal it, for instance — but for those who want a natural product, it is a very upscale look."



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I told Anderson about my soft spot for wood floors. "Wood and water don't mix," she replied. "People still do use hardwood in their kitchen and there are improved finishes on the wood now so that it is less likely to scratch. But spills need to be wiped up immediately."

Spills in the Kelly household are an hourly occurrence, so hardwood is out of the question. But Anderson offered a solution. "The laminates are completely stain-resistant," offered Anderson. "A lot of people with young children and pets choose a laminate because it is a little easier to wipe up things from; it doesn't absorb stains. Laminate is a floating floor, so often it can be installed over existing flooring, like old vinyl flooring that might have asbestos in it. You don't have to pay to have the old floor removed correctly; you can often go over an existing floor and save money."

I have heard that laminate floors are noisy. Anderson explained why. "It's because the finish they use on them is so hard, they can be noisier. But then the underlayments that a customer can upgrade to can help deaden that noise."

Another flooring, Anderson said, is "Cork flooring. It's becoming more and more popular now. It's quiet and easy on backs and legs for standing. It comes from the bark of the cork tree, and it is environmentally friendly. It can be glued down or put down in the floating method. The pricing varies, but I would say it is in the middle of laminate and wood."

Mike Bartholomew, showroom manager at Superior Floors Gallery, touted the Karndean luxury vinyl tile. "They have a product that you can create your own design for. It looks like natural stones, wood, marbles, metallics, terra cottas, or Italian mosaics. They also have very unique borders, like laser inlays, so we can get very creative. Karndean also has a practical advantage; it is hygienic. It will not harbor dirt and bacteria, so it's especially suitable for the kitchen environment. The range price for that product installed is under **$10** a square foot. They do use a two-part epoxy adhesive, so it will not curl or fail. And it is very, very low maintenance."

After my phone work, I sent Patrick out to home-improvement stores to find some more options. At Lowe's, 12-foot-wide rolls of vinyl flooring caught his eye first, particularly the Bracton Ultra by Armstrong. At **$1.27** per square foot, it's cheaper than tile, wood, or laminates, which are all more than **$2–$5** per square foot, plus more money for the required extras — padding for laminates; concrete backerboard, mortar, and grout for tile; and nails for hardwood — to say nothing of tools. The Bracton Ultra, which comes in textured wood-plank and tile patterns, carries a ten-year warranty. And it doesn't require the glue used to hold down most vinyl floors. "It's held down with two-sided acrylic Glass-Tac tape [**$9.99** for a 50-foot roll at Lowe's or Home Depot]," Lowe's flooring specialist, Pedro, told Patrick. "You put a line of tape around the perimeter of the room and under any seams in the middle of the room. Then you roll the flooring out onto the tape. The no-glue vinyl flooring is a fairly new product but it's catching on very fast. A lot of our customers who have put it in have come back in and told us that they're very happy with it. One lady put it in a ballet studio that she runs. She said she wasn't sure that a taped-down floor would stand up to dancing. But she said it's held up extremely well."

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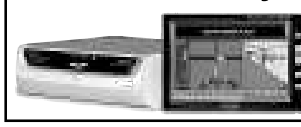

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

All I wanted to do was see Taj Mahal in concert again, and I figured at a college campus it would be a pretty easygoing experience.

Outside the gym at San Diego State on Friday night was a large, amorphous mass huddling together to keep out of the biting wind. And shoulder to shoulder, chest to chest, we inched our way toward the turnstiles, where the management was selling as well as taking tickets, possibly one of the most inefficient ways of running a concert. A brown-bearded young promoter-type on stage kept saying, "Come on, people, we've got to get you seated. It's already 8:30 and the show was supposed to start at 8:00." There's a fellow who likes to live dangerously.

— **"TOWER OF BABEL,"** *Anne Hutchison, February 20, 1975*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

ATTENTION BAJA TRADEWINDS' surfers. Many of us residents miss you for you add color to our lives. Do not let the bald-headed man con you. The beaches in Mexico are public and landowners, etc. must provide free access to them. The bald-headed man has committed irrational acts. And he may have a few officials in his pocket under good-old-buddyism. Pass the word. A friend.

— CLASSIFIEDS: PERSONALS, *February 21, 1980*

Twenty Years Ago

Faye left San Diego almost two years ago to join the Scientology organization in Los Angeles. We exchange letters now and then, and I can call or visit her in Los Angeles. But I rarely do. It's not the military uniform she wears or the small, abysmal dormitory room she lives in that stops me.

It was my initial reaction to her leaving, my inability to dilute or delay the real meaning of losing a best friend, that made saying good-bye such an unexpected devastation.

— **"WHEN FRIENDS SAY GOOD-BYE,"** *Brae Canlen, February 21, 1985*

Fifteen Years Ago

Hey, how ya doin'? You're new around here, aren't you? Well, you picked a choice spot. Right up here next to the blowhole. Yeah, I know; most of the other barnacles prefer the flukes, or the flippers.

What's that? Jeez, kid, you are green, aren't you! I'm a *Cryptolepas rhachianecti* barnacle; so are you. Host-specific to the California gray whale.

Didn't they teach you nuthin' down in San Ignacio? Bubba here's a yearling; he likes to breach at the darnedest times. Probably trying to get rid of those damn lice.

Herb Klein

Hang on. He's going up for a breath now. WHOOOOEEEE! I got a cousin lives on a piling under Scripps Pier. The stories that guy can tell!

— **"FAR FROM SHORE,"** *Joe Daley, February 22, 1990*

Ten Years Ago

"I am *not* an *asshole!!*" Lee Swanson, KGTV's executive news producer, yodeled at me over the phone. He then added, somewhat self-defeatingly, "Come on over sometime. I'll be happy *to piss in your ear!*"

Mr. Swanson was referring, of course, to my column of two weeks ago in which I discussed my difficulty reaching him at Channel 10. I had suggested KGTV made a policy of not speaking to the San Diego *Reader*. Mr. Swanson was calling to tell me that I had "vilified" him in print. I offered that "vilified" was perhaps too strong a word. (And there you basically have conflict in a nutshell: Mr. Swanson, as a high-strung television person, was concerned with *appearances;* whereas I, as a print-media person, was more worried about semantics.)

— AS SEEN ON TV: **"RAGE YODEL,"** *Abe Opincar, February 16, 1995*

Five Years Ago

After last week's item about *San Diego Union-Tribune* honcho Herb Klein being told by city clerk Chuck Abdelnour he might have to register as a lobbyist because of Klein's activities on behalf of the proposed downtown baseball stadium, *U-T* staffers were in an uproar. Klein is not just editor-in-chief of the *Union-Tribune,* they say; he is editor-in-chief of all the Copley newspapers in America. He has virtually nothing to do with the day-to-day running of the *U-T,* the chain's flagship, they told a media watchdog website that picked up the item. That, supposedly, is editor Karin Winner's job.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"HERB WHO?"** *Matt Potter, February 17, 2000*

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Crasher

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

by Josh Board

I had two parties one night that couldn't have been further apart in the music spectrum. The first was for a heavy metal band, and the second was hosted by a woman who works at a jazz station.

I went to the metal party first. It started early, since they were recording three songs at Signature Sounds on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. This is where U2 worked when they were in town, and the studio has a platinum record on the wall from the Irish band.

As I walked down the hall of the studio, I laughed when I saw a sign that said "Quiet, recording" handwritten and taped to one door. I thought that was stating the obvious. Besides, I assumed these studios were all soundproof, so unless a bomb went off in the hallway, it wouldn't be picked up on a recording.

When I asked guitarist Mark Evans about the sign, he said, "Oh, Switchfoot is working in there right now." They're a San Diego band that has gotten popular nationally. I was at a Tower Records in La Jolla when a thousand fans showed up for their CD signing. I wondered — if word got out that they were here, would fans be waiting in the parking lot?

Top: Melody Ebner, singing (Guy Gonzales on left) *bottom left:* Mark Evans, Frank Valenti, Joe Marlett; *bottom right:* Big Time Operator horns

The party was wrapping up as I arrived. I had seen the band, Kicking Kate, a year earlier at a military party in P.B. I was glad I remembered the singer, Frank Valenti, doing great covers of Van Halen songs. It's embarrassing when you forget somebody, especially when you watched their band play for an hour. And that's what happened when the guitarist mentioned playing the national anthem. I didn't remember, and he said, "How can you not remember? You wrote about how moving it was." Oh.

> My eardrums were just recovering from being kicked by Kate, and I walked in to find a band playing in her living room.

I asked about the name of the band, Kicking Kate. The band (who was without their drummer Bill, who was in Chicago on business) all started talking at once. Mark said, "It's like those signs you put on someone's back when you were in school. They say, 'kick me,' and you tape it on without the person knowing." I asked who Kate was and didn't get an answer. Frank said, "At first, I liked the name 'Bent' for our band. But 'Kicking Kate' is cool. 'Kicking' can mean so many different things. If you are hanging out, people say, 'We're just kicking it.' And someone might be trying to kick a heroin habit. It has so many meanings."

A studio isn't the best place for a party. The friends, fans, and groupies all want to talk and party. The band wants to lay down their tracks, mix songs, and talk with their producer. I talked to one guy who was leaving, and he said, "Yeah, the party was cool. The guys didn't cut loose like they normally do. We heard the three songs they recorded about a thousand times. They will always be in the hemisphere of my brain now. Just like 'The Piña Colada Song.' " I thought about how, in Mick Fleetwood's book, he mentions the band spent a million dollars on drugs and booze recording one album, just on the parties in the studio. All I saw around here was a few cans of beer and soda.

When the band played their cover of the Beatles' "Come Together," I looked at Mark's wife on the couch. She looked tired but smiled. I said, "How many times have you been forced to hear this?" She said, "A lot!"

I told them the song sounded like Aerosmith (who also covered "Come Together") meets Pantera. Frank raised his fist and was thrilled I said that. Pantera was one of his favorite bands, along with Tool and Metallica.

I asked what they had to do to get the rights for the song. Mark said, "It was $42 because of the length of the song. We had to pay the stan-

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dard rate, which is 84 cents a minute. Since we are only doing 500 pressings of this CD, it wasn't that expensive."

Frank added, "We were doing three songs, so we thought we'd do a cover. I like the fact that the lyrics don't mean anything. And we wanted to really punch it up. The Aerosmith version sounds just like the Beatles. We didn't want that. On the ballad we do, called 'I'll Do Anything,' I didn't want a slow song at first. They talked me into it and I realized that could work. It was our pop song." He went into an elaborate explanation of the song and the lyrics, making fun of the fans who like those poppier-sounding tunes.

The last song they recorded was "In the Dark." I asked Frank if he had heard the Billy Squier song of the same name. He hadn't.

People were leaving the party, so the band had to give hugs and shake hands as I peeked around the studio. Producer Joe Marlett was showing me how the console works (which I knew a little about from my days in radio). Mark yelled, "We call him Joe Jitsu because he moves his hands so fast over that thing, like it's a martial art."

Mark told me Joe had worked with a lot of big-name bands, but Joe didn't want to get into that, though when he overheard me talking about Nirvana, he told me he was in the studio with Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic when they mixed the last new song by Nirvana.

I Googled Joe's name the next day and saw that not only has he worked with San Diego artists blink-182, A.J. Croce, Switchfoot, and Jewel, he's also worked with acts as big (and diverse) as Korn, Seal, Destiny's Child, and the Foo Fighters.

Frank is this good-looking, muscular, dark-skinned guy with a shaved head and devilish eyebrows. I said, "For a heavy metal singer, it's refreshing to see your arms aren't covered with tattoos." He laughed and said, "It's strange, because my stepmom in New York, she's one of the top ten tattoo artists in the U.S, and she did a tattoo too for Scott Ian, the singer of the metal band Anthrax. She always said if I want a tattoo, go to her. One time, I wanted this Pantera album tattooed on my back. She said, 'Come back in a year. If you still want it, I'll do it for free.' The next year, I wanted something around my arm instead. Again she said, 'Come back in a year, and if you still want it, we'll do it.' I realized that having a tattoo is permanent. I wouldn't have regretted having the tattoos because they would show what I was into at that time in my life. But having ink done might not be something you want years later. I still don't have a single tattoo."

Since this band isn't how they make a living, I asked about their day jobs. Mark is a paralegal. Frank sells stereos. I laughed when he said, "Actually, they sell themselves."

I loved Frank's enthusiasm toward music. I would ask him a question and he'd be talking a mile a minute. I told him, unlike singer/songwriters who play acoustic guitars, he would never be able to play his songs for his aunt or grandmother. He went into a long explanation about how supportive his friends and family are. But I couldn't picture his grandmother banging her head to one of these songs or being at a concert and — instead of holding up a lighter during a favorite song — holding up her cane.

As I was leaving the studio to go to the jazz party, my ears were buzzing. I heard a few people complaining in another studio. One guy said something like, "I can't believe those guys even have a record deal. They're horrible." I have no idea who they were talking about, but it couldn't have been anybody working in Signature Sounds that night.

Leslie Ebner, who works for Jazz 88.3 FM, invited me to the next party. It was for her Nth birthday. (That was my little present to her — not printing her age.) I brought her flowers because when I was in the store I saw flowers wrapped with paper that had horns and saxophones and thought that was perfect for a jazz lover. It didn't occur to me that they were wrapped that way (and inexpensive) because they were probably left over from New Year's Eve.

Her house off of Murray Ridge wasn't far from the recording studio. My eardrums were just recovering from being kicked by Kate, and I walked in to find a band playing in her living room. It was Big Time Operator, a band I'd seen before at a few clubs, with a complete horn section.

In the kitchen, I was talking to Leslie and a girl she works with named Jennifer. I told Jennifer she looked like Hilary Swank and she thanked me. But she actually looked a lot prettier and more feminine than Swank.

I asked Leslie how she got such a good band to play a party. "Did you use your radio-station connections?" Jennifer said, "She's sleeping with the trumpet player." It turns out Leslie's husband plays trumpet in the band. He's also a children's music teacher in Carlsbad. I asked Leslie if she played an instrument. She said, "Oh, no. I'm just a groupie." They have been married for well over 20 years.

I was talking to Lisa for a while. She sings in a band called the Rhythmakers. A few people congratulated her on a screenplay she just sold to Lifetime. We talked a little about writing. She ended up joining the band to sing "Chain of Fools," which sounded great.

Her hairdresser Lynette showed up, with her husband Guy Gonzales. Lynette was cracking us all up. She was making fun of people and saying crazy things. At one point, she asked if I had any coke to snort. She got up and sang "I Will Survive," and I laughed when she kept singing, "I hope you die, die, die, die." She said later she usually says a lot more risqué stuff, but there were kids at this party.

One of the kids, Melody (Leslie's cute 13-year-old daughter), got up and also sang "I Will Survive." Nothing better than hearing a young teenager sing about heartbreak. When she finished, the crowd went nuts. The band asked her if she wanted to do another song. I didn't hear exactly what she said, but something along the lines of "I can sing 'Rainbow Connection.' I know all the words to that." And she sang it beautifully. I was munching on some cake at the table, and one woman sitting nearby said, "I bet you'll be seeing her on *American Idol* soon."

There was a lot of great food. Leslie said, "My cousin Ellen Ross is the catering manager for the Butcher Shop." I said, "Oh, so you got all this for free?" "Oh, no," she answered. "I still had to pay for it." Geez. Where are the perks people should be getting from people they know? At least she probably got the band to play for free.

I asked if her neighbors ever complained about these loud parties. She said, "No. I always

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thought someone would from down below the canyon. But my husband practices every night, and we've never had anyone complain."

When I went back into the kitchen to talk more with Lisa, I saw the invitation on the freezer. It said, "Help Leslie celebrate her waning hipness."

I told someone I felt bad for telling Jennifer she looked like Hilary Swank when she's so much prettier. The lady said, "She probably took it as a compliment. But let me ask you this. Do you think that guy over there looks like Sam Elliott?"

I laughed. The guy was talking to someone in a Hawaiian shirt who looked just like Jimmy Buffett. I've seen so many men over 40 wear Hawaiian shirts to parties and clubs. I'm not sure what that's about.

When Guy Gonzales got up with the new band, he sounded great on guitar. He sang "Jump Jive and Wail" and in the middle did a tribute to Louis Prima. The kids loved hearing him make sounds that they had to repeat. I found out he was in a group called the Screaming Primas that does a tribute to Prima.

I was looking at all the trumpet players and noticed that the trombone player looked pissed. He was just standing there while the others swayed back and forth in rhythm. There was one time when he had a solo, and even after that, with the applause, he was frowning.

One woman looked like Jennifer Lopez and was dancing all over. I told Lisa it was strange to see a woman in her late 40s wearing a half-shirt. Yes, she was attractive. But to me, she was trying way too hard.

I had a blast watching the kids dance. Some were as young as eight. Watching them enjoy good music instead of Britney Spears was nice. They seemed to enjoy "Respect" and "Hold On, I'm Coming" as much as the current crap most kids like.

I went to get some wine in the back yard and met some people in their late teens. One guy was wearing an Iron Maiden shirt. I told him, "The band is going to play 'Run to the Hills' next" (a Maiden song). He laughed and said, "Right." He was standing next to a girl who was about 6'2". I said, "I know tall people hate when they are asked if they play basketball. But do you?" She smiled and said, "No, but I did crew when I was in college."

I went over to Jennifer, who was talking to a woman in her 60s. They were talking about cats. I said, "What is it with women and cats?" Jennifer said she likes dogs, too, and made us laugh with an explanation of the difference between the two animals.

The party wrapped up around 2:00 a.m. Leslie said, "Come back tomorrow and watch the football game. We'll have another party and eat all these leftovers."

I said, "You must have parties all the time." She said, "No, not really. We are going to start having more, though. Maybe a few times a year."

Lisa said, "Is there anything you want him to write about for his article? Everyone else is gone now. You have his complete attention and can say anything you want."

Leslie said, "Oh, no. I wouldn't think of doing that. I don't tamper with that stuff. It's his art and I don't want to meddle. Let him write what he wants and what he observed."

And so I did. ■

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Ketching Up with Dad

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— Nikos Kazantzakis (*Zorba the Greek*)

"I just had a ketchup incident. Want to hear about it?" "Of course, Dad, you know I'm always up for a good story," I said into the phone.

My father proceeded to tell me how he thought he had struck it rich with the red stuff that makes up 30 percent of his diet. "Ketchup is a food group," he's told me time and again, reciting scientific facts that prove the tomato substance can cure cancer (if the government called upon him to rework the food pyramid, ketchup would form its base). When Dad's friend, a representative for a grocery supply company, mentioned that he had ketchup he couldn't use, Dad offered to "get rid of" the burdensome stuff.

Should my father ever have the urge to publish, it will be a list of his greatest receipts.

"Not because I was going to keep it all for myself, you know. I thought I could give some to Jane, some to Heather, even to you, if you wanted any," he said. Between a few of his charities — the orphanage in TJ and St. Vincent de Paul Village — and his desire to have a "lifetime supply," Dad wasn't worried about finding a good home for the condiment. When he revealed the brand was Hunt's and not Heinz, I said, "Thanks, but I don't want any. So what's the problem, anyway? Free ketchup sounds right up your alley, no matter what brand it is."

Dad continued his tale. "When we moved the ketchup to my trunk last night, it was dark outside, and the box was heavy."

"Yeah?" I prodded, in a wary tone.

"Well, I just opened the box. No wonder it was so freakin' heavy! In the box were six seven-pound cans. What am I going to do with huge cans of ketchup?"

"Buy plastic containers," I suggested.

As if he hadn't heard my suggestion, Dad went on, defeated. "No, no, it won't work. You can't keep a can once it's been opened. Nobody can use this, not even the orphanage. I think I'm going to give it to Maryanne at Little Chef's. She just renovated the place; maybe she can use it." (Little Chef's is the restaurant in O.B. at which my father has lunched almost daily for 20 years, always ordering the Chinese special of the day. The day it went up a dollar, ears in the restaurant burned with the sound of his outrage.) By the end of Dad's story, the bubble of laughter that had been rising within me became uncontainable — I burst out in hysterical giggles.

"What's so funny?" He really didn't know.

"You, Dad. You are." My father has never passed up a good deal, and the way this one went sour was reminiscent of that *Seinfeld* episode in which Kramer gets a deal on tons of chili and ends up feeding it to a horse. Comedy.

Though my father can see the humor in his story, he didn't intend for it to be funny. Scoring a great deal is serious business, and Dad is the king of thrift. Once, he called me to share some great news. When asked what it was, Dad pulled out a receipt from his latest trip to the commissary, read each item and the price he paid for it, and followed that up with a detailed report of the cost of the item at every other grocery store in town. Late in life, some people like to compile a collection of their letters. Should my father ever get the urge to publish, it is more likely to be a book of his greatest receipts. The man is proud of his savings.

I must have gotten my urge to splurge from Mom. As frugal as my father is, I am frivolous. For every quarter he saves, I spend a dollar. I thought my father's being parsimonious was a bad thing — that he was cheating himself out of living the high life. Rather than purchasing a ticket for the

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best seat in the house, he volunteers to usher for shows in order to see them free (with the exception of opera; he'd happily pay $100 to savor one aria while seated comfortably). I recently had an epiphany as to why Dad's cheapness is okay, and it happened the other night while we were dining at my favorite Italian restaurant, Antico Toscano on University Avenue.

The owner of the restaurant, Luca, is straight from Italy, as is his vast wine list. Where I most likely would have ordered something in the higher price range (because that's supposed to mean it's the best, right?), Dad went for the house Chianti. He sipped the wine and praised the liquid's body and taste, but I could tell that as important as those were, if he thought he had paid too much, the sweet fullness of the red would have turned to vinegar on his tongue. "A wine expert at Costco told me that many of those higher-priced bottles are 'ego wines,' " he said. "You can get a great bottle of wine for six bucks." He took another sip and smiled with satisfaction.

The same pleasure I get from treating myself with a ring from Tiffany or a last-minute trip to New York, Dad gets from finding a good deal. For most of his life, thrift was necessary for survival. "You know," he said, "Grandpa's father died of the flu in 1918, and Grandpa and his brother were put in a home, like fuckin' Oliver. There was no extravagance in any way." Dad's father worked on Wall Street, lived through the Depression, and raised four kids (including Dad) in a small Brooklyn apartment. The year my father turned 30 he had four daughters and a wife to feed and clothe.

I can see 30 on my horizon, and so far, I am my only responsibility. As a headhunter, I earned a huge commission that, within a week, I blew on furniture imported from Italy and a few epic parties. I still buy on impulse. In December, I saw a picture of an ostrich-feather boa in a magazine. I called the store from our hotel, learned they had the red-and-black beauty on hand, and without a second thought, dragged David to Rodeo Drive and snatched it up. Later, when for a brief moment I doubted my rash decision, I merely thought of how fabulous it looked and felt and how much fun I would have wearing it, and my worries evaporated.

"If you want that much ketchup, why don't you go to Costco?" I asked my father on the phone.

"You're missing the point," he said. Now that his daughters are mostly self-sufficient and he lives alone, he can afford bits of luxury. Dad's taste for discounts goes beyond a pressing need to save; he's gotten so good at getting deals it's become a rewarding hobby for him. He enjoys the perpetual challenge of getting more out of everything in life for less. For doing something he loves as much as volunteering at the airport (once a week he helps people find their way to wherever they're going in San Diego), he gets free tickets to SeaWorld and free parking right by the escalator.

Dad enters every contest he can to win free tickets (whether or not he's heard of the movie, show, or concert). This offers him the double joy of getting something for nothing and trying new things he might not have otherwise known about. I used to think Dad was cheating himself. But searching every corner of the globe for good deals — from silk ties for a dollar in Korea, to shell necklaces in Hawaii for his daughters — it turns out he's been living a rich and rewarding life...at a discount.

"Hey, Dad," I said, before letting him get off the phone, "is there any way we can get a deal like that for Heinz ketchup?"

"I'll look into it," he said. I'm sure he will. ■

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Barbarella Sweeps the Beats with the Highway Patrol

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A chill breeze made its way to my neck through the open door. The dark car glowed bright intermittently, as though an erratic searchlight was seeking me in the shadows. Rush hour had come and gone, but cars continued zipping past at 80 miles per hour, their headlights depriving me of stars.

I was sitting in the passenger's seat of a California Highway Patrol car; the driver's-side door was wide open, and I worried it would get torn off by one of the blurry objects flying by. I twisted around to see what was happening and tried to focus on the two small silhouettes several yards away. The larger of the two, a menacing figure, drew closer to the man in the uniform.

I had been interviewing Officer John Nevarez on the shoulder of the freeway when the Suburban pulled up behind us. I didn't think much of it, but when a beefy man stepped out of the car, Nevarez visibly stiffened beside me and said, more to himself than me, "This isn't good."

Introduction to Cop Land

Whenever I'd imagined myself in police cars, I was always in the back. Cops were the bad guys, just the "Man" out to get you. But that was before my sister Jenny began dating Brad a couple of years ago. When I found out he was a "CHiP," the first thing I thought was *I guess Jen's not coming to any more of my parties.*

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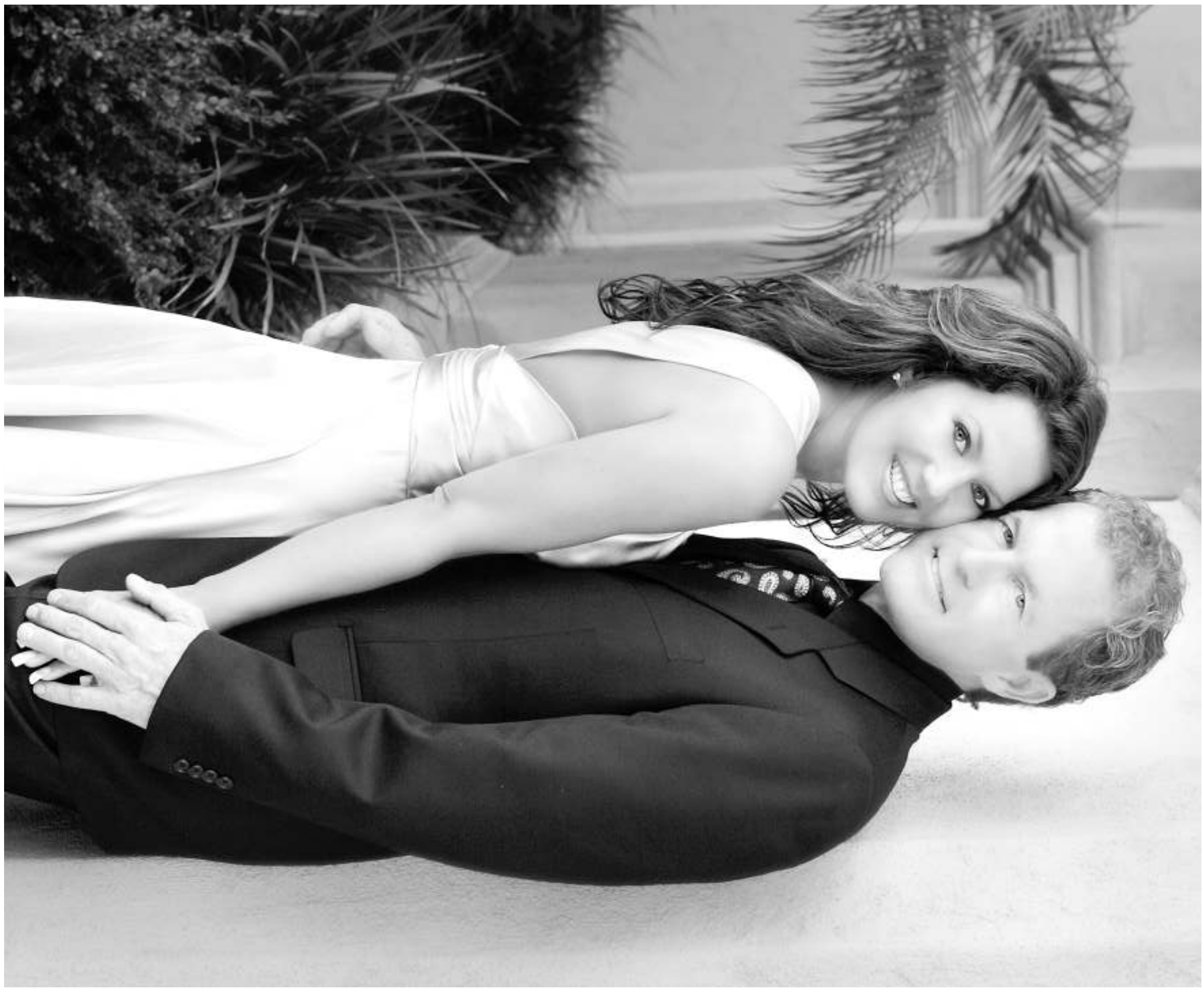

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But Jen is a great judge of character, and I knew there was no way she'd spend that much time with an asshole. I reluctantly forced myself to reassess my stance and concede that he was not only a standup guy with a wicked sense of humor, but also worthy of my sister's affections.

When Brad talked about his work, he was full of humanity and his stories often made us laugh. During meals, Brad would regale us with examples of how stupid people can be while drunk (aside from the obvious: the fact that they choose to drive in the first place). He tended to avoid discussing accidents, glazing over the subject with scathing remarks about the careless drivers who tend to cause them. When he did speak of accidents, he described them evenly and with journalistic precision.

I began to wonder about other CHP officers: was Brad an exception, or was it really possible that there were others like him? I told Brad that I was interested in meeting more of San Diego's CHiPs on the job. He thought it was a great idea and said he'd see what he could do to help me get in the door.

Many of the officers, including the women, seemed to be barrel-chested, but I soon realized that under their tan shirts they were wearing bulletproof vests.

Dark and Early

Through the San Diego Public Affairs department, I arranged to report at 6:00 a.m. on a Friday for A-watch, the morning shift, switch over to B-watch in the middle of the day, and ride right on through to the overlapping graveyard shift — C-watch. When Jen told Brad of my plan to ride along for 15 or 16 hours straight, he said, "Man, she's hardcore." But sitting in a car all day didn't seem like a big deal to me.

I set my alarm for 4:30 a.m. but I didn't need it. I woke early, brimming with excitement, and hopped into the shower. Washing suds out of my hair, I began to conjure dramatic scenarios of hot pursuit. Then I imagined myself caught up in the biggest car chase of the year, on the tail of the next Son of Sam, and having to pee. What to do? I'd hate to interrupt an officer's important work for a pee break. I determined to be judicious about my intake of liquids. At 5:30 (with a sufficiently empty bladder), I stopped at the gas station in Kensington to purchase gas, diet Vanilla Coke, and a Zone bar.

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ened at the sight of all those patrol cars — the Pavlovian response of one who has spent her share of time breakin' the law. Freshly lipsticked, I stood outside peering through the locked glass door at the front of the building until a man in civilian clothes spotted me and cracked it open. I'd clearly interrupted a lively conversation he was having inside with a woman behind the counter. He wore a cautious smile and asked, "Can I help you?" I explained that I was there to tag along in a patrol car for the day, and though he said he didn't know anything about my appointment, he invited me inside while he asked around.

I waited patiently in the hallway, listening to the rhythmic *clink-clink*ing of cop paraphernalia as officers in uniform strolled by. Attached to their belts were batons, pepper spray, handcuffs, cell phones, and keys, each item tucked into its own black holster or pouch. I could clearly see their guns and tried not to imagine them being used. Many of the officers, including the women, seemed to be barrel-chested, but I soon realized that under their tan shirts they were wearing bullet-proof vests.

I was wondering how they could walk with all that crap weighing them down when a short, blonde officer approached me and said, "Hi, I'm Jenny Panfil. You're my ride-along this morning." She spun around and marched off ahead of me. I followed her out the back door, where patrol cars waited in the dark like shiny black-and-white horses, saddled and ready to run. It took us a moment to find our vehicle, which apparently wasn't parked in its usual spot, but once we did, Jenny suggested we first get some coffee. My kind of cop.

Jenny is attractive and fit, a compact woman who has worked for the CHP for ten years. On the way to 7-Eleven, I learned that her husband, Scott Panfil, is a CHP motorcycle officer. They're on different shifts, which means that between work and their two small children they hardly get to see each other. Jenny originally planned to become a physical therapist, but shortly after she began a master's program she started to doubt her choice of profession. "I've always been a free-spirited person, and that just really wasn't appealing to me at all," she said. "I was

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not looking forward to my career." She wanted to become a cop because she "liked the idea of helping people."

Sweeping the Beat

At 7-Eleven we ran into another officer who told Jenny he was covering the Coronado Bridge, saying something about a "jumper." The bridge is infamous for being the site of numerous successful suicide attempts. As we pulled away, Jenny explained that many officers have had the haunting experience of trying to talk someone down and failing. Then she said, and not for the first time that morning, "Death is something you're never prepared to deal with."

We set off to "sweep the beat," which to you and me means "look for stranded cars." Officers select beats by seniority at their morning briefing, and that day Jenny had chosen Beat 1, which stretches from the border to downtown along Interstate 5. We cruised the freeway without incident until the staticky voice of the dispatcher filled the car: someone had called in to report a dead animal in the roadway. "Why would they tell *you* that?" I asked. Jenny explained that CHP officers are responsible for dragging roadkill off of the freeway, where Animal Services can pick it up later.

It is obviously not her favorite thing to do — "I pretty much gag the entire time" — but Jenny stressed that the CHP's primary obligation is keeping the roadways clear and safe. The caller had told the dispatcher that the dead animal was "near a lottery sign," but after a diligent search, Jenny called in a UTL (unable to locate) and we continued our sweep.

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Jennifer Panfil holding photo of fallen Officer Dean Beattie

We drove south as the sun peeked up over the cement horizon. Traffic was light for us, but the northbound side was bumper to bumper. We soon spotted a car stopped on the shoulder next to the center divide. Jenny stopped on our side of the divide and told the driver the FSP would come give him a tow. She called it in, he smiled gratefully, thanked us, and we moved on. I looked at Jenny and raised an eyebrow: "FSP?"

Freeway Service Patrol, she explained, is free in California; giving the CHP sweepers a hand, tow-truck drivers cruise the freeway at rush hour in search of broken-down cars. The FSP can help motorists change tires or, if necessary, tow their cars to designated areas called "drop spots" located safely off the road. Some drivers sit in their car for hours after breaking down, waiting for help to come, oblivious to the fact that a call box may be just feet away.

I was mulling over the surprising utility of our tax dollars when Jenny suddenly floored it. A motorcycle was ahead of us, moving very, very fast. Jenny accelerated until we were behind the bike, explaining that she was using "bumper pace" instead of radar. "Right here, we're not losing or gaining any distance,

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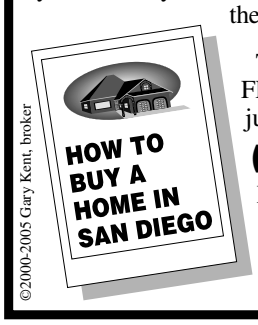

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and my speedometer is staying at about 88 or 90 miles per hour." The motorcycle driver clearly had no idea we were behind him. "See that?" Jenny asked. "If I can't see his rearview mirrors, he can't see me. With that girl on the back, at this speed, all she has to do is lean one way or the other. That's how they lose their balance."

She reached over and pressed a blue button located at the top right of two rows of colorful squares set in a black box on the dashboard where the car stereo usually is. Our front lights came on, but the biker did not slow down — Jenny was right, this guy couldn't see us at all. Then she pressed a red button. The sharp, high-pitched "WOO, WOO!" of the siren finally hipped the driver to the situation, and he pulled off onto the shoulder.

I waited in the patrol car while Jenny spoke to the bikers. The car smelled of leather and vinyl, clean but for the faint odor of exhaust wafting through my window. If it weren't for the metal cage in back and all the tech-geek equipment up front, I'd have thought the Crown Vic was a rental car, devoid as it was of personal effects. The traffic stop seemed to take forever, and I found the temptation to push all those seductive buttons excruciating. Red, blue, yellow, green! I somehow managed to keep my fingers to myself until Jenny got back in the car and said she needed to find a restroom. Officers need to pee too! I was ecstatic, especially since she seemed to know all of the cleanest bathrooms in town. We made a pit stop and resumed our patrol.

"I am more afraid of getting run over or hit by a car than I am of getting in a physical altercation or getting shot at."

Jenny wrote three speeding tickets that morning, and each person had the same excuse: "I'm late for work."

"They're so focused on being late for work," she said, "they're already distracted, then add driving too fast and you have a dangerous condition. They're just not paying attention."

I brought up the popular belief that cops have quotas to fill, but Jenny assured me they do not. If officers are on the road driving their beat, chances are they will catch someone doing something wrong. "It's like dealing with a kid — how long do you let them get away with something before you follow through?" She told me about one particularly difficult woman who refused to sign her ticket, arguing with three officers who had to threaten her with jail before she finally gave in.

Jenny does not enjoy writing tickets. She understands that people make mistakes, that we're all human, but it's her job to

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ensure that the laws of the road are obeyed. "This is not a job where you make friends," she said with resignation. "We rarely get thanked for what we do."

Danger on the Highway

Waiting for a tow truck to collect an unregistered car abandoned just north of the border, we received a call from the dispatcher telling us we were needed to help clear an accident on the 805. The dispatcher then reported a second collision at the same location — a patrol car had been hit — and we hurried to the scene once the tow truck had finally arrived.

"The dispatcher is your lifeline," Jenny said on the way. "If you're out on something like a traffic stop and it goes bad, your dispatcher is the only person who can get someone to you." I'd discover that for myself a few hours later.

The entire city of San Diego is served by only one dispatcher at any given time. One person handles all calls to 911 made from a cell phone (it is assumed that mobile callers are on the road — 911 calls made from landlines are tracked and routed to the local police department), and that same person is responsible for managing all the communication among the officers on patrol. "One? Only one?" I kept asking in disbelief. Apparently they're hiring. "We need more bodies," she said. "We can use all the help we can get."

We pulled over north of the E Street exit on the 805 South. Jenny said I could step outside, but she warned me to stand as far off the shoulder as possible. Two women stood chatting on the dirt next to a light pole. On the shoulder were two slightly dented cars, innocuous-looking white and blue sedans that I assumed belonged to the ladies. A white sports car was in front of the first two (I could just make out the dark hair of a man sitting in the driver's seat), and last in line was a patrol car whose left side was so bashed in that it clearly wouldn't be going anywhere for a while.

Apparently there had been a minor collision involving the two women, and when the officer arrived he parked behind them. He was leaning on the hood of his car filling out a TCR (traffic collision report) when he heard a skid and then felt the impact in his hands as another vehicle slammed into his patrol car. The officer could have been seriously injured or killed.

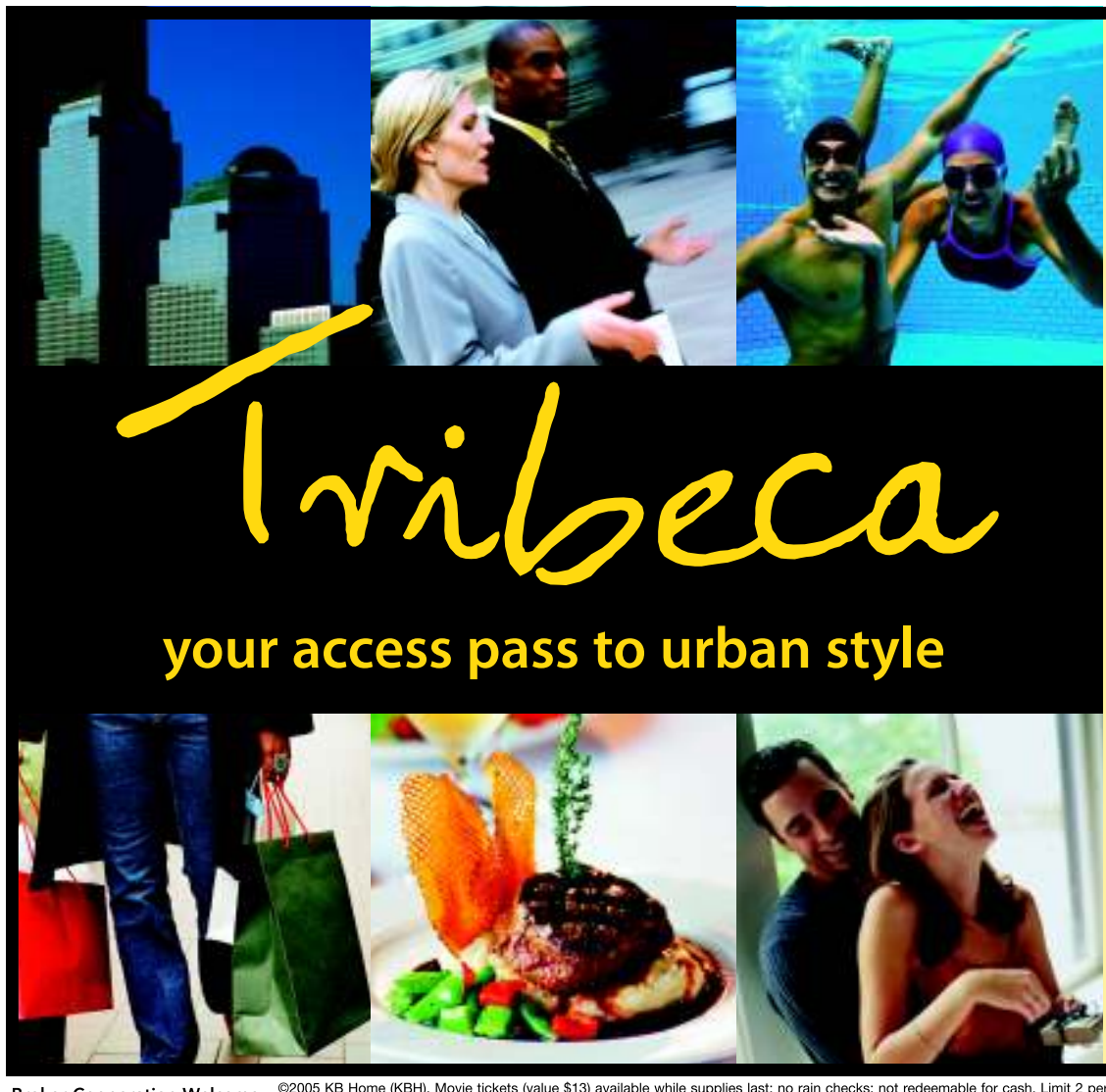
We headed for Panda Express. An hour later, with food and caffeine working their magic on my weary body, I was ready to hit the road again.

Earlier Jenny had confessed to me that "I am more afraid of getting run over or hit by a car than I am of getting in a physical altercation or getting shot at."

Fortunately no one was badly injured, but I asked Jenny how she handles the gore when a really bad accident occurs. She never gets queasy at the scene, she said: "You have a job to do, and you have to get that done." Though bloodshed seems "surreal," officers are much too busy trying to clear the road and transport the injured to a hospital to ponder the cruel whims of fate.

"My adrenaline keeps me going. When I first arrive at an accident, my actions are automatic." But afterward, when the work is done, she starts to wonder: who is the mother who just lost a child? Who is the child who just lost a mother or father? "The worst part is when I put myself in the situation and I think, what if that was someone *I* loved? What if my children lost *me?*"

Sometimes the tragedies do touch painfully close to home. We had pulled over to talk, and turning toward me Jenny sniffled as she wedged a finger beneath her sunglasses to wipe away a hidden tear. Two years ago, she had just finished making lunch plans with her husband when she heard the dispatcher say there was a motorcycle down on the 163. She initially assumed it was a civilian. Scott was on a motorcycle, but she didn't think he could have reached the location the dispatcher had mentioned, given where he had been when they spoke.



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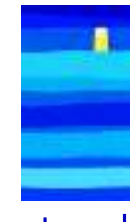

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When the dispatcher announced it was a CHP officer that was down, Jenny raced to the scene. Frantic, she racked her brain wondering who it could be as the dispatcher ran through a roll call of all the officers on duty.

"I remember pulling up on the southbound side — the accident was on the northbound — and stopping in the center divide. I couldn't get over the wall, couldn't bring myself to do it." Jenny no longer bothered to wipe away her tears now. "Scott walked over to me and I asked who it was. When he told me it was Dean, the first thing I thought of was his family, his kids, who's going to tell his wife?" Officer Dean Beattie had been on the verge of retiring. "He talked about his family constantly, and then just like that — gone…. He was so close to spending the rest of his life not *worrying*."

At the funeral, "sturdy and strong" men who rarely show emotion, men Jenny spent most of her time with, cried when the bagpipes played. "Death is something you're never prepared to deal with," she said again. Jenny pulled a uniformed sleeve across her cheek. "The reality of life and how fast it can come and go really hits you when you realize that you're not invincible."

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B Watch

By one in the afternoon, when we headed back to the ranch, this diva was withering away from hunger. At headquarters Jenny introduced me to Officer John Nevarez, who I'd be riding with that afternoon. While John was busy finishing a memo, I gulped down a cold Lipton Brisk, enjoying the lighthearted banter that officers indulge in as they go about their business. Schedules were posted on a wall next to a tall stack of internal mailboxes. I wrote an obscenity-filled note on my flower-stamped stationery and dropped it in Brad's box.

John stood up when he was ready to go. He had brought his lunch (why didn't I think of that?), but he offered to save his sandwich and dine with me instead, so we headed for Panda Express. An hour later, with food and caffeine working their magic on my weary body, I was ready to hit the road again. We climbed into the patrol car and were immediately summoned to an accident

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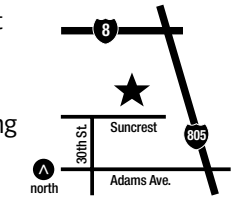

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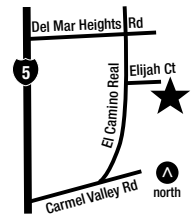

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on the ramp leading to Interstate 8 from 15 South. That wasn't on our beat — at the afternoon briefing John had chosen Beat 11, covering the 805 freeway from the 94 to the 163 — but when there's an accident, officers from all beats come to help.

It was after 2:00 p.m. and southbound traffic was crawling. Stuck heading north on the 15, we made an unorthodox U-turn across the center divide, a narrow dirt strip between two cement curbs. As we headed back southbound, I nervously waited to get pulled over for our stunt before I remembered where I was. We weaved insouciantly through the traffic, John tapping the siren on and off while I smiled at all the drivers who stopped to let us by. (I'm gonna need one of those noisemakers for the Barbmobile. They're so much more effective than my horn!)

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Brad Clinkscales, Mark Gregg, John Nevarez, Jennifer Panfil

At the scene of the accident, officers had already closed off the ramp and were directing traffic down the 15. I stepped out of the car to get a better look at a crushed truck whose bed was folded like an accordion. The afternoon heat, mixed with the exhaust from the idling engines of patrol cars, was oppressive. Caltrans workers were cleaning up the rubble, and officers were directing the congested traffic to a detour, jotting down information and speaking with each other. "Do you have a camera?" John asked me. He thought the truck would make for an interesting picture. Unfortunately the only camera I had on me was the one on my Treo 600 — not the best quality. Both drivers involved in the collision were being taken away in ambulances when we arrived, and I was relieved to hear they sustained only minor injuries. I got back in the cool car, wondering how the officers

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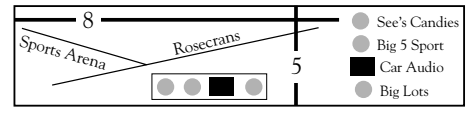

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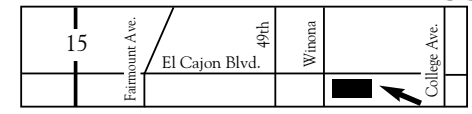

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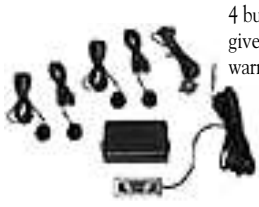

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could stand there fully dressed and wearing bulletproof vests in that thick blanket of hot, turgid air. John finished assisting the other units and returned to the driver's seat.

Throughout that afternoon I heard the dispatcher say "boy" several times. Shifts overlap, so when two officers are on the same beat, a simple code helps clarify things. Officers on A-watch are referred to as "Adam," on B-watch they're "Boy," and on C-watch, "Charles." A motorcycle officer is "Mary" in the morning and "Nora" in the evening. There are no motorcycle officers on the graveyard shift because officers have to ride in pairs in the wee hours.

We were called to another accident not a mile north of us. It was a fender bender involving two large vehicles, one with a trailer. John hopped out of the car while I stared at the dry, flame-ready brush reaching up to the window. I braced myself for a blast of superheated air and stepped out of the car to watch John and another officer question the drivers. Traffic was still backed up from the first wreck. Suddenly tired, I leaned against the patrol car, my arms clasped behind my back, until I noticed that many of the people I watched slowly driving by seemed in turn to be watching me. It occurred to me that it might appear as though I were handcuffed, and with reddening cheeks, I got back into the air-conditioned car to consult the Scrabble game I had going with my Treo.

John returned to the car and said that one of the drivers had been severely embellishing when giving his account of the incident. I asked him how he could tell, and John told me he couldn't really explain it, he just *knew*. After so many years on the force, officers develop a sixth sense about things.

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Customer Service

Heading north to yet another accident (it seems that Friday afternoons are treacherous!), John noticed an SUV taking pains to stay behind us. He pulled off to the shoulder, and when the SUV passed us, John spotted the 2003 registration tag — long expired — and stopped the car at the top of the next off-ramp. He opened the door and removed his shades. "I always try to take off my glasses when I'm going to talk to someone," he said, "so as not to seem impersonal." As he walked away, I thought of how I've been less than diligent about the upkeep of the Barbmobile's paperwork. There was a time I earned a ticket every few days for my expired tags. By the time I had taken care of my shit, I owed over $1000 — procrastination is pricey. I sat there, brimming with sympathetic dread, watching John talk to the poor sap.

John sauntered back to the patrol car. While the man in front of us waited, John showed me how to use the CHP computer to look up the perpetrator's DMV record. According to the screen that sat between us, this guy hadn't registered his car in years. I continued to search the system for information while John stepped out again to bring the guy up to speed (no pun intended). When he returned a second time to write the ticket, John explained that he could have had the car towed. The man was cooperative, though, so John spared him.

"I think of these people as clients," he said. "A sergeant once told me that on average a person has a total of only ten minutes' contact with law enforcement in their lifetime. I try to make those minutes the best experience possible. I give them the respect I would wish to have if I were in their place."

John invited me to come up and watch the next time he had to issue a ticket or question someone. I was eager to, but I said I'd hang back until he could gauge the situation. If I was getting a ticket, I couldn't bear the added humiliation of being studied by

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some random observer. But I admit that I found the idea of being a not-so-small fly on the shoulder of a CHiP in the midst of a lecture about the dangers of aggressive driving to be quite appealing. Over the officer's shoulder, I imagined, I would punctuate each sage sentence with "Yeah!" or "That's right, buddy, you heard the man!"

Lying to the Man

I once worked for a personal injury law firm where I learned up close how very common it is for people to lie to authority figures. I encountered one client who repeatedly contradicted himself, and I found it impossible to be polite to him. When it comes to saving our asses or getting more money, some of us are shameless. Many accidents end up in court, where both judges and cops stumble over the holes in people's stories all the time. John was about to fall right into a doozy of a ditch.

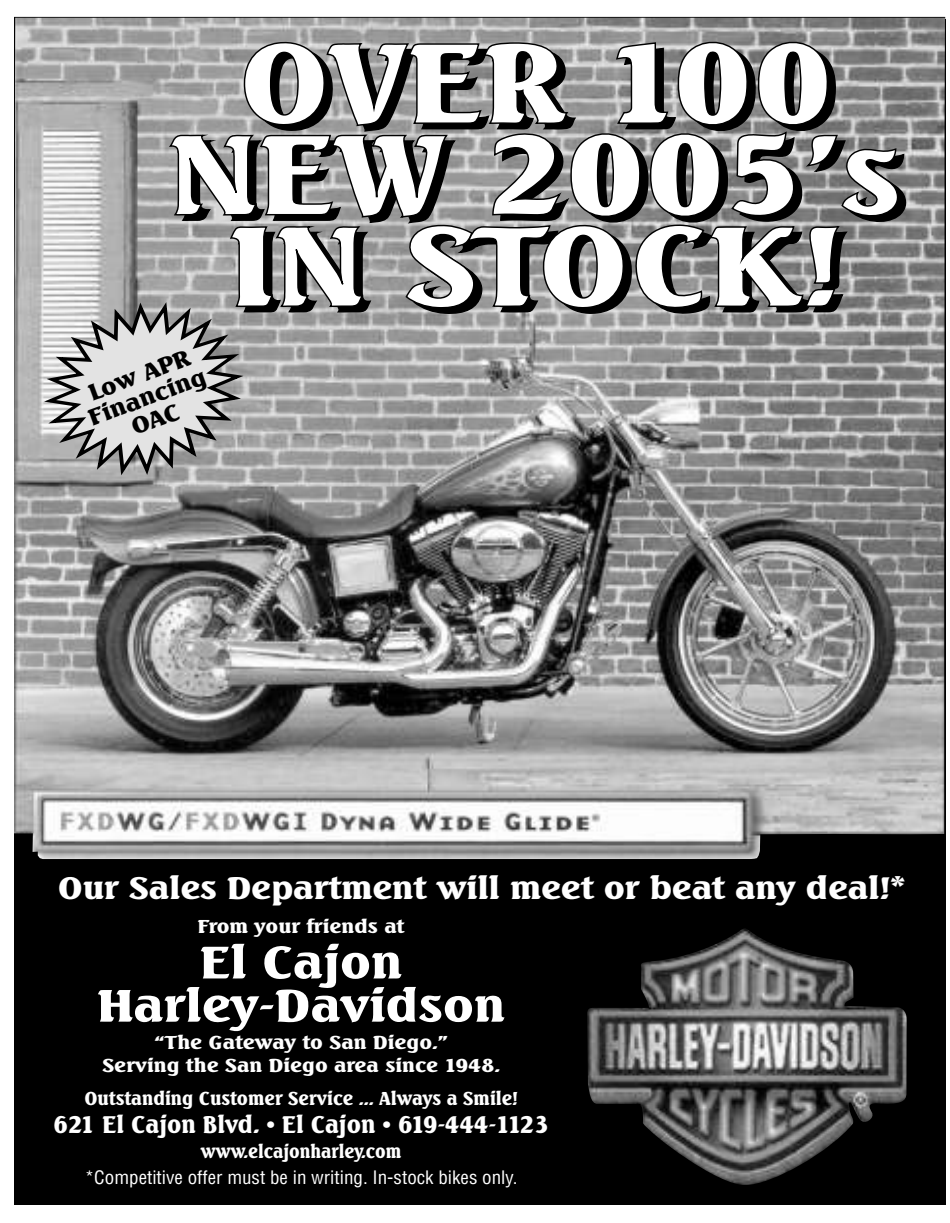
Two cars had crashed on the 805. We pulled up next to one of the cars, which had come to a stop in the center lane on the northbound side, and John got out to talk to the driver, Ms. L. When John returned, he started the car and we began to weave woozily back and forth across the lanes. We were doing a "traffic break," and with the help of a motorcycle officer it didn't take long for drivers on the freeway to get the idea and slow down. I relished the wandlike magic of the lights on our roof — their unmatched ability to make people stop and go with a blink of red and blue. When we'd finished with the traffic break, Ms. L hopped in her van and scooted over to the shoulder next to Ms. S, just as John had instructed her.

The driver of the El Camino was dead. John walked up to what was left of the Honda and peeked inside. A woman in the driver's seat was pinned between the back end of the car and the steering wheel, but she was still alive.

Ms. L had told John that a third woman, who had since fled, had cut in front of her, causing her to swerve, and then "Ms. S hit me." John told Ms. L that it seemed odd that Ms. S could have "hit" her car, when Ms. L said she was the one who swerved in front of Ms. S. A mystery indeed.

We pulled up behind them, and the two officers interviewed the women while I played with the computer and lightly fondled the colorful buttons. When John returned, he told me that Ms. L had changed her story since he'd last spoken to her. Now she maintained that she never swerved at all, and she was demanding a traffic report. The damage to the vehicles supported her first story, as did Ms. S's account of the incident. It amazed me that the woman so clearly at fault, the one who had offered contradictory accounts, was the one especially adamant about having a report written.

Brad had once told me that getting used to people lying was one of the most difficult things about the job. "Nice soccer moms, brownie-baking AYSO moms will look me right in the eye and bald-faced lie. When it comes to self-preservation, some people will lie through their teeth." He eventually learned not to take the lies personally — people are just trying to stay



out of trouble — and he came to appreciate the comic possibilities in such all-too-human foibles. Brad described the rhetorical acrobatics some lone riders perform trying to explain what they were doing in the carpool lane. "One person said with a straight face that he thought his dog counted because it was over 100 pounds." Another man repeatedly insisted that his wife was in the back of the camper until he finally admitted that he was hoping he could bullshit his way out of a ticket. Like many officers, Brad understands what causes people to lie so badly, but he appreciates honesty above all else. "It's unsettling to me how many people preach integrity and have none."

Little Guy in a Big Truck

Once the pertinent information was recorded — "If she wants a report, I'll give her one," John said, "though it won't be what she's hoping for" — we got on the freeway in time to see, speeding by, a truck whose body was lifted so high above its wheels you'd need a grappling hook to get into the driver's seat. Other drivers on the road looked at John and pointed their fingers as it flew past — concerned citizens, I'm sure. That truck had to be going over 90. We caught up to him with lights flashing (John let me push the button — this must have been my karmic reward for being so patient in Jenny Panfil's patrol car earlier that day), and the driver stopped on the shoulder before the Mission Valley exit.

Confession: I *hate* high-riding trucks. They're in the way, they obstruct my vision, they look ugly, and there's no good reason for them to be that high. And why is it that the shorter the man the higher the

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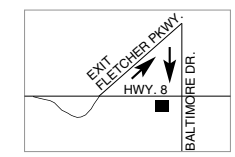

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truck? I was glad that this smarmy little Napoleon got pulled over. Now, I can understand why if you are a 5′2″ man you might want to experience the pleasure of a higher vantage point, but climbing ten feet into a big truck does not make you taller, it does not mean you've got a big dick, and it does not make you more attractive than you would be if you simply accepted your height, as I've accepted my weight, as God's gift to personality enhancement.

John asked Napoleon, who was in his mid-twenties, for photo identification. Napoleon said he didn't have any on him. John told him that without picture ID, he'd have to take him in to find out who he was. The kid suddenly "found" his passport. I ran the plates through the computer and discovered several priors: accidents he'd caused (in the same truck, naturally), failures to appear, speeding tickets, and more. No wonder he couldn't find his license, he was probably afraid we'd run it, unaware that license plates provide enough information to go on. John could have taken him to jail, but he chose to write Napoleon a ticket after giving him a stern lecture.

Cracked Out

All those hours on the road were taking a toll on me, and I was fading fast. I let John know, in no uncertain terms, that if I didn't get caffeine soon, I was going to pass out on the shotgun I had been mistaking for an armrest between us. All of those accidents meant hours of paperwork for John; he was happy to get the basics down on his laptop while I refreshed myself. I offered to type up his reports but he politely refused. When I told him I could type more than 90 words per minute, he rethought his position and politely accepted.

Having worked as a paralegal, I was already familiar with traffic collision reports, and with my data-entry experience I quickly figured out the software. We blazed through the reports — every officer should have a secretary to take care of his administrative duties. "If you don't see us on the roads," John said, "it's because we're in the office writing reports."

I have to admit I got off on sharing a coffee break with the man in uniform — I felt as though I had breached some sort of social barrier by making light with the arm of the law. Not long after we'd finished the skeleton reports, we were called to another accident. I licked the straw clean of the last of my Java Chip Frappuccino, and off we went.

I was on my fourth or fifth caffeine-powered wind when we pulled up to the scene of the accident, which had already nearly been cleared. The sun was no longer visible, but the sky was still light. I hopped out of the car and walked toward three young blondes (two girls and a guy) milling about while a tow truck hoisted one of the two sedans at the scene. I approached a tall brunette who was standing apart from the rest, and I asked if she was okay. It turned out she hadn't been in the accident but had arrived in a patrol car.

Her name was Mindy Wilson, a dispatcher on a routine ride-along. It's common for new dispatchers to accompany officers on the beat in order to familiarize themselves with the areas they'll be dispatching for. We spoke for a while, but the Frappuccino really wouldn't let go — I was talking a mile a minute and rubbing my head like an itchy crack whore, but I managed to get in a few practical questions, like: why did she choose this profession? I discovered for the umpteenth time that it's a very small world and an even smaller city. Months ago, Brad was on KUSI with Mike Turko of the "Turko Files." Mindy watched the brief ride-along and thought that working for the CHP might be fulfilling.

I had learned from Brad that if you're driving on the road and you see a police car, never pull up behind it, whether or not you think you have a legitimate question or are in need of help.

I struggled to stay with her, distracted as I was by the buzzing of my overworked brain, but I gathered that soon she'd be heading to Sacramento for a four-week training session. My caffeine kick felt much too similar to being high on *coca,* which was unsettling since I was surrounded by the *fuzz.* I felt defensive and continually fought the urge to explain that I had just downed a HUGE coffee.

Mindy didn't seem to notice; we chatted until two of the blondes took off in the tow truck, their car hitched behind them. The third blonde drove her white sedan away in one piece while Mindy and I bid each other adieu and reported back to our respective patrol cars to be taken on different adventures.

A Promise Lost

We spotted two speeding cars, and John let me choose which one

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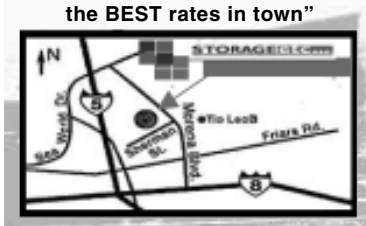

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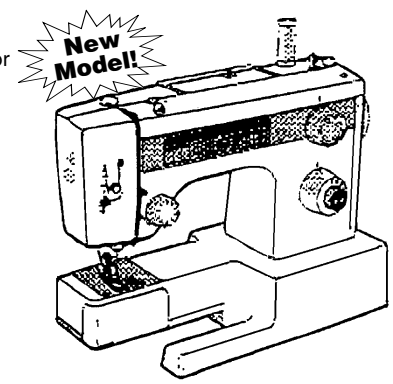

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to pull over ("you can't get 'em all"). The caffeine had lost its edge after about an hour, and I was a little less jumpy now. I had asked John what his most tragic experience had been as a CHP. He was quick to answer, and matter-of-fact about it. He had been working a graveyard shift with another officer elsewhere in California when they spotted a white Honda parked on the shoulder of the highway with its hazard lights blinking. They were about to pull over when a call came through telling them to report to the scene of an accident. It turned out to be a minor fender bender, and when the officers had almost cleared it they got a call to check out another "major" accident — the dispatcher reported cars blocking the roadway in the same area they had seen the Honda. They sped back.

The Honda had been crushed by an El Camino traveling 75 miles per hour. The driver of the El Camino was dead. John walked up to what was left of the Honda and peeked inside. A woman in the driver's seat was pinned between the back end of the car and the steering wheel, but she was still alive. John told her the fire department was on its way and that everything was going to be fine. A man in the passenger's seat was harmed the least, as the rear left of the car had taken the brunt of the impact. Another woman was "flopping around" in the back seat. I assumed he meant she was dying, but I didn't ask.

The driver kept repeating, "I'm not going to make it," and

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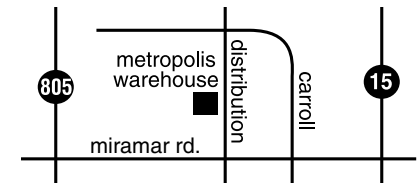

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each time she said this, John would counter, "Don't worry. You'll make it, I promise.

"Just before the ambulance got there," John continued, "the woman was in my arms, and she took her last breath and slumped over the wheel." I saw in John's face the regret and guilt he shouldered. "The totality of it really bothered me," he said. "If we had known, I mean… I couldn't keep my promise."

John relayed more tragedies, more people dying in his arms, gruesome stories all too common to the job. "Stuff that doesn't need to happen, caused by the stupidity of people who don't think ahead," he said, describing a man with a .35 alcohol level who had killed a family of four. John believes everything happens for a reason. In the face of so much sudden death, such conviction must be the only way to stave off despair.

Irate Citizen

Haunted by the images he described, I wanted to hear something positive. "What makes you feel good about being a California Highway Patrol officer?" This seemed to engage him. John pulled onto the shoulder in order to give me his full attention, and he launched into a story. Then he suddenly stopped.

"Someone just pulled up behind us." A look of considerable agitation crossed his face. "This isn't good."

John jumped out of the car in a hurry, forgetting to close his door. I turned around in my seat. A giant of a man was out in front of a black Suburban, pointing and screaming at John as he approached. John stayed perfectly calm as he led the man toward the back of the passenger's side. The man was visibly unhinged, his arms windmilling, his lips fluttering angrily, his head bobbing in violent emphasis.

I eyed the radio. Jenny Panfil had explained earlier that day how to use it to contact the dispatcher. "If anything were to happen, say if I was suddenly attacked while apprehending someone, you press this button and tell them what's going on. Help will come." What are the chances, I'd wondered at the time. Now I considered my options.

Looking back again, I spotted a woman in the passenger's seat of the Suburban. At first I thought she was staring at me, but when I focused I could see that she was looking around blankly, occasionally turning to watch her companion scream at John. I lowered my head closer to the police radio, listening intently for John's voice. I had forgotten that an officer's voice can't be heard in his own patrol car — something about proximity to his antenna. When I had finally decided what I'd say to the dispatcher, I heard the gritty echo of the dispatcher's voice: *"11-Boy requesting backup — he's on the shoulder of 805 southbound just north of Balboa Avenue, dealing with an irate citizen." John had already taken care of it.*

It was dark now. Occasionally the light of passing cars illuminated the interior of the patrol car. The message breaking through the radio static made me nervous for the first time that day, and I wondered if I could figure out how to use the shotgun. Irate Citizen was not becoming less of one — his energy seemed limitless. PCP, I thought. That can make a man stupid enough to pull up behind a parked patrol car to yell and scream at an unsuspecting officer.

I had learned from Brad that if you're driving on the road and you see a police car, *never* pull up behind it, whether or not you think you have a legitimate question or are in need of help. He told me about a time he'd had to make a "high-risk stop," meaning he'd pulled someone over who was "more than likely in a stolen car, with a high likelihood of having a weapon." In such encounters, officers keep a gun at their side. While Brad stood there, gun in hand, a second car pulled up behind him. A young woman got out and started walking toward him. He doesn't remember exactly what she wanted, but it was something inconsequential, like asking for directions or hoping he'd sign off on a fix-it ticket. If the subject Brad was about to apprehend had had a weapon, he could have

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seized that moment of distraction to shoot both Brad and the woman.

Minutes after John's call for help — it seemed like an eternity — I saw blue and red lights whirling behind the Suburban — backup! I watched as four uniformed men joined John to quickly surround Irate Citizen. The woman who had been in the passenger's seat got out of the car and approached the circle of officers as the man in the middle shouted at *all* of them; she piped in when she could, and the circle widened to include her.

John walked back to the patrol car, leaned in the window, and told me it was safe to get out now if I wanted to. "What the hell is going on back there?" I asked. But he was already heading back to what was now a substantial crowd of people. Three CHP officers and one SDPD officer had arrived. I followed after John, and by the time I got there, Irate Citizen had finally stopped screaming, but his speech was still animated. While background checks were being run, an officer filled me in, explaining that the couple lived in their vehicle. Their trailer, along with most of their possessions, had recently been towed, and they decided to express their displeasure to the first lawman they came across.

John later told me the man was mostly yelling things like "YOU FUCKING PIGS, YOU TOWED MY CAR!!!" Jenny Panfil had said that such tirades are not at all uncommon. She's been called any number of colorful names, and officers are not allowed to arrest people for verbal harassment. Call it a job privilege.

I listened as the man tried to explain himself. "We're not out there doing crack and causing trouble," he shouted. "There are different types of homeless people!" His girlfriend was dancing now, though she wore her headphones above her ears, high up on a pink bandanna. She interrupted her odd jig and asked me, "Why you ain't wearing no uniform?" I told her I left it at home.

When the background checks didn't turn anything up, John bade the fine citizens good-bye, and the officers all returned to their respective beats. In the car, John said, "In all my time [here], I've never called for backup before."

Smoking Gave Him Away

Back on the road, John

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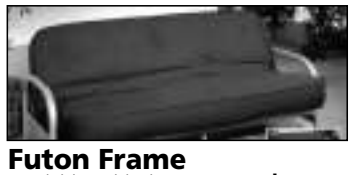

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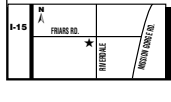

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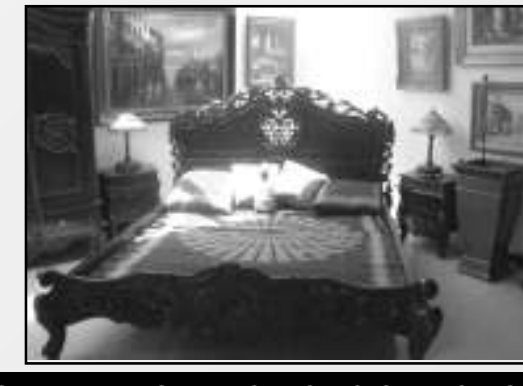

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tried once again to explain what he loved about his work. He was in the middle of a story as we were getting off the Adams Avenue exit on the 805 when we noticed the orange cherry of a cigarette creating a sparkly little fuss as it landed on the road in front of us. "That's a $271 fine, you know." Gesturing at the red truck in front of us, he added, "I could pull him over, but there are two people in that car. I couldn't write one a ticket if there's a possibility that the other one threw the cigarette. But I *could* give him a scolding."

We flashed our lights and the truck pulled over. It was almost 9:00, and I was fading. While John was talking to the driver, I debated whether to ask him to drop me at home a few blocks away or take me back to my car at the station. It soon became clear, though, that we weren't going anywhere anytime soon. I watched as John led the driver out of his truck and over to the curb. I cracked the window and heard John explaining the tests he was about to give the man. Well, well, I thought. Caught driving drunk by your own cigarette-flipping hand.

I could hear him answering John's questions — the number of drinks he said he'd imbibed changed each time he was asked. I looked on surreptitiously, not wanting to embarrass the poor guy — he had enough to worry about. He aced many of the dexterity tests, but balance was a problem. John explained to the man that he was going to take him down to the jail and asked if he was willing to take a Breathalyzer test.

I'm not sure about the rules when it comes to what is required when facing that honest little machine, but the guy agreed to take it. His blood alcohol level was .17. He then requested a blood test "because it takes longer." Another officer had arrived and was going to park the truck on the street — the second man in the truck had also been drinking and would be walking home. John put his hand over the driver's head and eased him into the patrol car. Once our guest was seated, the car filled with a pungent stench — a noxious mix of beer breath and stale, ashy cigarettes.

The man complained that the cuffs were uncomfortable, to which John buoyantly replied, "Then we'll hurry up and get down there!" He was fairly coherent and seriously bummed out. We had been alone for a brief moment after John shut the back door and walked around to the driver's side. I had turned to look through the holes of the cage. "Hey," I'd said. The man giggled and said hello. Then he tried to talk me into convincing John to let him go. I said, "Sorry, man. Your situation sucks right now, but it ain't my gig."

Time to Crash

John took me back to the station. I got out of the car and said good luck to the drunk in the back, who was on his way to detox and booking. John got out as well, and I gave him a hug. I had come to care for him and his safety in the few hours we'd spent together, as I had come to care for Jenny that morning.

The tickets, the accidents, the stories…my head was swimming with it all as I drove home, mindful of my speed. I was ready to crash (meaning my head on a pillow, not my car on the road). The sky was as dark as it had been when I'd started out that day, but the ride was much different. Close to my exit, some asshole cut me off and I instinctively reached for the buttons that would flip on the colorful lights and siren. To my bafflement, the only high-pitched sound I heard was the caterwaul of that tacky tramp Britney. No lights on my hood, no siren attached, no authority to do anything but flip on my brights and scowl at the receding brake lights before me. Which is exactly what I did. ■

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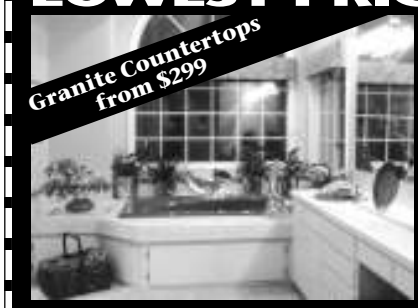

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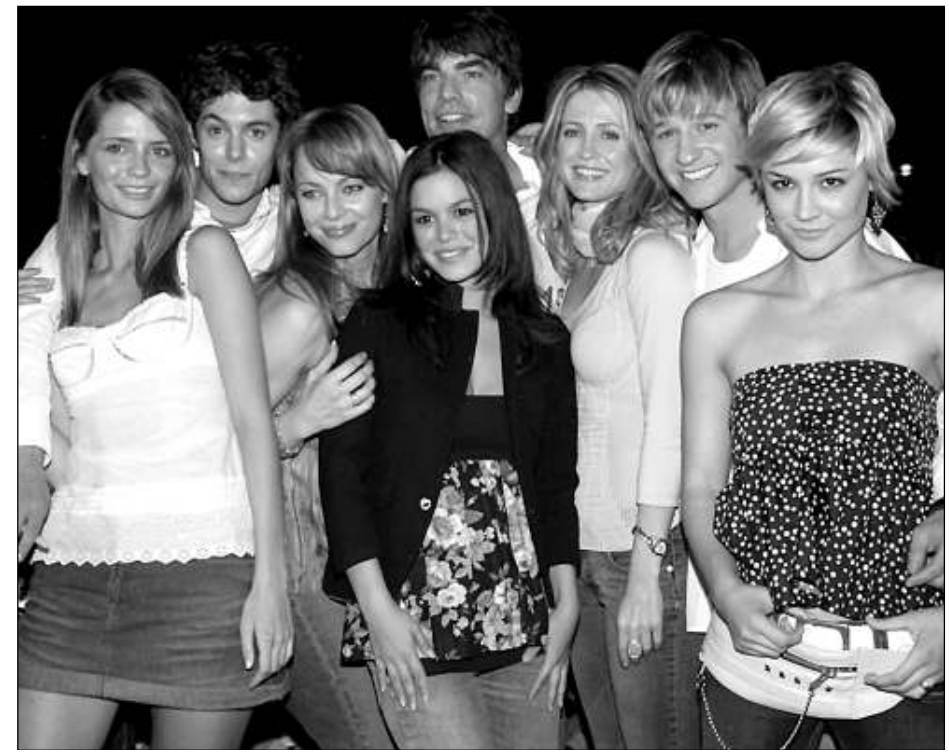

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"I WAS 16. I WAS IN THE BACK OF HIS CAR. ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER. I WAS HAPPY."

Erin Venables, a junior at Mt. Carmel High, enjoys listening to music in her free time.

How old were you when you first kissed a boy? "I've never really been kissed yet. I'm as innocent as innocent gets, which is pretty hard to come by in high school."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "No; they left that task to sexual education in health. My parents have never really been able to talk to me about things like that."

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Sex on TV definitely influences teenagers. TV depicts young teens having tons of sex all the time. Almost anything on MTV, *One Tree Hill, The O.C.*, and any of those types of shows have a lot of sexual content."

What other societal influences make teens experiment with sex? "Music such as rap, drugs, and the stereotypical 'bad teen' stuff makes teenagers want to experiment with sex."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "Maybe clothes people wear. It doesn't really cross my mind much."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "It's not seen as a bad or good thing when a guy isn't a virgin."

How are sexually active girls looked upon? "Most of the time, a few choice words come to mind, such as slut or whore."

What is your opinion about premarital sex? "I'm pretty indifferent to it, but I don't believe little 13-year-old girls are ready for it. Actually, I don't think teens in general are ready for it."

Have you ever had sex? "No; I'm abstinent."

Why? "I personally don't think someone in their young years is ready for sex."

Scripps Ranch High School junior Jerry Flores likes to play basketball and box.

Where were you when you first kissed a girl? "It was after school and we just got off the bus, and we were just talking and in the middle of the conversation I just kissed her. Then there was that one moment of uncertainty where I didn't know if I was right or wrong to do so, then she just kissed me back and that answered that. It felt good and I was relieved that I acted on my feelings."

How long after that did you kiss a different person? "It was three months, give or take a week, later."

How old were you when you had a more intimate sexual experience? "I was about 15. I was in O.C. and it was at a Christmas party, and my whole family was staying with our cousins for a week. I used to live in the area so I had a lot of old friends and they were there at the party. Everyone was preoccupied with the party so just her and I kind of crept out of the party and went to her parents' car to have a little talk alone. One thing led to another, and we ended up on top of each other — clothes still on — kind of groping each other and touching each other all over. I was disappointed later to learn that she was actually involved with someone else, and I was just something to keep her occupied. Make sure relationships are more like baking ovens, not microwaves."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "No; they never had

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that talk with me."

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Yes; it does because it makes it seem like regular everyday happenings. Programs like *Nip/Tuck* have sexual content."

What other societal influences make teens experiment with sex? "I think shows that explore homosexuality, including lesbians, contribute to that."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "Clothing or the lack thereof, excess skin, cleavage, and short shorts can lead to sexual thoughts."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "They are looked upon as the more experienced or wiser guys."

How are sexually active girls looked upon? "If a girl has had more than one boyfriend, then she's looked down upon and even if she's steady with one guy it's just looked at as okay."

What is your opinion about premarital sex? "I'm indifferent to it. Well, to me it's a personal issue. It's up to people on how they want to show their love."

Have you ever had sex? "No; I've never had sex."

Why not? "I'm abstinent only because I haven't found the right girl yet."

Lilly Lai, a senior at Mt. Carmel, lists going to concerts and watching movies as her favorite pastimes.

How old were you when you first kissed a boy? "I was 16. I was at my house on the couch watching *Finding Nemo* with my boyfriend. I was scared at first, then very happy."

How long after that did you kiss a different person? "It was 28 days

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later."

How old were you when you had a more intimate sexual experience? "I was 16. I was in the back of his car. One thing led to another. I was happy."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "They never gave me that talk."

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Yes. Shows like *Real World, Nip/Tuck, Sex in the City,* and *Undressed* have a lot of that stuff."

What other societal influences make teens experiment with sex? "Rebelliousness, the belief that there are no consequences, peer pressure, the media — magazines, advertisements — all influence teenagers."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "Public displays of affection and the way certain people dress might lead to sexual thoughts."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "They are looked upon as champs, smooth, Casanovas, and winners."

How are sexually active girls looked upon? "They are looked upon as easy, sluts, whores, dirty, and girls with no self-respect and self-esteem."

What is your opinion about premarital sex? "I'm indifferent to it."

Have you ever had sex? "Yes, I've had sex."

Mt. Carmel junior Paul Zatarain does homework and plays racquetball when he's not at school.

When did you first kiss a girl? "Well, there were a couple of us playing hide-and-go-seek. This girl and I ran off to hide and she pulled me up close...and, fireworks! It was grand."

How long after that did you kiss a different person? "It was maybe a couple of months later...like, four or five."

How old were you when you had a more intimate sexual experi-

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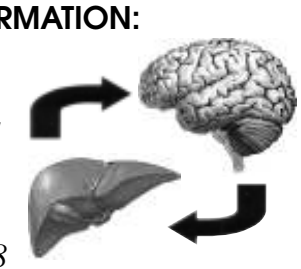

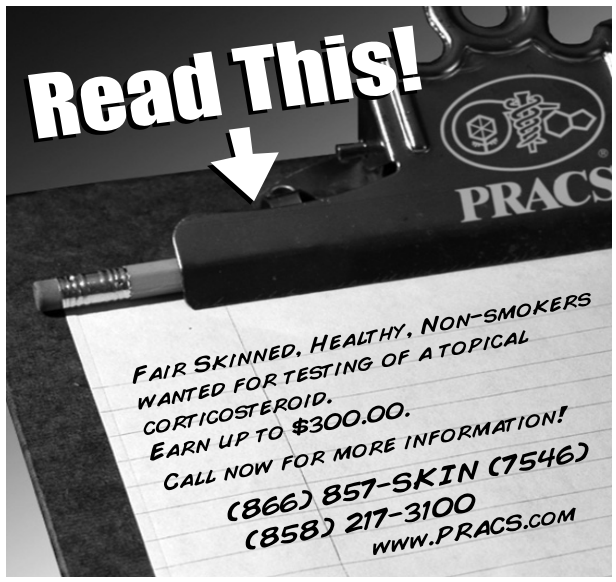

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ence? "I was 15, and I was kind of embarrassed because it was the first time I had ever undressed in front of a girl, but she didn't care. I guess we loved each other."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "No; I've never had the sex talk."

Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Personally, it doesn't affect me, but the media is making our young girls dress more scandalously. I don't appreciate that."

What other societal influences make teens experiment with sex? "Peers, definitely peers, influence teens to experiment with sex."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "Girls wearing very little clothes, short skirts, and low T-shirts showing breasts can lead to sexual thoughts."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "They are looked upon like they are 'grown up' and in love."

How are sexually active girls looked upon? "They are looked upon as dirty, promiscuous, and not respected."

What is your opinion about premarital sex? "I know I should be against it, but I admit I would want it. I am against it and wish people would make the commitment of marriage before they have sex."

Have you ever had sex? "I've never had sex."

Why not? "I am afraid of getting diseases or a girl pregnant. Plus, my parents would lose their respect for me."

Ayesha Ghosh, a tenth-grader at Mt. Carmel, likes "swimming and just chilling with friends" in her free time.

How old were you when you first kissed a boy? "I've never..."

Did your parents tell you about "the birds and the bees"? "No; I learned about it in school and from other people."

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Do you think sex on TV influences teenagers to participate in sexual behavior? "Yes, it does influence teenagers. Shows like *The Mountain, One Tree Hill,* and almost all shows have a lot of sexual stuff."

What other societal influences make teens experiment with sex? "Going to parties, drinking, and friends influence teens."

What do you see every day at school that leads to sexual thoughts? "Nasty, slutty girls with holes in their pants can lead to sexual thoughts for some."

At your school, how are sexually active boys looked upon? "They are viewed as hot and sexy."

How are sexually active girls looked upon? "They are viewed as grody whores, but only if it's obvious."

What is your opinion about premarital sex? "I'm indifferent to it. Have sex whenever you want. I don't care. Premarital sex is fine."

Have you ever had sex? "I've never had sex."

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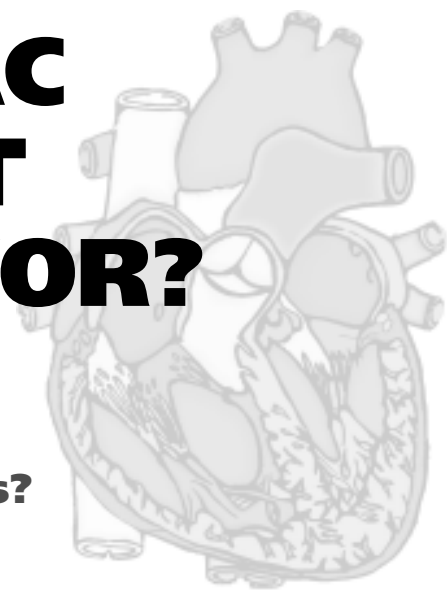

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Why I Write

From a very early age, perhaps the age of 5 or 6, I knew that when I grew up I should be a writer. Between the ages of about 17 and 24 I tried to abandon this idea, but I did so with the consciousness that I was outraging my true nature and that sooner or later I should have to settle down and write books.

I was the middle child of three, but there was a gap of five years on either side, and I barely saw my father before I was eight. For this and other reasons I was somewhat lonely, and I soon developed disagreeable mannerisms which maade me unpopular throughout my schooldays. I had the lonely child's habit of making up stories and holding conversations with imaginary persons, and I think from the very start my literary ambitions were mixed up with the feeling of being isolated and undervalued. I knew that I had a facility with words and a power of facing unpleasant facts, and I felt that this created a sort of private world in which I could get my own back for my failure in everyday life. Nevertheless the volume of serious — i.e. seriously intended — writing which I produced all through my childhood and boyhood would not amount to half a dozen pages. I wrote my first poem at the age of four or five, my mother taking it down to dictation. I cannot remember anything about it except that it was about a tiger and the tiger had "chair-like teeth" — a good enough phrase, but I fancy the poem was a plagiarism of Blake's "Tiger, Tiger." At 11, when the war of 1914–18 broke out, I wrote a patriotic poem which was printed in the local newspaper, as was another, two years later, on the death of Kitchener. From time to time, when I was a bit older, I wrote bad and usually unfinished "nature poems" in the Georgian style. I also attempted a short story which was a ghastly failure. That was the total of the would-be serious work that I actually set down on paper during all those years.

However, throughout this time I did in a sense engage in literary activities. To begin with there was the made-to-order stuff which I produced quickly, easily and without much pleasure to myself. Apart from school work, I wrote *Vers D'Occasion,* semicomic poems which I could turn out at what now seems to me astonishing speed — at 14 I wrote a whole rhyming play, in imitation of Aristophanes, in about a week — and helped to edit school magazines, both printed and in manuscript. These magazines were the most pitiful burlesque stuff that you could imagine, and I took far less trouble with them than I now would with the cheapest journalism. But side by side with all this, for 15 years or more, I was carrying out a literary exercise of a quite different kind: this was the making up of a continuous "story" about myself, a sort of diary existing only in the mind. I believe this is a common habit of children and adolescents. As a very small child I used to imagine that I was, say, Robin Hood, and picture myself as the hero of thrilling adventures, but quite soon my "story" ceased to be narcissistic in a crude way and became more and more a mere description of what I was doing and the things I saw. For minutes at a time this kind of thing would be running through my head: "He pushed the door open and entered the room. A yellow beam of sunlight, filtering through the muslin curtains, slanted onto the table, where a matchbox, half-open, lay beside the inkpot. With his right hand in his pocket he moved across to the window. Down in the street a tortoiseshell cat was chasing a dead leaf," etc. etc. This habit continued until I was about 25, right through my non-

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literary years. Although I had to search, and did search, for the right words, I seemed to be making this descriptive effort almost against my will, under a kind of compulsion from outside. The "story" must, I suppose, have reflected the styles of the various writers I admired at different ages, but so far as I remember it always had the same meticulous descriptive quality.

When I was about 16 I suddenly discovered the joy of mere words, i.e. the sounds and associations of words. The lines from *Paradise Lost,*

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which do not now seem to me so very wonderful, sent shivers down my backbone; and the spelling "hee" for "he" was an added pleasure. As for the need to describe things, I knew all about it already. So it is clear what kind of books I wanted to write, insofar as I could be said to want to write books at that time. I wanted to write enormous naturalistic novels with unhappy endings, full of detailed descriptions and arresting similes, and also full of purple passages in which words were used partly for the sake of their own sound. And in fact my first completed novel, *Burmese Days,* which I wrote when I was 30 but projected much earlier, is rather that kind of book.

I give all this background information because I do not think one can assess a writer's motives without knowing something of his early development. His subject matter will be determined by the age he lives in — at least this is true in tumultuous, revolutionary ages like our own — but before he ever begins to write he will have acquired an emotional attitude from which he will never completely escape. It is his job, no doubt, to discipline his temperament and avoid getting stuck at some immature stage, in some perverse mood; but if he escapes from his early influences altogether, he will have killed his impulse to write. Putting aside the need to earn a living, I think there are four great motives for writing, at any rate for writing prose. They exist in different degrees in every writer, and in any one writer the proportions will vary from time to time, according to the atmosphere in which he is living. They are:

(i) Sheer egoism. Desire to seem clever, to be talked about, to be remembered after death, to get your own back on the grown-ups who snubbed you in childhood, etc., etc. It is humbug to pretend this is not a motive, and a strong one. Writers share this characteristic with scientists, artists, politicians, lawyers, soldiers, successful businessmen — in short, with the whole top crust of humanity. The great mass of human beings are not acutely selfish. After the age of about 30 they almost abandon the sense of being individuals at all — and live chiefly for others, or are simply smothered under drudgery. But there is also the minority of gifted, willful people who are determined to live their own lives to the end, and writers belong in this class. Serious writers, I should say, are on the whole

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more vain and self-centered than journalists, though less interested in money.

(ii) Aesthetic enthusiasm. Perception of beauty in the external world, or, on the other hand, in words and their right arrangement. Pleasure in the impact of one sound on another, in the firmness of good prose or the rhythm of a good story. Desire to share an experience which one feels is valuable and ought not to be missed. The aesthetic motive is very feeble in a lot of writers, but even a pamphleteer or writer of textbooks will have pet words and phrases which appeal to him for nonutilitarian reasons; or he may feel strongly about typography, width of margins, etc. Above the level of a railway guide, no book is quite free from aesthetic considerations.

(iii) Historical impulse. Desire to see things as they are, to find out true facts and store them up for the use of posterity.

(iv) Political purpose. Using the word "political" in the widest possible sense. Desire to push the world in a certain direction, to alter other peoples' idea of the kind of society that they should strive after. Once again, no book is genuinely free from political bias. The opinion that art should have nothing to do with politics is itself a political attitude.

It can be seen how these various impulses must war against one another and how they must fluctuate from person to person and from time to time. By nature — taking your "nature" to be the state you have attained when you are first adult — I am a person in whom the first three motives would outweigh the fourth. In a peaceful age I might have written ornate or merely descriptive books and might have remained almost unaware of my political loyalties. As it is I have been forced into becoming a sort of pamphleteer. First I spent five years in an unsuitable profession (the Indian Imperial Police, in Burma), and then I underwent poverty and the sense of failure. This increased my natural hatred of authority and made me for the first time fully aware of the existence of the working classes, and the job in Burma had given me some understanding of the nature of imperialism: but these experiences were not enough to give me an accurate political orientation. Then came Hitler, the Spanish Civil War, etc. By the end of 1935 I had still failed to reach a firm decision. I remember a little poem that I wrote at that date, expressing my dilemma:

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been
Two hundred years ago
To preach upon eternal
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And watch my walnuts
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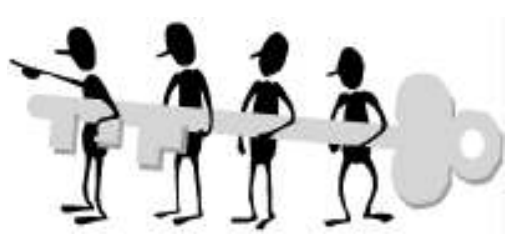

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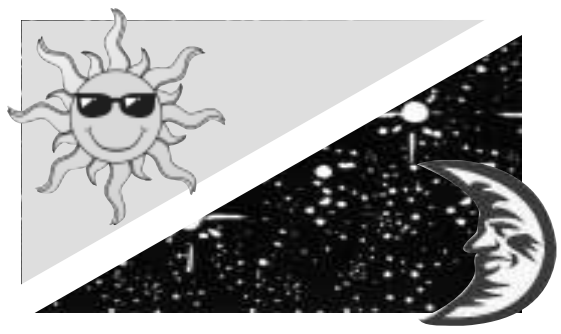

We're looking for men and women diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder. Volunteers at least 18 years of age are needed to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational use of a marketed drug for the treatment of Bipolar Disorder, also known as Manic Depression. **Patients suffering from Bipolar Disorder must be currently experiencing a major depressive episode.** All necessary office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications will be provided at no cost to qualified patients.

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But born, alas, in an evil time,
I missed that pleasant haven,
For the hair has grown on my upper lip
And the clergy are all clean-shaven.

And later still the times were good,
We were so easy to please,
We rocked our troubled thoughts to sleep
On the bosoms of the trees.

All ignorant we dared to own
The joys we now dissemble;
The greenfinch on the apple bough
Could make my enemies tremble.

But girls' bellies and apricots,
Roach in a shaded stream,
Horses, ducks in flight at dawn,
All these are a dream.

It is forbidden to dream again;
We maim our joys or hide them:
Horses are made of chromium steel
And little fat men shall ride them.

I am the worm who never turned,
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my fortune
While the radio plays,
But the priest has promised
an Austin Seven,
For Duggie always pays.

I dreamt I dwelt in marble
halls,
And woke to find it true;
I wasn't born for an age
like this;
Was Smith? Was Jones?
Were you?

The Spanish war and other events in 1936–37 turned the scale and thereafter I knew where I stood. Every line of serious work that I have written since 1936 has been written, directly or indirectly, *against* totalitarianism and FOR democratic socialism, as I understand it. It seems to me nonsense, in a period like our own, to think that one can avoid writing of such subjects. Everyone writes of them in one guise or another. It is simply a question of which side one takes and what approach one follows. And the more one is conscious of one's political bias, the more chance one has of acting politically without sacrificing one's aesthetic and intellectual integrity.

What I have most wanted to do throughout the past ten years is to make political writing into an art. My starting point is always a feeling of partisanship, a sense of injustice. When I sit down to write a book, I do not say to myself, "I am going to produce a work of art." I write it because there is some lie that I want to expose, some fact to which I want to draw attention, and my initial concern is to get a hearing. But I could not do the work of writing a book, or even a long magazine article, if it were not also an aesthetic experience. Anyone who cares to examine my work will see that even when it is downright propaganda it contains much that a full-time politician would consider irrelevant. I am not able, and do not want, completely to abandon the world view that I acquired in childhood. So long as I remain alive and well I shall continue to feel strongly about prose

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style, to love the surface of the earth, and to take a pleasure in solid objects and scraps of useless information. It is no use trying to suppress that side of myself. The job is to reconcile my ingrained likes and dislikes with the essentially public, nonindividual activities that this age forces on all of us.

It is not easy. It raises problems of construction and of language, and it raises in a new way the problem of truthfulness. Let me give just one example of the cruder kind of difficulty that arises. My book about the Spanish Civil War, *Homage to Catalonia,* is of course a frankly political book, but in the main it is written with a certain detachment and regard for form. I did try very hard in it to tell the whole truth without violating my literary instincts. But among other things it contains a long chapter, full of newspaper quotations and the like, defending the Trotskyists who were accused of plotting with Franco. Clearly such a chapter, which after a year or two would lose its interest for any ordinary reader, must ruin the book. A critic whom I respect read me a lecture about it. "Why did you put in all that stuff?" he said. "You've turned what might have been a good book into journalism." What he said was true, but I could not have done otherwise. I happened to know, what very few people in England had been allowed to know, that innocent men were being falsely accused. If I had not been angry about that I should never have written the book.

In one form or another this problem comes up again. The problem of language is subtler and would take too long to discuss. I will only say that of late years I have tried to write less picturesquely and more exactly. In any case I find that by the time you have perfected any style of writing, you have always outgrown it. *Animal Farm* was the first book in which I tried, with full consciousness of what I was doing, to fuse political purpose and artistic purpose into one whole. I have not written a novel for seven years, but I hope to write another fairly soon. It is bound to be a failure, every book is a failure, but I do know with some clarity what kind of book I want to write.

Looking back through the last page or two, I see that I have made it appear as though my motives in writing were wholly public-spirited. I don't want to leave that as the final impression. All writers are vain, selfish, and lazy, and at the very bottom of their motives there lies a mystery. Writing a book is a horrible, exhausting struggle, like a long bout of some painful illness. One would never undertake such a thing if one were not driven on by some demon whom one can neither resist nor understand. For all one knows that demon is simply the same instinct that makes a baby squall for attention. And yet it is also true that one can write nothing readable unless one constantly struggles to efface one's own personality. Good prose is like a windowpane. I cannot say with certainty which of my motives are the strongest, but I know which of them deserve to be followed. And looking back through my work, I see that it is invariably where I lacked a *political* purpose that I wrote lifeless books and was betrayed into purple passages, sentences without meaning, decorative adjectives, and humbug generally. ■

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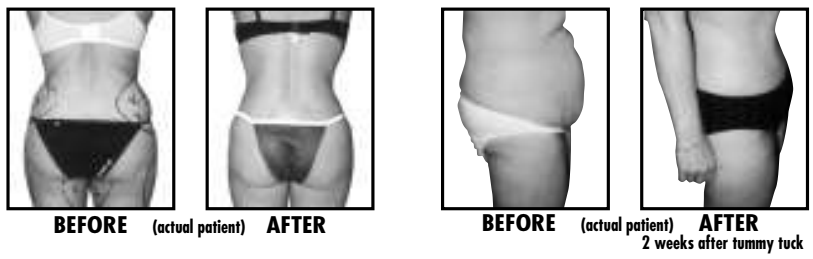

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This is exactly the room I've been afraid of all my life. A place where I have landed in middle age. Somehow I have failed, this time thoroughly. I find myself on a hard mattress with unnameable stains. It is covered with a tattered and faded Crayola-green polyester bedspread. I stare up at a stark, too-bright light fixture, breathe the diesel fumes from city buses and the incense from the Magic/Zen shoe-shine stand three floors below that waft through the windows. They must remain open because of the heat. Listen to the traffic on Broadway. Listen to the conversations of the taxi drivers in front of the Greyhound station hustling low-budget travelers from L.A. and Phoenix and Boise. I try to avoid looking at the pitted, nicotine-stained walls set with roach traps (I count six) along the cornice work. I ask myself repeatedly… What am I doing here?

The answer, I know, in part, is facing down that nightmare, confronting that fear. I remind myself that this is temporary; I will leave at the end of the week. The other tenants are also on the way from somewhere to elsewhere; kids from Europe with backpacks or pensioners between a 35-year dead-end job and death.

I get up and walk to the small table by the window that opens onto a view of a neighbor's room. He has a stack of paperback best-sellers on the windowsill, and

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his television is never turned off. He begins his day every morning at seven with a coughing fit and a cigarette. He makes instant coffee in a cup he never washes and keeps on the windowsill next to the books. This morning I see he has added John Grisham's *Street Lawyer* to the pile of finished novels. I imagine the old guy, always in a white T-shirt and suspenders, to be a disbarred lawyer or defrocked priest, possibly an unscrupulous, alcoholic doctor, ruined after a botched abortion. More likely he is a retired tool-and-die manufacturer from Gary, Indiana, whose San Diego retirement dream has become a rotted orange, *The Day of the Locust.*

I look at the lined pages of the legal pad I began filling last night. I had written: "Pickwick Hotel San Diego. What am I doing here? The end result of a lifelong inability to behave in ways that women would prefer I behave." I wonder what I meant by that. And then it comes back to me.

PHOTOGRAPH BY SANDY HUFFAKER, JR.

Outside Pickwick Hotel

I groan and cross out that line — both awkward and glib. I see I had written more, but I can barely read my handwriting. I was very tired. "…saw Pontiac today. He shined my walking shoes. Changed name of shoe stand from 'Zen' to 'Magic.' Talked about coincidence, it being a signpost to spiritual progress." That's sort of interesting. I'll talk to him some more about that. Nothing else to do except write or read — get *Roots of Coincidence* by Koestler? and *Prophecy.* I have hidden my six-year-old laptop computer beneath copies of *The Conscience of the King* by Alfred Duggan, *A World Lit Only by Fire* by William Manchester, and *The Anatomy of Love* by W.T.H. Jackson; research material. I figured that if the maid came in to case the room she would not look past the dull literature to the expensive-looking hardware beneath it. She could hock the thing for maybe $100 to feed, I imagine, her junkie boyfriend's *chiva* habit for a couple of days. It turns out I needn't have worried. The maid knocks only once the whole week, and I send her away and she leaves me and my gathering squalor alone.

I have a view across Broadway of the Pac Bell building, which houses the Washington Mutual Bank and the Morgan Stanley Dean Witter offices. A little park is at the corner. An upscale sandwich-and-gourmet-coffee lunch spot hosts a lot of phone com-

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pany employees, accountants, bank clerks, lawyers and court stenographers, paralegals, and legal secretaries wearing great clothes and eating interesting sandwiches washed down with gourmet coffees and Snapple. After commuter hours at night, the park is pretty much empty. Even the homeless, the inebriated, and the insane are repelled by the impotent whining of Kenny G and other wallpaper-jazz Muzak products issuing from hidden speakers around the buildings and park. This strikes me as diabolically ingenious: an echoey, acoustical Raid or Black Flag warding off street undesirables, potential vandals, defecators, vomiters, muggers, and dealers. I think of the kind of twisted soul who could loiter in this little parkette at night and suffer the onslaught of this musical Velveeta cheese and I shudder.

Of course, I hear it all night long. I'm grateful to the jukebox in the bar downstairs, the Piccadilly Room, for its wealth of R&B and rock that drown out the crap from across the street. But around ten at night, the jukebox shuts down, leaving a weird audio mélange of cabdriver conversations, arguing drunks, trailing off into the night, families with sleepy, crying children arriving on south-of-midnight buses, and sporadic traffic sounds always punctuated by Harley engines trundling sleepless amphetamine-wired losers on a Broadway quest for some elusive redemption. In the mornings, I grab my Thermos and a book, walk down to Bruegger's Bagels, and stand in line with the city's workforce and kids from Germany and Japan with friendship bracelets and Sony Walkmans clamped onto their heads mainlining Alanis Morissette or Smashing Pumpkins. I order

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the large coffee for $1.29, sip half of it while I read and wake up, then dump the other half into the Thermos. I then order a refill for 65 cents and top off the Thermos. This, along with a $2.50 packet of Metabolife herbal appetite suppressant purchased at Horton Plaza, keeps my nutritional needs for the day down to a minimum. Wendy's is diagonally across the street from the Pickwick, and they have cheap lunch specials. Also, there is the Ralphs two blocks away, open 24 hours, and a source of predawn awe with its wealth of fine food selections and roaming, feral gangs of tattooed pothead foraging for Snack-Well's, baloney, yogurt, and, for the heroin and meth freaks, emulsified, cellophane-wrapped brownies or tapioca pudding.

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Pontiac shines a customer's shoes

Back in my room, I go to work by 9:00 or 10:00, if I'm lucky. I am immersed in characters in sixth-century Britain. I chose this era because no one knows much about what went on then, and as long as I avoid gross anachronisms, what I say goes. Who is going to call me on the presence of Africans in a Roman ruin outside London or the strumming of musical instruments indigenous to the Middle East and undocumented until two centuries later? I rub my hands with nerdish glee at what I am getting away with while three floors below, Greyhound runaways are panhandling for "spange" or spare change.

The blocks between Fourth and Second are a gauntlet of panhandlers, and to some you must pay tribute. One I call "the Troll." He is a black guy about my age, but he could be much younger, with an Afro stuffed into a Navy watch cap; a cowl of shadow. Every day he sits in front of the travel agency and worries passersby with his demonic stare. To avoid the curse of the evil eye I make a ritual of giving him my coffee change. It has to be the same amount every day. Fifty-four cents. If I give him more, he comes to expect it, and if short-changed, he will curse me

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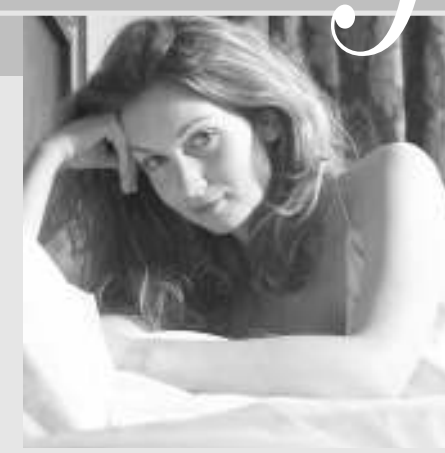

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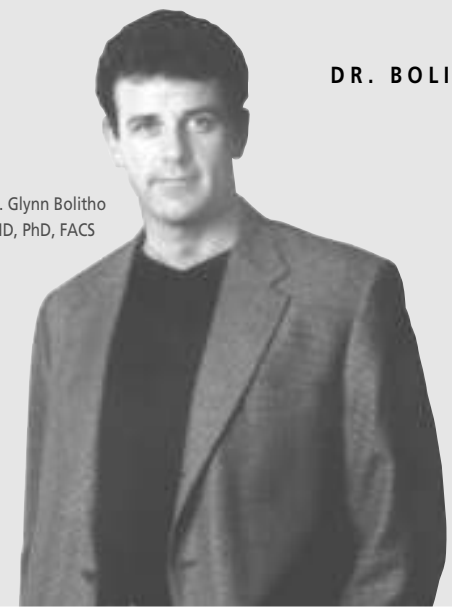

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with his not-quite-burnt-out charcoal eyes. The curse is silent, but it is there: I will get no work done that day or only mediocre work. I will get a backache or be distracted all morning with thoughts of John Goodman's thighs or the cursor will stick on my screen. No no. It is well worth the money.

For four of my seven days at the Pickwick, work has its own satisfactory pace. I will be among the Saxons or the Welsh barbarians until, say, noon. By that time, I sense subliminally a fine grit of diesel exhaust around my eyes and the desiccated body ash of transients past clinging to my skin, though I sleep on the bedspread almost fully clothed. I have enough in my budget to walk down two blocks to the YMCA where, if I show them my Pickwick Hotel key, I can use the gym for the day for only $6.

I could, theoretically, swim all day in the indoor pool, lounging in the bleachers or broasting in the sauna during the seniors' or children's swim classes, but I choose to use the weight rooms and benches, where I tone my body mercilessly, sometimes for minutes. In a kind of fervor of the flesh, I will punish myself, feel the cleansing burn, often using weights with double digits until I collapse, cough-wracked, knowing that I am freeing up nicotine and burnt tobacco from the lining of my lungs. A satisfactory pain will wash over me after as many as nine repetitions of the three exercise routines. I take a long steam, then shower. I am purged.

Knowing that early afternoon is rarely a productive time for me, I will grab a 99-cent Burger King or Wendy's special and visit with my friend Pontiac at the shoe-shine stand between the entrances to the Pickwick and the Piccadilly Club bar.

When I first arrived at the Pickwick, Pontiac asked why I was staying there. I said I didn't know and he said, "Yes, you do."

Pontiac was born and named in 1951 when his parents didn't quite make it to the hospital near their Oceanside home and the lad came into the world in

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the family car. Possibly because of this fact, he exhibits both a keen awareness and an amused roadside detachment to life's vagaries and brief, flashing spectacle. The handsome Mexican/Native American former musician wears a satanic goatee and an angelic smile. His eyes constantly squint with some inner delight behind thick-framed glasses. Today he is shining the tasseled loafers of a thirtyish man in a medium-priced suit. The man wears his blond hair long in a ponytail and over his eyes wraparound shades. He reads the newspaper while Pontiac is discussing the Atlanta Braves and the Mets with the homeless and odoriferous Bam Bam. He interrupts their conversation to greet me.

"Did you read that book?" Pontiac asks me.

"No," I tell him. "I haven't gotten around to it yet." He is talking about *The Celestine Prophecy,* a book he recommended and I resist reading for no other reason, I suppose, than its wild popularity a few years back. Always a suspect quality in literature, mass appeal.

"You will," he tells me with patience and surety.

I promise him I'll pick up a copy at Wahrenbrock's today. "Whatever," he says, shrugging.

I say hello to Bam-Bam (short for Alabama, where he is from) and give him some money. He once told me that if he doesn't get a drink around this time of day he starts shaking and throwing up — I don't want that shit on my conscience if I can do anything about it. Bam-Bam will tell you in the first several minutes of conversation that he has had seven DUIs in four different states. He has spent a total of 14 days in jail in his whole life, and he began his drinking career 11 years ago when his wife died. "And then," he told me, "14 other friends and family members died on me the year after that. One of them died right here on my shoulder." Bam-Bam walks with a cane because of a badly swollen ankle and poor circulation. "It's swollen up thanks to a cop," Bam-Bam insists. "I fell asleep on one of those concretes. Cop come along, tried to wake me up, but I was sleepin' hard. He walked up and kicked me in that foot."

I dream about all the people who might have been in this room before me.

He reaches into his windbreaker pocket as if he has suddenly remembered something. "Look what I got," he says, and produces a half-smoked cigar with a white plastic filter tip. "I've got another one for later, too, if I want it."

After an exchange regarding the Burger King special vs. the Wendy's lunch, Bam-Bam tips his '96 Olympics baseball cap ("Somebody offered me $5 for this," Bam-Bam says, but Pontiac urges him to hold out for the "true collector's value") and he limps east on Broadway, his world in order.

Pontiac is busy this afternoon, and we don't get a chance to renew our conversation about coincidence. I wanted to bring up Colin Wilson's novel, *The Philosopher's Stone.* Instead, I go back up to my room on the fourth floor and stare at the television for a while with the sound off until I fall asleep. I dream about all the people who might have been in this room before me.

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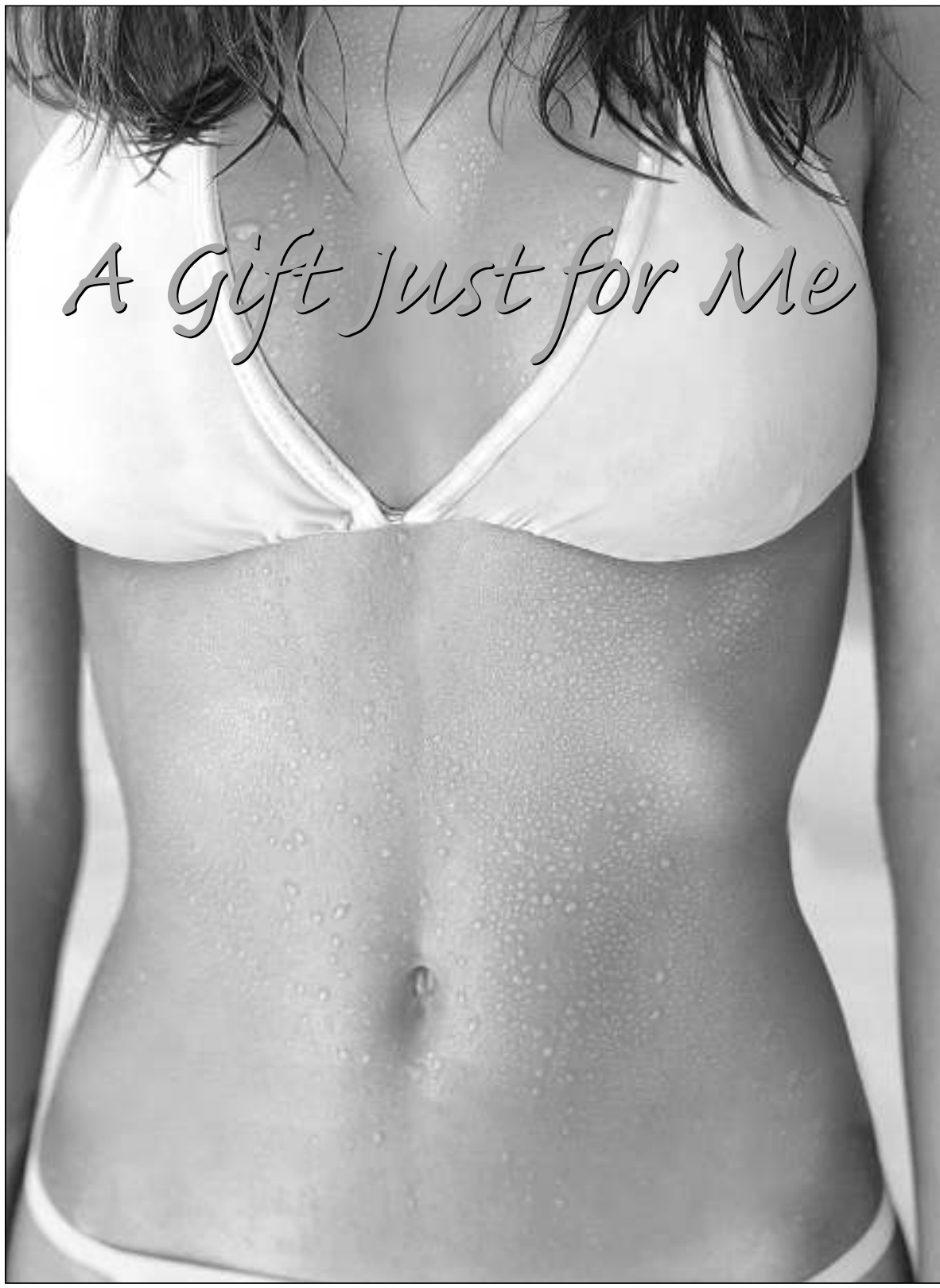

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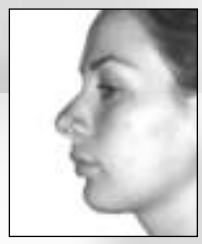

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allows me small pleasures that I guard jealously, such as buying only new paperbacks, never used. Beyond this, I have no real indulgences. My hobby is selecting newspaper clippings from my trunk and stapling them to the walls of my room. Here is one in a trade paper from 1963. I am pictured accepting an employee-of-the-month award from my boss at the plant in Ohio. Here is another of my daughter's wedding. Here is the headline from the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* in November of the same year: KENNEDY SHOT IN DALLAS. I seem to have a collection of clippings about murders and death. EIGHT STUDENT NURSES SLAIN IN CHICAGO: POLICE SEEK DRIFTER. I seem to be inhabiting someone else's dreams, someone else's life. It is all very convincing with numerous details that have nothing to do with me. When I awake, I wonder if the room isn't haunted.

About three o'clock, I get up and walk to Wahrenbrock's to find a copy of *The Celestine Prophecy* so I can discuss it with Pontiac. On the way, I pass a 99-cent store and for some reason go in, not looking for anything in particular. I find a wonderful T-shirt: black with a reproduction of the cover of a science fiction pulp magazine from the '40s. STARTLING STORIES, with a buxom brunette holding a martini or glass of champagne. The illustration is for a story by Leigh Brackett. I buy the shirt for $1.07.

At the bookstore, I find what I'm looking for and also a book club edition of Julian Jaynes's *Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind.* I wonder what Pontiac will make of this. I read much of the book years ago and then lost my copy.

An impressively pretentious title, *Origin…* had an intriguing idea. To put it simply, probably too simply, Jaynes suggests that until 2000 years ago, more or less, the human internal monologue, the thought process, was often mistaken for the voices of gods. As a kid, I thought I was the only being in existence who had this ongoing conver-

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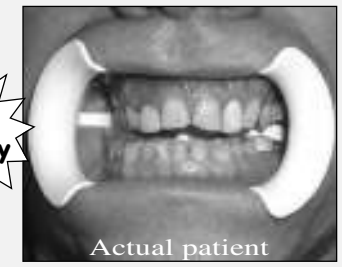

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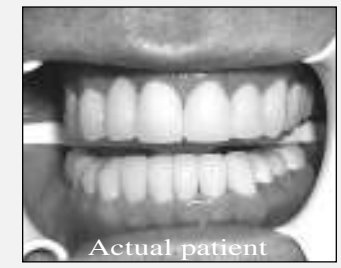

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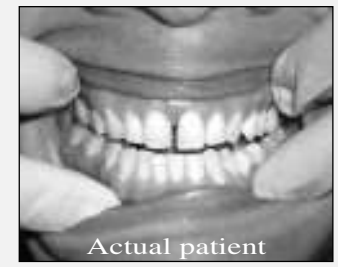

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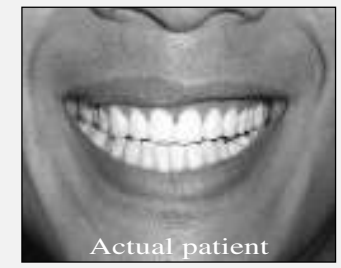

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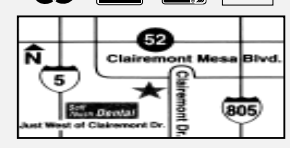

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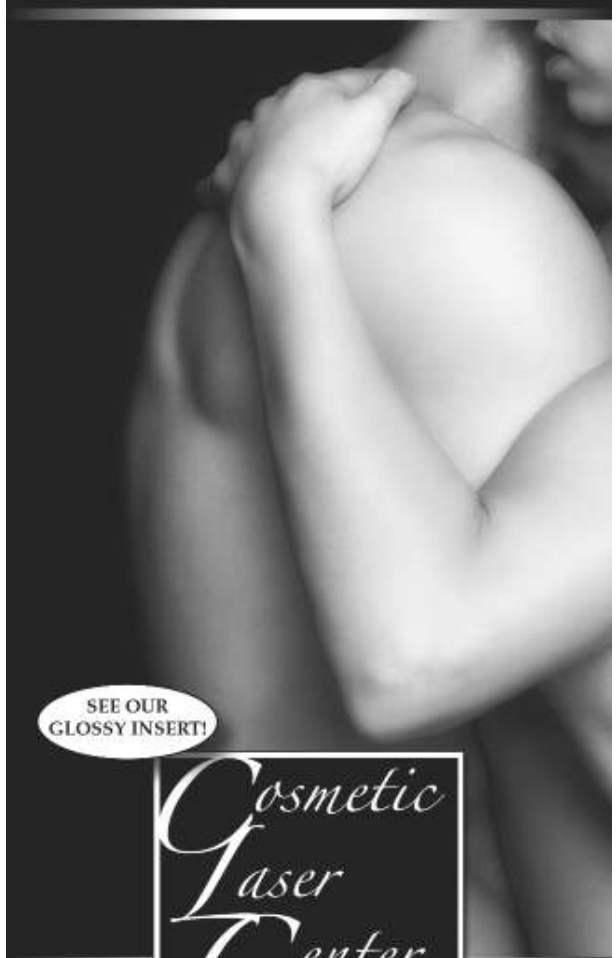

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sation in my head. Other people seemed so assured, confident, when they spoke that it appeared they could not possibly labor under incessant contradictions, the noise of a committee debating in the mind. It was reading books — almost any book — that eventually assuaged my paranoia. Writers seemed to share this awkward malaise, and authors like Salinger and, of all people, Terry Southern (I smuggled the hilarious and pornographic *Candy* into my bedroom at age 13) led me to Faulkner and Céline and God Bless Mr. Vonnegut. If I was mad, they were at least half mad.

Jaynes's painstaking treatise seemed to be an academic clarification of what the daft and brilliant science fiction writer Philip K. Dick was writing about in many of his works. Ostensibly geared to nerdishly bright, solipsistic 15-year-olds and bearing titles like *Clans of the Alphane Moon* or *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* the fascinating hack work was really addressing the landscape of the right and left brain as reality, with geography and the body itself as malleable phantoms. I always knew he had something, and the literary world, if they noticed him at all, knew he was nuts. When Dick, in *A Scanner Darkly,* began writing about the function of the corpus callosum, that fleshy clot in the brain stem that introduces both sides of the brain to each other, he had stepped into the same area as Jaynes. Unbeknownst to each other, they would be equally embraced by academia and popular consciousness. That is to say, they are, to this day, perceived as laughable anomalies. Ignored and worse, except for cult followers in science fiction and amateur anthropologists.

Cackling to myself, I clutch the books and retreat down Broadway. To passersby I mutter, "They drummed me out of the academy, the fools!" I wave to Pontiac on my way into the Pickwick, stop and hand him the Jaynes book. "I'm curious about your theories of coincidence. Take this book home, open it anywhere, at random, and

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give me your impressions tomorrow."

Pontiac's grin widens, and I didn't think that was possible. "Okay." He sets the book next to his shoeshine equipment, thinks again, then takes it inside to the barbershop where it will be safer. He seems undaunted by the title and, in fact, eager to engage in this little experiment. He sees that I am carrying *The Celestine Prophecy* and he approves. "And you tell me what you think of that. But start at the beginning because it's a story."

"Right. I'm going upstairs to read it now."

Back in room 349, I crack open a warm diet Coke and stretch out on the cheesy bedspread. It is rush hour, and buses and cabs are approaching and departing below me. Exhaust fumes and the traces of Pontiac's extinguished incense climb through the window. I have left the television on, and the phosphor-dot image of Marty Levin stutters silently through hiccuping scanning lines on the cigarette-burned set.

The book, I think, is ridiculous. Not bad at first, but not good either. I see what Pontiac is talking about with the inexplicable oddities sometimes associated with coincidence, though the author here contrives more of them in a few pages than you would find in a shelf of Victorian novels. Despite a developing plotline that, at one point, resembles one of those mercenary series novels by guys with names like Dirk Buckrod (author of *Body Bag Buddies #4: Dinky Dau Death on the Mekong Delta*), I find myself intrigued with a bizarre left-hand turn the writer takes into pure LSD country — something I can relate to.

I have just read passages with lines such as: "I saw a lone soldier, 50 yards away, raise his rifle toward the huge man, who was struggling to his feet. Before I could utter a warning, the soldier fired. The man's chest exploded as bullets tore through from the rear, splattering me with blood. An echo of rifle fire filled the air."

Wow.

After drifting off to sleep to the sounds of Booker T. and the MGs from the jukebox downstairs at the Piccadilly and some limp lament from Kenny G radiating from the Pac Bell building across the street, I awake at about 3:00 a.m. No idea why. So

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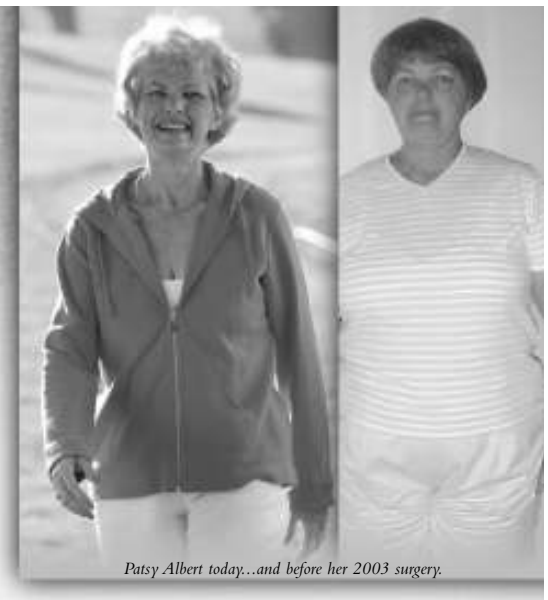

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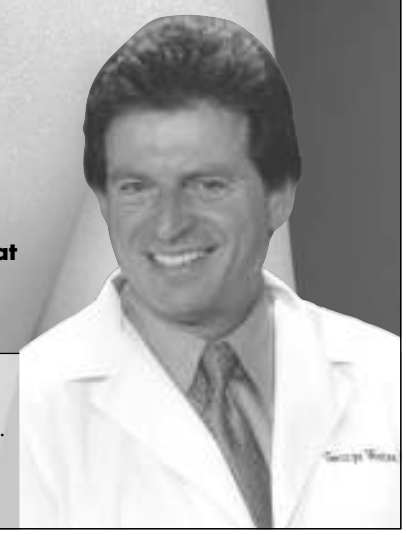

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I continue to read. Here's the psychedelic passage I mentioned above — after that A-team stuff. Now this is only two pages later, and the narrator hasn't been shot or anything, so this is not a description of a near-death, out-of-body, head-for-the-white-light-and-say-hello-to-Uncle-Bernie-and-God kind of thing. So I wasn't ready for this. Here's the narrator on a mountaintop in Peru.

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> "…I perceived everything to be somehow part of me. As I sat on the peak of the mountain looking out at the landscape falling away from me in all directions, it felt exactly as if what I had always known as my

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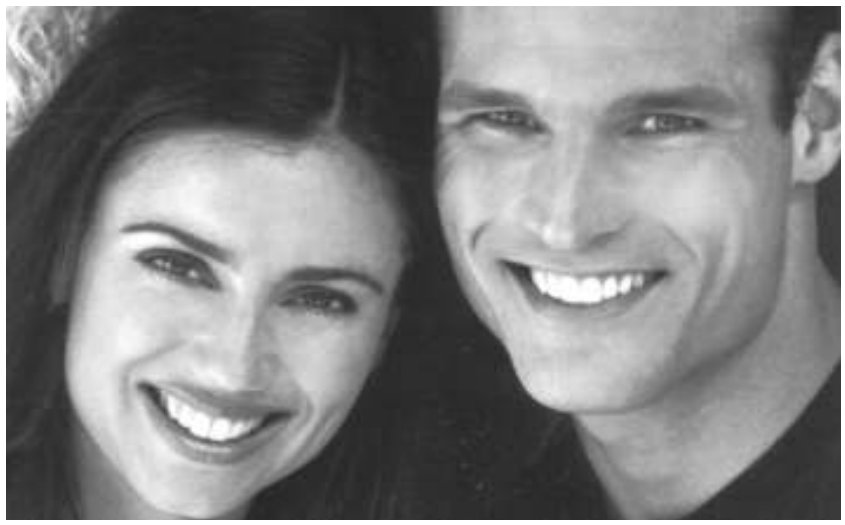

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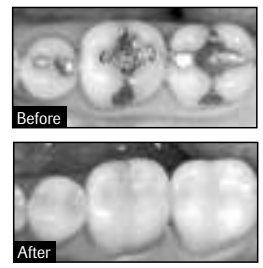

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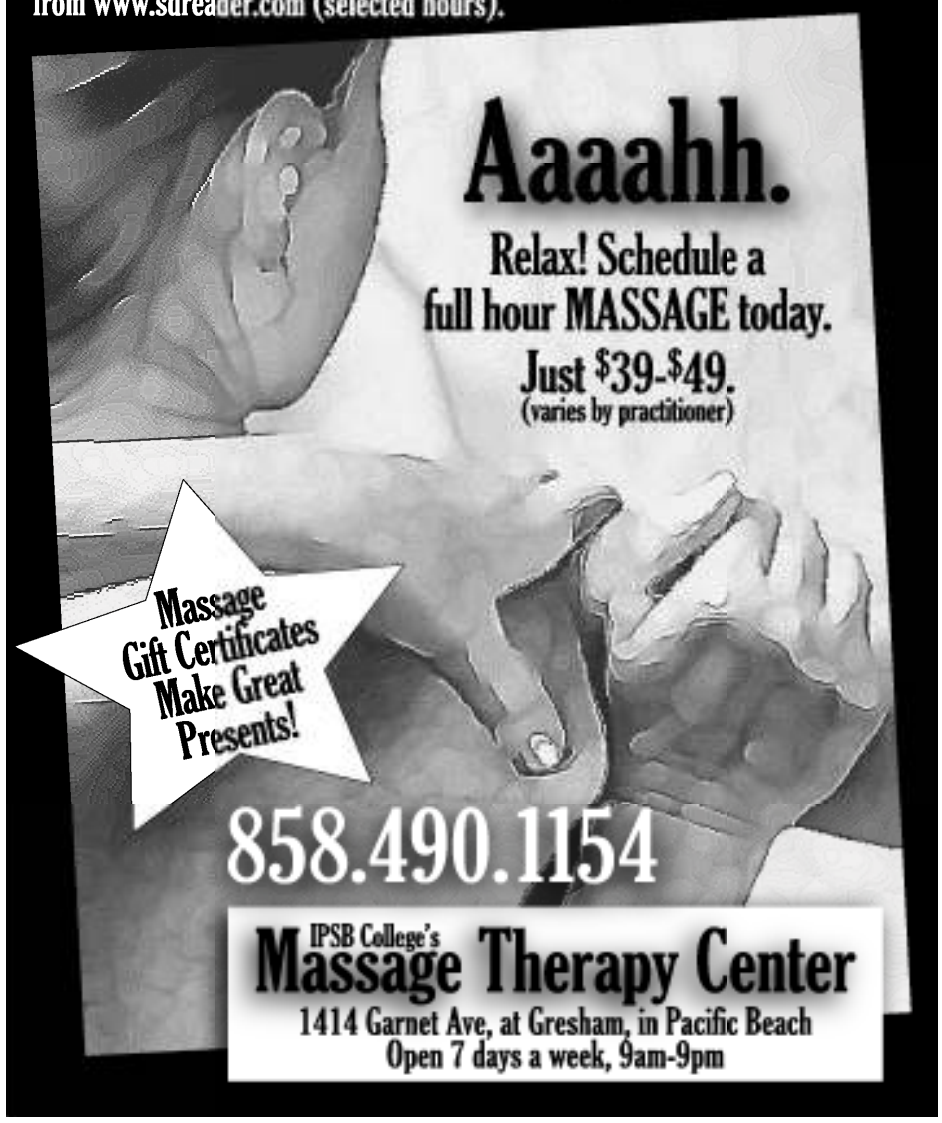

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I have condensed the above pages I read that night — or early morning — in order to offer an explanation for what happened next. On the one hand I was exhilarated by this stuff, as I could remember similar experiences while whacked on acid (although I'd had the sense that the earth was round much earlier on), but on the other hand, I hardly felt I stood at the pinnacle of anything. I was lying in a flophouse in my boxer briefs and a Startling Stories T-shirt at 3:25 in the morning under a harsh overhead light fixture, listening to a woman argue with a cabdriver on the street beneath my window, and breathing carbon monoxide.

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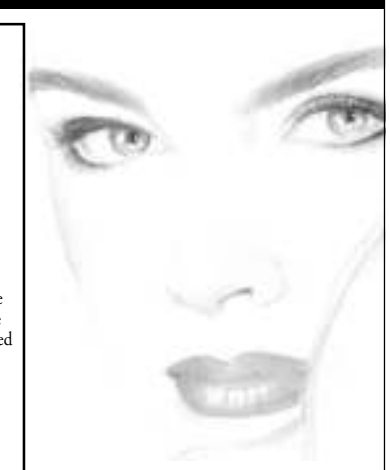

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I turn to the right and see the fire escape just feet away.

Presumably it goes all the way to the roof of the seven-story hotel. The access must be that door adjacent to mine on the left. It is. I step out onto the fourth-floor grated landing and look up three more floors. Nothing could prevent me from getting all the way up there. The roof of the Pickwick Hotel could be my Peruvian mountaintop. I could experience what that author experienced. After all, if he is right about coincidence, this could certainly be seen as one: a mountain, a hotel roof; both writers with a need for meaning, flailing desperately in a culture devoid of spirituality, morally bankrupt; in a way, each of us at the ends of the earth for whatever reasons that have taken us there. I begin to climb.

Despite the hot summer day, the night has cooled and the metal stairway is chill and slick with dew. I retreat to my room and pull on my cowboy boots because I can get them on quicker than lacing up my walking shoes. I begin my climb again.

Yes, I can feel something in the air awaiting me above. One foot in front of the other, hand over hand I make my ascent. One story, two stories. On the sixth-floor landing I see a small book. It is a few yellowed pages, curled and dimpled by dewy nights like this one. It has no cover. A total of maybe 50 pages from a poorly bound paperback. Talk about coincidence! This is not unlike how the author of *The Celestine Prophecy* would encounter one segment of the manuscript of the *Ten Visions or Ten Prophecies* or something — one at a time, in the strangest places, like bread crumbs on the trail to enlightenment. Crouching on the landing, I lift the pages, fragile with age. The first is labeled simply CHAPTER TWO and I see that it is page 23. Mysterious. Where is CHAPTER ONE? Is it for me to find perhaps on the roof? Or maybe, like a souvenir hunt, the clues to the rest of the text are here, in my hands, leading me to Peru or Tibet or El Monte. The lighting is not good, but I angle the pages toward the streetlights below and I can read.

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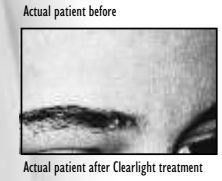

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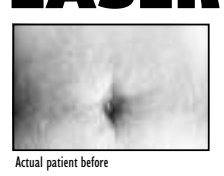

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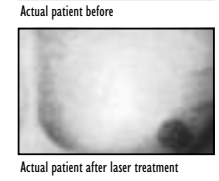

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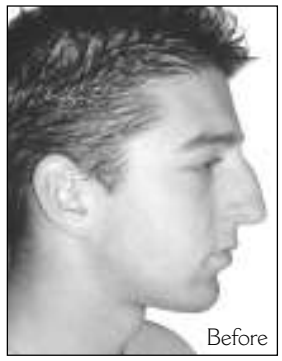

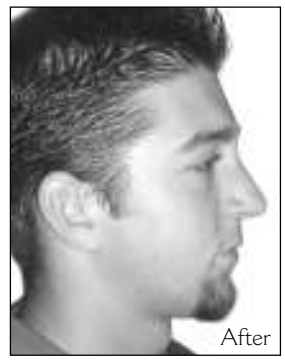

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Possibly this is a parable. I leaf at random through the rest of the pages:

> "Ron broke the kiss and fell back on the bed, taking her with him. The room spun about as he rolled about with her on the bed laughing and touching her everywhere, it seemed, while she panted and writhed with him and clung to him all she could.… There was no possible way in the world it could ever fit inside her when it was such a size…the welts on her ass cheeks where he had spanked her with his engorged manhood already rose like angry donuts.…"

I set the book down. I was wrong. There is nothing here for me, though I make a mental note to maybe pick it back up on the way down. I continue my climb and stand at the final landing of the fire escape. Looking out on the city is exhilarating from this aerie. A line from a Tom Waits song occurs to me: "Broadway's like a serpent pulling shiny top-down cars." I don't see any convertibles, but still. I decide to sit cross-legged on the landing like the guy in the book — *The Celestine Prophecy,* not the other one. I sit and raise my arms to the sky. It is overcast and lit from below by SDG&E. The moon is a cataract eye peering from behind the cloud cover. I try to be the moon, see through that single milky lens to all of creation below. I imagine myself floating above my body, looking down at it. I stand, using only my legs for leverage, and I am surprised to find I can do this easily. Probably because I work out.

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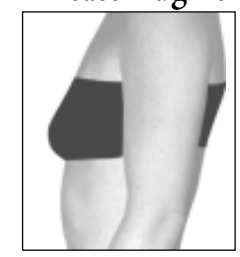
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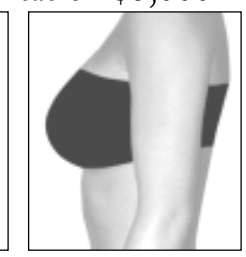
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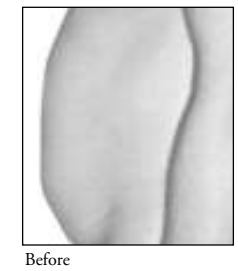
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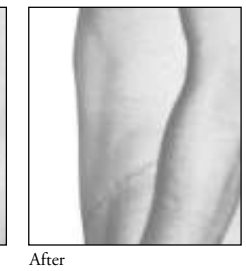
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I open my eyes and strain my ears for the voice again. "Hey, you! Whatsyername up there!"

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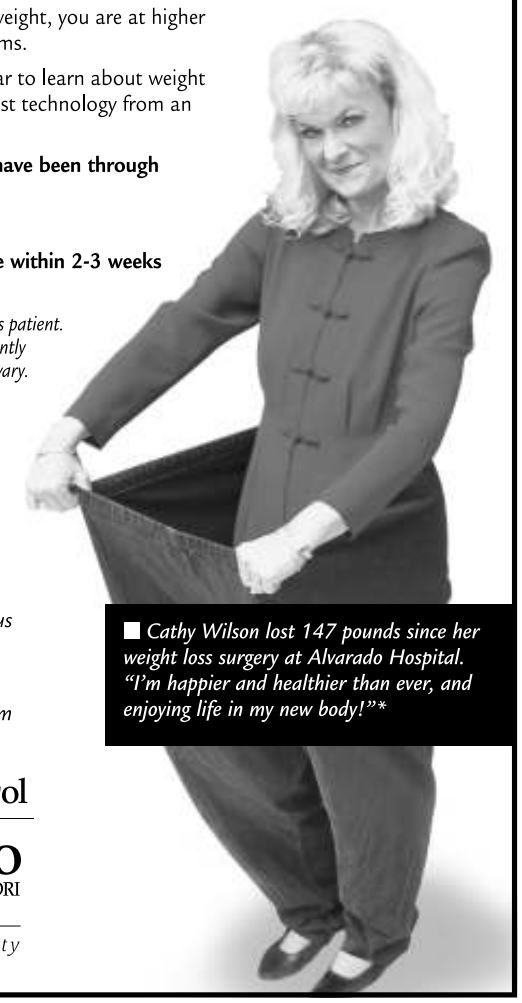

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my physical body is standing in my underwear on top of a hotel in downtown San Diego at 4:00 in the morning and I would wake sleeping residents. Once again, the voice comes to me. "Yeah, you." It is quieter now, as if it has read my very thoughts. The voice seems to be coming from the park across the street, but I realize that that is its echo. I look directly below to the sidewalk in front of the long-closed Piccadilly Club. "You got any papers?" It is a man with a beard, in flowing robes or, no, a blanket wrapped around his shoulders. I wonder what he means. Papers? Papers? Identification? Newspapers?

"You got any rolling papers?"

I look down at him and shake my head from side to side. "Got any beers?" Again I shake my head. "You're boring, man," he says, and proceeds west down the street.

Fully in the here and now, I think to myself, "Boring? What do you mean, boring? I'm standing on the roof of a hotel at 4:00 in the morning in my underwear, a Startling Stories T-shirt, and my cowboy boots. You rouse me from cosmic consciousness and you call that fucking boring?"

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Back in my room I try to resume sleep but I cannot. It takes me only minutes to get over the insult from the false prophet below, but now I am dwelling on the room itself. The hotel was built in August 1926, which makes it 73 years old. One year older than my mother. We have just put her in a room on the ninth floor of a retirement home in Chicago. The room is bigger than this one, and the home is brand-new. She has a wonderful view of the city and its Slavic Catholic spires, but it is a room like this one nonetheless. The guilt hangs around me with the old cigarette smoke.

While moving her stuff from her home in the Illinois countryside to her new room in the city, I found all the things I had sent her over the years, all the evidence of any accomplishments in my life strewn in a corner, crushed, crumpled, rusted, shattered, bent, yellowed. I was reminded, in case I had forgotten or become "snooty," that I was an irresponsible disappointment just as she had predicted all along. On my return from Chicago, after vicious fighting with my siblings, frustrated and anguished over my mother's deterioration, thoroughly depressed, I behaved badly. My girlfriend should not have to abide it. And I agreed. I agreed.

And so, I am here, maybe in the same room that once housed the old Mutual Radio Theater in the '40s. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* I am sufficiently sorry for myself and the world that I fall asleep. A knock at the door wakes me around 10:00 a.m. Probably the maid. I get up and answer the door, still in my underwear. It is a young girl, maybe 18, probably younger. She has a pierced tongue and nostril. She is wearing a flannel shirt, a crucifix around her neck, layers of makeup, and her hair coloring is unfocused.

"Oh, I guess I got the wrong room."

"That's okay," and I begin to close the door.

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I use your bathroom?"

"Uh." How can I refuse someone a simple request like that? My hesitation shames me. "Sure. Yeah."

She is inside the bathroom for only moments, while I go through contortions of paranoia. She is obviously casing the joint…her boyfriend/pimp/accomplice will burst in here in a minute and put a knife to my throat… She will come out of the bathroom and threaten to yell "RAPE!" if I don't give her my money and my computer… She is leaving deadly venereal spores of unthinkable effluvia on the toilet seat, towels, and sink…

I have already concocted a story for her that I'm an undercover cop staking out the bank across the street: "It's an inside job, see. One of the tellers is passing bearer bonds to a guy that comes around every Thursday at this time dressed like a Pac Bell hard-hat worker. I've been on his trail for months."

What happens is: she comes out, thanks me, I open the door for her, and she throws her arms around me, hugs me, and kind of skips down the hall. I never see her again.

A lot of my time is spent in the library that day. Among the stacks I find middle-aged men like me: alone, bookish, graying, wearing clothes, like mine, that look slept in, searching the shelves for something misplaced — solace, salvation, some proof that, after all, they might not have failed.

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I am perched on one of two high customer chairs at the Magic shoe-shine stand. Pontiac is working on my boots with focus and diligence. He tells me, "I opened the book at random, like you said, and I found the part about oracles. I didn't really know about them."

"Maybe you're a kind of street oracle," I suggest. He likes the idea. He talks about an oracle in a recent Keanu Reeves science fiction movie. "I saw that with my son," I tell him. "The old black woman is the oracle and tells the guy what he thinks he knows so his own doubt will lead him to the truth."

"Right. Right."

This reminds me of a trip on synthetic mescaline I took in 1968 during which I was convinced that I experienced, for quite some time, "…the unlimited that the word God is used for."

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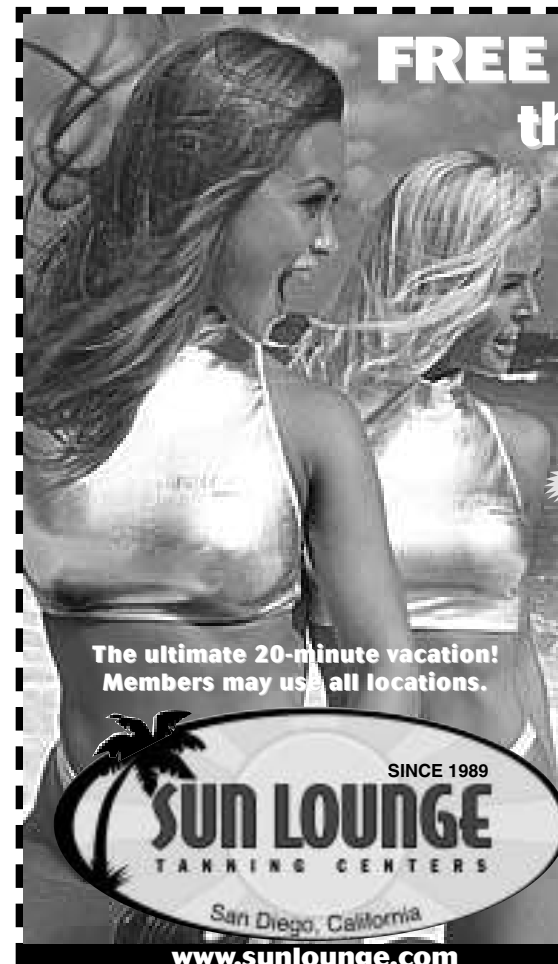

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I notice a book he has next to his shoe-shine kit. It is called *Breaking the Cycle of Birth and Death*.

"Yeah, every once in a while someone will bring a new influence to me."

"A few weeks ago I was reading *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying* by this guy Rinpoche from Tibet. Really interesting."

"This," Pontiac inclines his head toward his book, "is this gentleman's version of that. Everybody comes to me with these things for my opinion, and I only have so much… I can't get to everything. It seems to be an intellectual's *Celestine Prophecy* as well. You might be interested."

I start laughing to myself as Pontiac works liquid dye over the trim of my soles. The guy is shining shoes on Broadway, having conversations with homeless burnouts on Atlanta's season, he doesn't live anywhere in particular that he wants to tell you about, and he sounds like a senior editor at Random House. I don't have time to get to all the material submitted.

Pontiac sees me laughing and laughs too. Just for the hell of it. He doesn't need to know what's funny — he already pretty much knows. I read out loud from Pontiac's book:

"The only belief system that has any validity is one that is constantly changing." Pontiac nods, smiling. Always smiling. I've never seen him not smile.

I read another one to myself. "If one were adept at the English language and knew every single word, it would still not be possible to explain even one spiritual experience or even one encounter with the unlimited that the word God is used for." This reminds me of a trip on synthetic mescaline I took in 1968 during which I was convinced, and still am, that I experienced, for quite some time, "…the unlimited that the word God is used for."

"This stuff is very hard to talk about without sounding like a blathering idiot or, in my case, a brain-burned old acid head," I say. "You take a staple," Pontiac says. "You live it, feel it, but it might not be someone else's staple. Then you have to understand what is their staple."

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At first I'm not sure if he's saying "staple" or "statement," and I decide he is saying "staple" and that it is a good word.

He asks how the old creativity is flowing, and I tell him I've had a few days there where I felt incredibly creative and elated, "Even in this funky hotel."

"That's great," he says. "Just be careful of the dragon."

"What do you mean?"

"The dragon, the serpent, the other side of that creative rush. It can turn on you, you know?"

I'm not sure what to say to that, so I ask Pontiac his impressions of the hotel itself. "It's a living organism," he says. "Everything about downtown has been renovated except this building, this block. It's a microcosm."

"What about the people that have lived here for a long time? The residents. You must know a lot of them. How would you characterize them?"

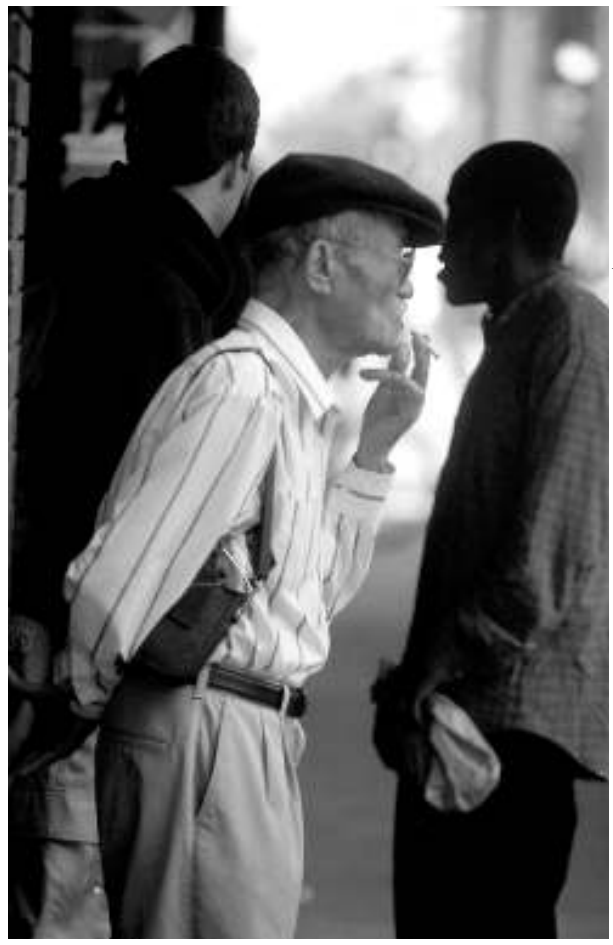
"Well," he shrugs. "You're one right now. I believe that we are all the equivalency of what we attract. The people that have come to me here are exactly the same kind of people that have always come to me in my life. There are those who are down on their luck. There are those who are just happy to connect with someone who is free-spirited. There are flirtations and those who just want somebody to say hi, acknowledge them, get the sunshine in."

The sun is, in fact, reflecting off the toes of my boots now.

"But you're going to have a different experience with the people in this hotel than, say, at the Hotel Del Coronado, right?"

He shakes his head. "I don't see it." He is quiet for a moment. The Commodores are on his portable radio. He looks past traffic, to the park across the street. Nothing is going on there, but he is studying it anyway. After a while he says, "No. You can't say Picasso couldn't bring the same significance and dimension as Michelangelo or that Michelangelo couldn't have been as abstract." He says this exactly as if I had asked him a completely different question, and I am, for a minute, puzzled into silence as he continues buffing my boots. But this is not uncommon during a conversation with Pontiac.

I ask if he meditates, and he says, "Yeah, but not in the orthodox way. I used to when I was learning. Now shining shoes is like a prayer to me. I'm like an old monk with prayer beads. When I shine shoes I'm putting a lot of myself into it."



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Back in my room I try to think of the letters and keys on the laptop as prayer beads, but that is impossible. I walk down to the Embarcadero, look out onto the bay: hazy, overcast sky now and the waves seem greasy and slow. I think of the lines from Gottfried's "Tristan," the version on which Wagner based his opera. I had just read it in *The Anatomy of Love* that morning.

" 'What is disturbing you? What do you know?'

" 'It is what I know that disturbs me, what I see causes me sorrow: the sky and sea weary me; my person, my existence annoy me.' "

You've gotta love the Germans.

I feel like having a drink, but that would certainly get that serpent Pontiac was talking about right out of the basket.

Instead, I return to the room and make a surprising discovery while watching one of the few stations the television offers. I would share it with you, but it is ineffable and transcends language. I can only suggest that perhaps, like me, if you were to watch *The Three Stooges* in Spanish, you too might find it. ■

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Rhonda Turvey
El Cajon

Miracles Galore

We commend the *Reader* for its continuing series "Sheep and Goats: Places of Worship Reviewed." In the January 20 column, your friendly reporter describes his first impressions of the Sunday service he attended at Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist, in Clairemont. His brief visit with us after the service preceded telephone interviews three days later. For the benefit of your readers we offer a few clarifications regarding worship and healing that Christian Scientists cherish.

Our sermon is the text of a weekly Bible lesson that most members and many nonmembers study daily prior to our Sunday gatherings. (You can listen to this weekly lesson broadcast on KFMB-TV Channel 8, as well as on Cox and Time Warner public access channels.) The citations read are from the pastor of our church, the Bible, and *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,* written by Mary Baker Eddy. She discovered through her biblical research that Christ Jesus' healing work is based on timeless divine law available to benefit all individuals who yearn to understand infinite truth.

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"THE BIG LEBOWSKI" The Coen brothers' cult bowling film, starring Jeff Bridges and John Goodman, screens at the Museum of Photographic Arts in conjunction with its current exhibit, "Jeff Bridges — Pictures," photographs taken by the actor on film sets. See **FILM,** page 95

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DANCE PREMIERES *La Rumorosa* ("The Whispering One"), inspired by Baja's rugged border towns, is one of two dances premiered in McCaleb Dance Company's performance at the San Diego Museum of Art. See **DANCE,** page 94

BLUE GRASS FAVORITES 7th Day Buskers CD release party at the Whistlestop in South Park. See **CLUBS,** page 136

GRAPHIC DESIGN INSPIRATION "LOVE" stamp creator Michael Osborne and design professor Mary Scott speak at San Diego City College. **See LECTURES,** page 96

"MYSTERY OF THE NILE" The latest IMAX film at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center follows an expedition down the Nile River. **See FILM,** page 96

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SUPERCROSS AT QUALCOMM Top riders Ricky Carmichael and Jeremy McGrath compete with other champions in dirt-bike competition. See **SPORTS,** page 101

INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL Dancing workshops, costumes, food, and gifts in Balboa Park. See **DANCE,** page 95

TED LEO AND THE PHARMACISTS play punk and folk, soul and hardcore at the Casbah. See **CLUBS,** page 136

COMEDY JAM 2005 A tribute to black comedy pioneers, hosted by BET comedian Gary "G-Thang" Johnson, and featuring Rodman, Red Grant, Sexy Marlow, and Big Leslie. See **IN PERSON,** page 99

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ROCK FOR RELIEF AT 'CANES Ten local bands, including Accident Experiment and Media Lab, start jamming at noon and continue till midnight; proceeds go to Red Cross and UNICEF. See **CLUBS,** page 133

SAN DIEGO RAGTIME ENSEMBLE plays Joplin, Jolson, and Irving Berlin at the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla. See **IN PERSON,** page 100

MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM hosts family day with railroad arts and crafts. See **FOR KIDS,** page 103

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BOB MARLEY DAY FESTIVAL Reggae stalwarts Steel Pulse, Jimmy Cliff, Alpha Blondy,

Israel Vibration, Barrington Levy, and Don Carlos celebrate at the Sports Arena. See **CONCERTS,** page 118

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"THE FORGOTTEN MAN" Robert Crais signs his latest suspense novel at Warwick's in La Jolla. See **IN PERSON,** page 100

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CAROL'S JOURNEY Twelve-year-old Spanish-American girl travels with her mother to Spain during the 1938 Civil War. The film is shown in Spanish (with subtitles) at the Chula Vista Library. See **FILM,** page 96

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BAJA

"Juan Soldado" read from and signed by author Paul J. Vanderwood, Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Free. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

Margie Bermejo in concert on Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Bob Marley Day Festival on Friday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). Roster of international artists includes Tribo de Jah (Brazil), Fidel (Argentina), Quinto Sol (Los Angeles), St. Croix Explosion with Army (Virgin Islands), many more; $15. 619-230-1190. (TIJUANA)

The Play *Mrs. President* presented at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: $20, $30 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Mountain Bike Championships on Sunday, February 20, 10 a.m., at Rancho Bustamente, Playas de Tijuana. 011-52-664-684-2959. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Manzanita Shrubs are blooming this month in the foothill areas of the Cleveland National Forest, earlier than usual on account of the exceptional winter rainfall. The various manzanitas, characterized by smooth, reddish bark and tough, leathery leaves, bear myriad tiny white to pinkish-white, urn-shaped blossoms. Large (decades-old) manzanitas can be seen around Julian and up on Palomar Mountain. Along the coast a similar but less attractive manzanita thrives — mission manzanita.

Hummingbirds are swarming over San Diego County's back-yard gardens, scrub-covered coastal hillsides, and the warm Anza-Borrego Desert. Red monkey flower is a favorite source of nectar near the coast, while red-blossomed chuparosa and ocotillo normally play the same role in the desert. Keep an eye out for the male hummingbird's mating "dance," which involves soaring ascents followed by dramatic downward dives.

Tree Heights can be easily measured this week if the sun shines at midday. On or near Friday, February 18, at or very near 12 noon, the sun as seen from San Diego County stands at an altitude of 45 degrees above the horizon. Under those conditions, the length of a shadow cast by a vertical tree trunk on a horizontal surface equals the height of the tree trunk. Even if you lack a measuring tape, you can still use your own feet to pace the distance heel-to-toe: the length of an average adult male's shoe sole, for example, is very close to one foot.

Perfect Strangers for AcousticMusicSan Diego, February 20 (see In Person)

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon. Tour guide Gino Lizardi reveals romantic past of restaurant row, presents updates on current building boom; $10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Archaeology Weekend runs February 19-21 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Field trips, presentations, lectures, on wide variety of topics. Details, reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Normally Elusive Species — such as common goldeneye, surf scoter, Brant goose, red-breasted merganser — may be seen during South Bay Audubon Society outing on Saturday, February 19, 8 a.m. to noon. Participants hike out onto a dike into South Bay.

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Explore Indian Hill during moderately difficult Canyoneer hike on Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants hike to remains of 1912 railroad camp. Free. Directions: 619-232-3821 x203. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Tour Chollas Creek with naturalist on Saturday, February 19, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Participants visit endangered habitats, see prehistoric fossils, learn to restore and preserve creek. Wear sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen. Meet at 1800 4th Street (at Fairmont Avenue, in front of Leisureland mobile home park). Free. 619-284-9399. (SAN DIEGO)

In Search of Migrating Shorebirds and Ducks, Friends of Famosa Slough lead an outing on Saturday, February 19. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

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San Diego Jewish Film Festival, through February 20 (see Film)

Wildlife Assist Recruiting Sessions offered on Saturday, February 19, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and on Sunday, February 20, at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Hawk Watch 2005," Wildlife Research Institute leads raptor-spotting hikes every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, through February 26. Walks are led by trained biologist in Ramona grasslands, a prime raptor territory; 19 species of raptors have been recorded at the spot.

Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Only heavy rain cancels trips. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Celebrate "Love Your Wetland Day" during open house and volunteer work party at Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve and northern wildlife preserve, Saturday, February 19, noon to 4 p.m. Projects include nesting platform repair, non-native plant removal, research presentation, birdwatching, more. Meet in dirt parking lot at north end of Crown Point Shores. Free. 858-581-7879. (MISSION BAY)

Look for the Double Cluster, Open Cluster M39, possibly Andromeda Galaxy when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing on Saturday, February 19, 5:30 p.m., in Kumeyaay Campground, Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Daley Ranch's Treasures, a diverse plant population and expansive views are waiting to be enjoyed when naturalist Rick Paul leads "occasionally strenuous four-mile hike" in Daley Ranch on Sunday, February 20. Adventure starts at 9 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance (I-15 to El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, drive north four miles to Cougar Pass; turn right, drive one mile to parking lot on left). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Enjoy the Birds, Beasts, and Blossoms of López Canyon in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve during nature walk led by *Walking San Diego* author Barbara Moore, Sunday, February 20, 1 p.m. Join group in west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard, one-half mile east of its intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned during extensive 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation only (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

"Rookery Watch," hike to observe a great blue heron, great egret, snow egret nesting area on Sunday, February 20, 2 to 4 p.m. Easy hike starts at Batiquitos Lagoon east parking lot (on Batiquitos Drive, just east of Spoonbill Lane). Bring binoculars. Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Look for Life Along Coastline when a naturalist from Birch Aquarium-Museum leads tidepooling adventure on Sunday, February 20, 1 to 3 p.m. Fee: $12 for adults, $8 for children 6 to 13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

February's Full Moon on Wednesday, the 23rd, sets in the west very near the time of sunrise and rises some 11 hours later in the east near the time of sunset. Only during full moon phase, when the sun and moon are diametrically opposed to each other with respect to Earth, does the sun truly "rule" the daytime sky and the moon truly "rule" the nighttime sky.

Mystery Stroll, is it North South Park or South North Park? Contrast a neighborhood of 1910 California bungalows with 1920s Spanish architecture during jaunt led by Walkabout on Thursday, February 24. Casual walk starts at 2412 30th Street (between Laurel and Kalmia Streets). Free. 619-231-7463. (NORTH PARK, SOUTH PARK)

The Art and Science of wildlife tracking and nature awareness is subject when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginner training on Thursday and Saturday, February 24 and 26, at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranchhouse. Fees, registration: 858-672-0584. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

DANCE

The St. Petersburg State Ballet Theatre presents *Giselle* with its "classic themes of love, betrayal, 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)

Bellydance Showcase with dancing by Sheerah, Gypsy Duende, Shanti Vina, Indra, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue); $5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"La Rumorosa," choreographed by Nancy McCaleb and set to music by Fernando Corona, premieres during concerts February 18-20 at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes Eric Geiger's *Post and Lintel*. Concert begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $20 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (BALBOA PARK)

Rotary Waltz highlights vintage dance on Friday, February 18, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Beginner-friendly. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance to calling by Graham Hempel, music by Au Contraire, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m.,

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International Dance Festival, February 19 and 20, boasting dancing, workshops, costumes, food, and vendors. All are invited to learn fun, easy dances. Saturday's program includes dance lessons in Recital Hall (noon to 4:30 p.m.); on Sunday, dance performances and vendors offered in Balboa Park Club (noon to 5 p.m.). Free. 858-694-0424. (BALBOA PARK)

Calling All Jitterbugs, Cafe-Savoy Swing Productions hosts jitterbug/Lindy swing dance party, Sunday, February 20, in "Lindy Loft" at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). Two-hour tandem Charleston workshop before dance (6 p.m.), followed by dance party (8 to 11 p.m.). Fees: $15 for whole shebang, including lessons and party; $7 for dance alone. All ages. 858-395-6060. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 Steve Maranto on February 20. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m.; $6 per class; $20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Tango at the Turquoise, learn basic elements and techniques to execute tango movements when Florentino Guizar and Isabelle Kay lead intermediate (5 p.m.), beginning (6 p.m.) classes on Sunday, February 20, at 873 Turquoise Street, followed by milonga/dance at 7 p.m. $5 per class (includes milonga). 858-453-9680. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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The duo also presents swing dance classes for all levels on Wednesdays, beginning February 23, 6 to 9 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Pay $60 in advance for series, $12 per class. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

FILM

"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. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

Jeff Bridges Club, see *The Big Lebowski* starring Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, and Julianne Moore on Thursday, February 17, at Museum of Photographic Arts. *The Door in the Floor* screens Thursday, February 24. Screenings start at 7 p.m.; $10. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Jewish Film Festival continues through February 20, featuring more than 35 feature films, documentaries. Titles include *Shivah for My Mother: Seven Days of Mourning, Turn Left at the End of the World, The Rashevski's Tango, Enemies: A Love Story,* 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. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY)

The Documentary *The Corporation* is screened, hosted by San Diego Green Party, Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-442-0061. (HILLCREST)

Video Version of Puccini's *La Bohème* screens on Saturday, February 19, 5 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Up for a "Hothouse Rumination on Sex, Grief, Betrayal"? See Tod Williams's film *The Door in the Floor* when it screens for Sunday Matinee on February 20, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Film stars Jeff Bridges, Kim Basinger, Jon Foster. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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LOCAL EVENTS

"High Seas" provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. See *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* on Wednesday, February 23, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Intimate Strangers," starring Sandrine Bonnaire and Fabrice Luchini, screens for Film Forum on Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcasing independent and foreign films continues with Spanish drama *Carol's Journey* on February 23, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. In English. (CHULA VISTA)

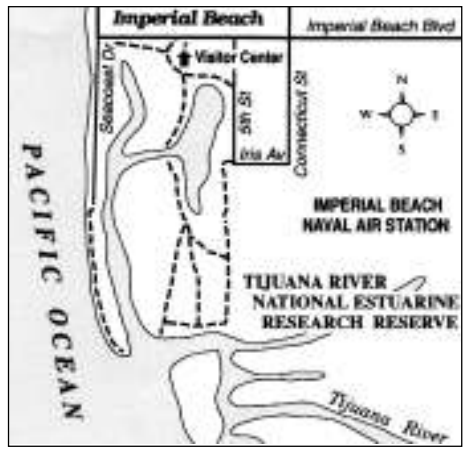
Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Mystery of the Nile, Roar: Lions of the Kalahari, Volcanoes of the Deep Sea.* "Fridays at the Fleet" features two IMAX classics and two current hits each week; see *Africa: The Serengeti* (6 p.m.) and *Mysteries of Egypt* (7 p.m.) on February 18. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Roam-O-Rama

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

Four square miles of marshes, tidal creeks, and sage-and chaparral-covered hillsides in and around the Tijuana River Estuary enjoy federal protection under the tongue-twisting title "Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve." The area includes Border Field State Park, fronting the international border, and undeveloped tracts of land adjacent to the communities of Imperial Beach and San Ysidro.

Unlike the remnant bits of salt marsh surviving along other parts of the Southern California coastline, the broad Tijuana Estuary has survived, relatively unscathed, the advance of urbanization and its attendant destruction of wetland habitat. It is quite startling to gaze upon a vast, flat variegated carpet of gray and green, scored by a network of curving tidal creeks and brackish ponds, and realize that you are also looking deeply into California's past.



It's best to begin your exploration of the Tijuana River estuary and marsh with a stop at the reserve's visitors center on Caspian Way near Third Street in Imperial Beach (open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily). As you approach the entrance, your footsteps take you across a stylized map of the Tijuana River drainage, which includes parts of the Laguna Mountains and a large section of Baja California. In addition to interactive exhibits inside the visitors center, a demonstration garden outside shows off various species of the typical yet fast-disappearing coastal sage-scrub vegetation that once blanketed San Diego's coastal mesas and hills.

This time of year, the big attraction in and around the marsh is birds. More than 400 species have been logged here so far, which is no surprise since the estuary is a key stopover on the Pacific Flyway — the equivalent of Interstate 5 for bird-migration traffic. The reserve's best-known endangered inhabitants are the light-footed clapper rail and the California least tern. Visiting birds include ospreys, golden eagles, and peregrine falcons.

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From the visitors center, you can follow wide, marked trails west or south around the perimeter of the tidal basin — the area subject to the incursions of both seawater and freshwater. You can also follow a path south from the end of Fifth Street, which will take you farther south and west toward the Tijuana River. Or you can start at the south terminus of Seacoast Drive for a walk along the beach (but not the dunes alongside, which are closed to protect nesting terns).

Call the visitors center, 619-575-3613, for more information about the reserve or to learn about and make reservations for guided nature hikes and special events.

LECTURES

"The American Collection," Maxine Gaiber surveys history of American art during talk, Thursday, February 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dogs and Babies: Play It Safe!" Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, February 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). Learn tips for helping dog and baby live in harmony; $10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

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, 6 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum. Talk is in conjunction with "The Romance Cars of Italy" exhibition; $10. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

"Geology 101 for Backpackers" offered Thursday, February 17, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

"El Muralismo Mexicano (Mexican Muralism)" is subject when Gregorio Luke speaks for "Los Rostros de Mexico" lecture series, Friday, February 18, 6 p.m., in Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice theater at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); $25 general. 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

"Love" Stamp Designer Michael Osborne, also creator of "Hearts of San Francisco" project, offers "graphic design inspiration" on Friday, February 18, in Saville Theatre at San Diego City College (at 15th and C Streets). Also speaking: Mary Scott, corporate designer and professor, director of Academy of Art University in San Francisco; $20 general. 619-388-3560. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Climbing Mountains: Mt. Fuji and Pollution in Japan" subject for two-part slide show by Doug Roff and Don King for Sierra Club on Friday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Why I Still Do What I Do — A Quarter Century as an Art Critic" divulged by *Union-Tribune* art critic Robert Pincus for Docent Guest lecture on Friday, February 18, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; $10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Archaeology of the Nate Harrison Site on Palomar Mountain" discussed when historic archaeologist Seth Mallios presents findings from inaugural season of excavation at site on Saturday, February 19, 11 a.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). Harrison, a freed black slave, was county's first permanent African-American homesteader; $5. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

"Xhosa Tribal Beadwork and Culture" illuminated when South African native Stephen Long presents slide-illustrated lecture for Bead Society of San Diego County, Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m., at

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"Creation and Maintenance of Your Genealogy Website" explored by Gene Powell for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Powell will use his own website to demonstrate techniques. Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Go for Gyoza? Learn to make Japanese dumplings when Toshiko Greed leads class on Saturday, February 19, 10:30 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden; $25 fee includes materials, lunch. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

The First Man to Run the Nile River from source to sea, Pasquale Scaturro, discusses his 114-day journey down "longest and deadliest river in the world" on Saturday, February 19, at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Talk and presentation: 11:30 a.m., book signing at noon. Included in regular museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Romance Networking Nuggets" offered when Katherine Grill (a.k.a. Katherine Greyle and Jade Lee) speaks for Romance Writers of America on Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m., at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Talk gives basic understanding of how publishing industry works, now to progress, branding; $25. Reservations: 619-291-1300. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The U.S. and France: A Love/Hate Relationship View by the French Media" presented by Marie Galanti, international relations specialist and editor of *Journal Française* and *France Today*, Saturday, February 19. Alliance Francaise event starts at 2 p.m. in Salomon Hall of Maher Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); $10. In French. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

"Time and Place: Design Appropriate for Our Era" presented by architect Wallace Cunningham on Saturday, February 19, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Requested donation: $3. (DOWNTOWN)

Dumbek Drumming Class led by Mary Marshall, Saturday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Free. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Mozart's *Così fan tutte* discussed in a multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

"Versatile Native Plants for the Landscape" revealed when Pamela Homfelt leads garden class on Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m., at City of San Diego's Ridgehaven "Green Building" garden (9601 Ridgehaven Court). Free. Rain cancels. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

Peyote Street Square project taught when Kaytee Sumida leads glass beading class, Sunday, February 20, noon, at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). Project is suitable for beginners; $2 for supplies; bring dishtowel to bead on. 619-239-0896. (DOWNTOWN)

"Scientology Exposed," roundtable discussion led by Barbara Graham for Humanist Fellowship of San Diego, Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m., at Gen Lai Sen Restaurant (at 12th and C Streets). Scientologists "invited to attend to respond." 619-670-4159. Fee: price of meal. (DOWNTOWN)

"The American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" gets underway with "Mondays at the Mingei," featuring lecture and luncheon on February 21, noon, at Mingei International Museum; $20. 858-459-3728. (BALBOA PARK)

"Spanish Colonial Revival Furnishings of California in the Early 20th Century" provide topic when certified appraiser and furniture historian Paul McConnell speaks for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, February 21, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m.; $27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"South Central Africa: As Viewed on a Safari" presented by Donald M. Gragg, M.D., when he speaks for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council on Monday, February 21, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Leaving Lascaux: Shaping Human Nature" is topic when author Barry Lopez (*Arctic Dreams, Resistance*) speaks on Tuesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD for Convocation Series. Lopez will draw on his field experiences in 50 countries to "illuminate the long road of human cultural development." 858-534-3589. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"The Holy Roman Empire: Not Holy, Not Roman, Not an Empire," SDSU history professor Carol Putko blows the roof off when addressing North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, February 22. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-476-9289. (CARLSBAD)

"Recovering a Lost Cultural Landscape: African-American Downtown San Diego" presented by Richard Carrico for San Diego County Archaeological Society on Tuesday, February 22. Learn about "almost 100 years of black history and culture in San Diego." Program begins at 7:30 p.m. at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House (12020 Black Mountain Road, behind Canyonside Park, at Mercy Road). Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Background and Future Trends of Quakerism discussed by Rowena Oesting when Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) meets on Tuesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

Scientist, Photographer, Fine Artist James Repress presents art lecture on Tuesday, February 22, 7 p.m., at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

Backpacking Basics proffered during clinic on Tuesday, February 22, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020), 7 p.m., and on Wednesday, February 23, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400), 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Handling Sibling Rivalry" is topic when Anna DiMartino pre-

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sents workshop based on "Redirecting Children's Behavior," Tuesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Transatlantic Topographies: Islands, Highlands, and Jungles" presented by Ileana Rodriguez — in Spanish — on Tuesday, February 22, 4 p.m., in room 430 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Rodriguez is professor of Latin American literature at Ohio State University. Free. 619-594-1103. (SDSU)

"Building a Niche Business: Swimming with the Whales Against the Tide" — Matt Rattner, president and co-founder of Karl Strauss Brewing Company, describes how Strauss "pioneered the concept of microbreweries in San Diego, weathered the giants of the beer industry" during lecture on Tuesday, February 22, 6 p.m., at La Jolla Women's Club (715 Silverado Street); $45 fee includes dinner. Reservations: 858-603-2656. (LA JOLLA)

Japanese Flower Arranging demonstrated by Winette Waggoner of Saga Goryu School of Ikebana when Ikebana International meets on Wednesday, February 23, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. "Curry in a Hurry" workshop follows. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Civil Registration: How to Access Birth and Death Registration Records from 1864 and Marriage Registration Records from 1845" is topic when Mary Russell speaks for Irish Interest Class hosted by British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, February 2 3, 10 a.m., at LDS Church Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free. 858-453-9053. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Sexual Mores Today — Male Versus Female" is topic on Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Planning and Planting Your Spring Vegetable Garden" is topic when master gardener Bob Miller addresses Mission Hills Garden Club, Wednesday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m., at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street); $10. 619-295-2702. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Distance between Digital and Traditional Thinking — Both Have Their Place in the Art of Photography," asserts Lee Peterson, who speaks for North County Photographic Society on Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive); $3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

Supercross at Qualcomm Stadium, February 19 (see Sports)

"Start Where You Are: Laying the Foundation for Your Artwork" is subject when artist, "art marketing coach" Patricia Frischer speaks for Professional Artist Lecture Series 2005 hosted by San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) on Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-0011; $8. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hollywood International Stereo Slide Exhibition" offered when San Diego Stereo Camera Club meets, Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m., in Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent to and east of Spanish Village). Stereo glasses provided. 619-296-2255. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bird and Butterfly Gardening" offered by Maureen Austin on Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Participants "discover which plants will turn your back yard into a smorgasbord for winged wildlife"; $9. Required reservations: 619-670-2291. (EL CAJON)

"Evolution of Black Superheroes in the Comics" presented by librarian Kim Schmidt on Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). 619-527-3405. Free. (ENCANTO)

Tenth Annual Writers' Symposium by the Sea runs February 23-26 at Point Loma Nazarene University. Events commence with "An Evening with Jim Wallis," Christian activist and writer, on Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m. Wallis's columns appear in the *New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times;* $10.

"An Evening with Peter Matthiessen" is set for Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m. The National Book Award-winning nature writer and novelist has written nearly 30 books; he co-founded *the Paris Review* with George Plimpton and Donald Hall; $10.

On Friday, February 25, events include "Covering Culture with Deborah Starr Seibel" at 9 a.m. ($5); "Storytelling Every Which Way with Dog TenNapel"t 10:15 a.m. ($5). TenNapel is a cartoonist, TV writer, graphic novelist.

Symposium concludes with "An Evening with Bill Moyers" on Saturday, February 26, 7 p.m. Moyers, who retired from television in December 2004, is working on a biography of Lyndon Johnson; $15.

All events take place at Cooper Music Center on campus, located at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Reservations: 619-849-2695. (POINT LOMA)

"Propagating Fruit Trees by Grafting and Budding" is topic when California Rare Fruit Growers meet for lecture and demonstration on Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Bring grafting knife if you have one, bring plants and scion wood to graft. Free. 619-866-0575. Extra wood will be available for practice. (BALBOA PARK)

"In Search of Chuahuita," Rodolfo Acuña speaks Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Acuña is author of more than 15 books, including *Occupied America: A History of Chicanos*. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

"Homelands, Borders, and Trade in Latin America: Freedom, Violence, and Exchange After 9/11" is subject for conference on February 24 and 25 at UCSD. Keynote lecture by Saskia Sassen at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Café Ventanas; panel discussions begin at 8 a.m. on Friday at Institute of the Americas Complex. Reservations: 858-534-6050. Free. (LA JOLLA)

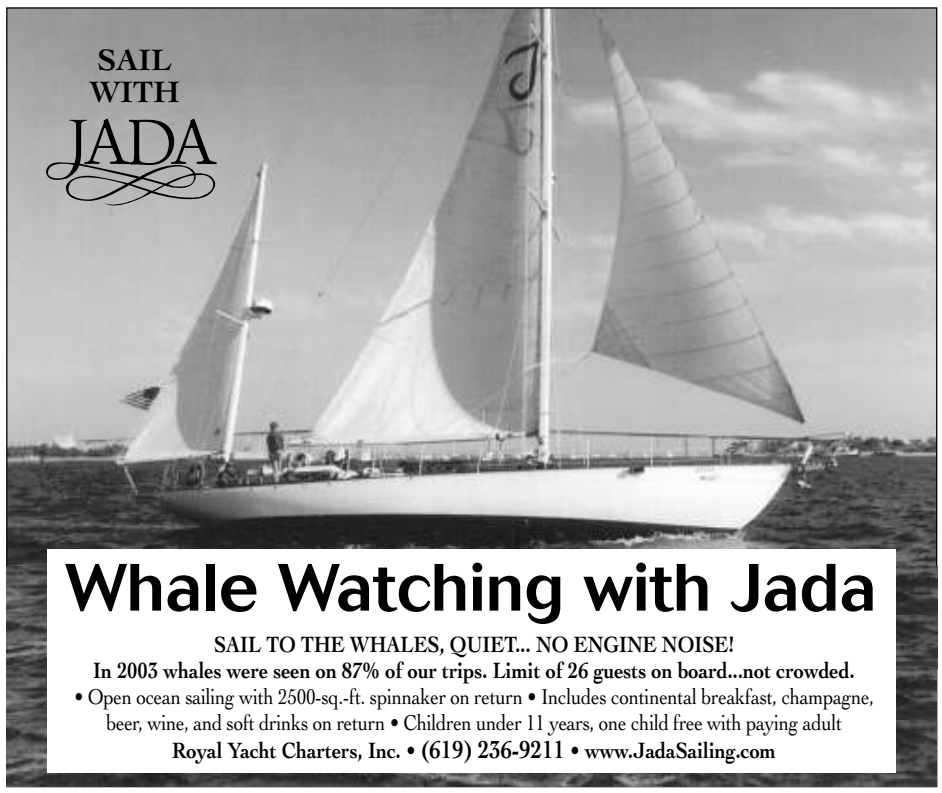
Internet Resource Genealogy Class presented Thursday, February 24, 6 p.m., at San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free; register by calling 619-584-7668. (MISSION VALLEY)

"You Can't Get Here from There: The Logical Paradox of Ancient Myths" explored by Wendy Doniger O'Flaherty, professor of history of religions at University of Chicago Divinity School, Thursday, February 24, 8 p.m., in Peterson Hall room 110 on Thurgood Marshall campus at UCSD. Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

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)

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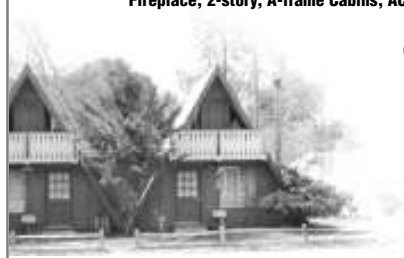
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"The Big Year: A Tale of Man, Nature, and Fowl Obsession" signed and discussed by Mark Obmascik on Thursday, February 17, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Professional Motocross Racer Travis Pastrana signs autographs on Thursday, February 17, 6 p.m., at Bob Baker Subaru (900 Arnele Avenue). He's competing in seven Rally America National Championship events this year. Free. 619-440-0404. (EL CAJON)

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)

Poetry, Music, Beer, Vegan Fare! It's all on offer when Al Howard and K23 Orchestra are featured during open-mike events on Friday, February 18, at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Sign-ups at 7 p.m., events at 8 p.m. Admission: free. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

Larisa Stow and Gathering Guru present their "hypnotic tones and rhythmic beat and dizzying energy" on Friday, February 18, 8:30 p.m., at Shanti Community Yoga Center (897 South Coast Highway 101); $15 general, free for kids 13 and younger. 858-945-8094. (ENCINITAS)

Award-Winning Novelist Cris Mazza reads from her new novel, *Homeland,* Friday, February 18, at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Tango Music for Guitar performed by William Wilson on Friday, February 18, 7 p.m., at Roxy Restaurant (517 South Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-436-5001. (ENCINITAS)

Freestyle Open-Mike Night is Friday, February 18, 9:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Free. 619-265-7287. (SDSU)

Musical Storyteller Alan James performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, February 19, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena); $12. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

A Night of Bluegrass promised when the Witcher Brothers perform for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Saturday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Suzie Glaze and HiLonesome open. Tickets: $10 for adults, $5 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

"Comedy Jam 2005" and salute to Richard Pryor, Redd Foxx, and Robin Harris — Saturday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Performers include BET comedians Red Grant, G-Thang, Redman, Big Leslie, Ida Mae Jenkins. Tickets: $30-$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen" presented by actor and comedian Ruby Nelda Perez on Saturday, February 19, 4 and 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); $32. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Band Hapa performs in concert for Tula Productions, Saturday, February 19, 8 p.m., in Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue); $35. 619-426-1953. (ROLANDO)

"O Berkley, Where Hart Thou?" Songs from film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* promised when Berkley Hart, the 7th Day Buskers, and guests perform Saturday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive); $20 in advance, $25 at door. 760-753-5786. (ENCINITAS)

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Short Stories Will Be Shared when Daniel Reveles visits Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue) to discuss and sign *Tequila, Lemon, and Salt,* on Saturday, February 19, at noon. Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

A Master Conga Drummer plays African and American songs, concluding concert with interactive light show, on Saturday, February 19, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). "Wing — African Drumming" starts at 2 p.m. at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). 858-573-5007. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Perfect Strangers perform for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Sunday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: $15, $20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Nautical Historian and Seasoned Sailor Dorothy Campbell discusses her new book, *Food Under Sail: A History of Food and Other Matters of Life in the United States Navy Since Its Inception,* Sunday, February 20, 3 p.m.,at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Ragtime Ensemble performs for Seagate Sundays concert on Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: $20 general, $15 seniors and military, $10 for children, free for those five and younger. Reservations: 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

Rock for Relief, starting at noon and continuing 'til wee hours, 'Canes Bar and Grill (3105 Ocean Front Walk) hosts music festival benefiting tsunami victims (through Red Cross and UNICEF) on Sunday, February 20. Participants include Tap Water, Cathryn Beeks, Stepping Feet, Dr. Chunk, Slewfoot, many others. Donation. 858-488-9690; 21 and older. (MISSION BEACH)

Hapa at Joan B. Kroc Theatre, February 19 (see In Person)

The Velvet Bones perform classical and popular trombone music, including premiere of "Quartet No. 5" by local composer Gary Kelsey, for Pleasure of Your Company series on Sunday, February 20, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"Infinity, Eternity, Spirituality, God" — discuss chapters 20-23 of Mortimer J. Adler's *Aristotle for Everybody* on Monday, February 21, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. Bring text. 619-291-5754. (HILLCREST)

"The Fusion of Music and Poetry," Third Word event with Joe B. of Rebel Crew, Monday, February 21, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). He brings "his spoken word and freestyles with original elements of hip-hop" to the stage. Donation. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Crime Writer Robert Crais signs and discusses his latest Elvis Cole/Joe Pike book, *The Forgotten Man,* Tuesday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Scholar, Activist, Author Melanie Bush reads from her new book, *Breaking the Code of Good Intentions: Examining the Contemporary White Experience,* Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Free. 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

Say What? Robert Fertig signs *What Every Woman Needs to Know to Help with Her Man's Ego,* Wednesday, February 23, 12:15 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Public Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Free. 858-538-8159.(RANCHO BERNARDO)

New Writing Series, Winter 2005 continues with reading by UCSD visual arts professor Lesley Stern on Wednesday, February 23, 4:30 p.m., in Performance Space of Visual Arts Facility (just north of Gilman parking structure) at UCSD. Stern's most recent publication is *The Smoking Book.* Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Chicken Soup for the African-American Soul: Celebrating and Sharing Our Culture One Story at a Time" is a compilation of nearly 100 stories. Co-author Lisa Nichols reads from and signs books on Wednesday, February 23, 5 p.m., in Price Center Gallery A at UCSD. Free. 858-822-0074. (LA JOLLA)

Storyswap, share and tell (don't read) a short personal story, folk tale, tall tale, literary tale, on Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Five minutes maximum; tales should be suitable for family listening. Free. 858-484-1325. (MIRA MESA)

"Sailing to the Far Horizon: The Restless Journey and Tragic Sinking of a Tall Ship" by local author Pam Bitterman chronicles sinking of the 123-foot sailing ship *Sofia* more than 25 years ago. Bitterman discusses and signs books on Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

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Blow out, you bugles, over the rich Dead!
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But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.
These laid the world away; poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be
Of work and joy, and that unhoped serene,
That men call age; and those who would have been,
Their sons, they gave, their immortality.
Blow, bugles, blow! They brought us, for our dearth,
Holiness, lacked so long, and Love, and Pain.
Honour has come back, as a king, to earth,
And paid his subjects with a royal wage;
And Nobleness walks in our ways again;
And we have come into our heritage.

THE DEAD
These hearts were woven of human joys and cares,
Washed marvellously with sorrow, swift to mirth.
The years had given them kindness. Dawn was theirs,
And sunset, and the colours of the earth.
These had seen movement, and heard music; known
Slumber and waking; loved; gone proudly friended;
Felt the quick stir of wonder; sat alone;
Touched flowers and furs and cheeks. All this is ended.
There are waters blown by changing winds to laughter
And lit by the rich skies, all day. And after,
Frost, with a gesture, stays the waves that dance
And wandering loveliness. He leaves a white
Unbroken glory, a gathered radiance,
A width, a shining peace, under the night.

THE SOLDIER
If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

– Rupert Brooke (1887–1915)

"Metropolitan San Diego: How Geography and Lifestyle Shape a New Urban Environment" discussed and signed by SDSU geography professor Larry R. Ford on Thursday, February 24, noon, at San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

A Legend in Her Homeland of Ireland, Mary Black performs Saturday, February 19, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Black's career spans over 20 years, with nine platinum records to her credit; $40. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

THQ World Supercross, competition takes place Saturday, February 19, at Qualcomm Stadium. Day of practice (beginning at 12:30 p.m.) followed by opening ceremonies at 7:10 p.m., with racing continuing through 10:15 p.m. Tickets: $10-$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Bring Your Old Wood Racquet and get a prize during Family Tennis Day Carnival on Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Escondido Athletic Club (130 East Lincoln Avenue). All levels welcome, with beginners encouraged to attend. Clinics and tips, tennis games, food. Loaner racquets available. Free. 760-580-1690 or 760-809-8437. Hosted by USA Tennis, coach Danny Mendoza. (ESCONDIDO)

Pine Valley Loop, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for its "best ride" on Saturday, February 19. The 50-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at fire station on Alpine Boulevard (I-8 to Tavern exit). Free. 619-253-8751. (ALPINE)

San Diego Gulls host Bakersfield Condors on Saturday, February 19, 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: $12 to $25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Lake Jennings Fishing University convenes each Sunday, 1 p.m., at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

Tallest Party in Town, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosts 24th annual StairClimb to Cure CF on Saturday, March 12, at One America Plaza (600 West Broadway). Registration at 8 a.m.; climb from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants climb 34 floors of competitive or slower-paced stairwells, then ride elevator down to start again. Suggested donation: $50. 858-578-2945. (DOWNTOWN)

SPECIAL

Fitted with Period Ordnance and flying pennants and flags of 1812 era, the 122-foot square-topsail schooner *Lynx* visits Oceanside Harbor for educational dockside tours, Thursday through Monday, February 17-21, 9 a.m. to noon ($5 general, $3 military, free for those under 12). Crew wears period uniforms and operates the ship in keeping with maritime traditions of early 19th-Century America.

Adventure sailings offered 1 to 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)

Selections from Sun-Tzu's *Art of War* provide fodder when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, February 19, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets:

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Reading

In Fond Remembrance of Me: A Memoir of Myth and Uncommon Friendship in the Arctic

Howard Norman

North Point Press, 2005; 166 pages; $22.00

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Howard Norman spent the fall of 1977 in Churchill, Manitoba, translating into English two dozen "Noah stories" told to him by an Inuit elder. The folktales reveal what happened when the biblical Noah sailed his Ark into Hudson Bay in search of woolly mammoths and lost his way. By turns startling, tragic, and comical, these inimitable narratives tell the history of the Arctic and capture the collision of cultures precipitated by the arrival of a hapless stranger in a strange land.

Norman himself was then a stranger in a strange land, but he was not alone. In Churchill he encountered Helen Tanizaki, an Anglo-Japanese woman embarked on a similar project – to translate the tales into Japanese. An extraordinary linguist and an exact and compelling friend, Tanizaki became Norman's guide through the characters, stories, and customs he was coming to know, and a remarkable intimacy sprang up between them – all the more intense because it was to be fleeting; Tanizaki was fatally ill.

Through a series of overlapping panels of reality and memory, Norman recaptures with vivid immediacy a brief but life-shifting encounter and the earthy, robust stories that occasioned it.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Howard Norman was born in Toledo, Ohio, in 1949, and grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He studied zoology, linguistics, and folklore at Indiana University and the University of Michigan. "My undergraduate degree," he said, in a recent interview, "was through the Honors College. My graduate degree was a master's degree in folklore at Indiana University's Folklore Institute. That was partially sponsored by several groups in Canada who wanted me to keep working for them, but I felt I needed a grounding more in linguistics and folklore. Partly, too, it was my own curiosity and the thought that maybe it would be an interesting experience. At Michigan I simply wrote and translated. I worked on many translations before arriving at the period in which this memoir takes place. The Michigan scholarship was a hodgepodge kind of scholarship. You were supported for general artistic endeavor. It was wonderful and rare and, in my life, tremendously surprising. Leaving there, I went up to the Arctic to return to work for museums and to write articles on natural history."

Mr. Norman was introduced – in 1981, at a Thanksgiving waifs-and-strays dinner – to poet Jane Shore, the woman who would become his wife. Hosts for the dinner were Fresno poet Philip Levine and his wife Fran. Mr. Norman has taught in various universities; has written children's books and travel and natural history articles; and is the author of five novels, including *The Haunting of L., The Bird Artist,* and *Northern Lights*. He is a two-time finalist for the National Book Award. He lives with his family in Vermont and Washington, D.C.

"When I met Helen," Mr. Norman said, in answer to my question, "I was 29."

"You seemed younger in the book."

"I probably was – I worried about that, but I think I worried about it because I wasn't ready to embrace the fact that it was the truth. But I was, especially in relationship to Helen and in relationship to many people I knew, quite uneducated in a way, even though I had been places. Helen became a model for me of what, of how, one could feel any given day. She packed a lot into each day."

How, I asked, did Mr. Norman become interested in translation?

"I don't think it was translation that interested me to start with. As you get older I think you look back with psychological insight, which only applies in retrospect. At the time there's an energy that may be incited by or borne out of certain psychological circumstances. But you would not assess it that way. You would only be acting in relationship to it. If you had, as I did, a claustrophobic and inwardly collapsing family life, then, from early on, probably

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"Translation is the attempt to find the equivalent and not the substitutes in your own language."

$8 general, $5 for seniors, $4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Works of Art in a Variety of Media offered during charity art auction hosted by Salon de Maria, benefiting the Monarch School, on Saturday, February 19, 3 to 7 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Admission: free. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

Chocolate Spa! Make, apply fresh chocolate vitamin mask, sample double chocolate ginger cookies and other chocolate treats during events on Saturday, February 19, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Basics of aromatherapy explained; make chocolate body spray, hot chocolate bath powder, chocolate bath/massage oil; $43. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figgins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, February 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

"Safe Sex in the Garden" is topic when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets to discuss Thomas Ogren's book on Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Commemorating 100 Years Since Ayn Rand's Birth, the Objectivist Discussion Group "announces a year-long series to study systematically her enduring philosophy," continuing Sunday, February 20, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Participants read and discuss pages 37-55 of Leonard Peikoff's book *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*. Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

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

The San Diego Mycological Society hosts eighth annual mushroom festival, Sunday, February 20, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Introductory slide show (10:30 a.m.), followed by exhibits (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Displays of local mushrooms, lectures, slide shows, cooking demonstration, educational exhibits, items for sale. Requested donation: $1. 760-753-0273. (BALBOA PARK)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *Così fan tutte* on Tuesday, February 22 (5:30 p.m.), and Sunday, February 27 (12:30 p.m.), at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

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

Take "A Rare Look at Rare Books" in research library at San Diego Natural History Museum during program on Tuesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. Librarian Margi Dykens hosts visits to rare book room at museum, shares stories and histories of treasured volumes; $10. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

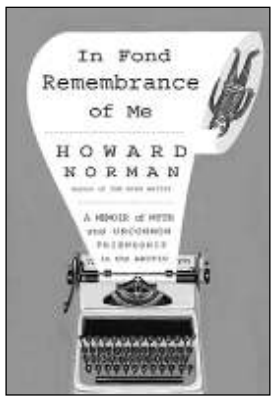
Tower After Hours series at San Diego Museum of Man continues with an "Irish Celebration" on Thursday, February 24, 6 p.m. Entertainment by the Session, Westlin Weavers, Sheela-na-Gig, Kathleen Hartshorne, Crossroads, Skelpin, Celtic Ensemble, Michael Eskin, George Rubasemen; $20 fee includes food and drink. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Robinson's-May stores. 619-276-0101. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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

CPR Saturday is Saturday, March 5, at San Diego Commu-



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subconsciously, you feel an escalating sense of needing open spaces. Combine that need perhaps with a boy's fascination with Jack London and so forth. But that was formalized and in a way implemented by going to work for museums. It was only much later that I realized it probably was partly because I was daydreaming out into the wilderness.

"I think that's why when I met Helen, and she was working on her treatise, 'Incidents of Choking in Inuit Folktales,' that I was so moved. There is the paradox that you could be in a space that's the widest space in the entire universe but can feel choked by anxiety and choked by your own nature, so to speak. I understood something about that, although I must admit that at the time, I was not thinking in those terms."

"You didn't have the words yet. You were too young."

"Which is why it's been the most decisive paradox in my life to return to these journals, 30 years after the fact. I think that the impetus partly was having a daughter who was really extraordinary and very pointed in her inquiries about who her parents were. In a way there's probably a little bit of that at work – 'This is who I was.' "

"You must have been somewhat amazed when you found the old notebooks from which *In Fond Remembrance of Me* emerged."

"I was. It happened because I had 500 or 600 boxes of stuff, archival stuff, up in Vermont. I had forgotten about these notebooks. When I looked at them, it wasn't amnesia, actually, it was just something set aside in one's memory for a while. And then returning to them. I really didn't do that much – some of the language is different but basically the chronology is very precisely drawn from the original circumstances."

In his new book Mr. Norman writes of his encounters with Helen and also of his attempts to interview the Inuit elder about the Inuit Noah stories. I said how smart I thought it was to put those interviews and stories in this book. The interviews, I added, "give the book a present as well as a past tense."

"I didn't want it to seem like an artifact. Of course, Faulkner is right, 'The past isn't even the past.' " Mr. Norman paused, then added, "I think it was largely to choreograph the psychological motif such as haplessness, such as the inability to look at where you really are, a kind of vulnerability to the physical landscape and to being a kind of stranger in a strange land. So, that when we were trying to coordinate the stories with the text, my editor and I, we talked about this. We didn't want to force a connectiveness or a synchronicity but to keep it more impressionistic. So that's how that's structured."

"Not only do you read here these Inuit creation myths, but the present-tense narrative of your life is a creation myth too – a coming-of-age story of which you are the subject."

"I hadn't thought of that. I would agree fully. And not only would I agree fully, but if you wouldn't mind, I would enhance it by saying that I was very aware at the time. I think I might have failed a little to say this strongly enough. But about two or three weeks into being there, I understood very, very clearly, lying in bed one night and staring at the ceiling, that I needed to savor this experience, that it was not something that I should allow to escape me. How to do that was another question. But the fact that I should do it and the fact that this was a highly idiosyncratic situation had very little to do with Helen's medical condition [Helen was dying of cancer].

"It's only in retrospect that there is an understanding of a

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nity Concourse (202 C Street). Hundreds of American Red Cross instructors on hand to lead three-hour training sessions, starting every hour from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (arrive 30 minutes prior to desired session). Free. 877-454-7229. Participants who successfully complete course will receive certification. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

You're Invited to Celebrate *Princess Phoebe's Birthday* with Big Joe Productions through Sunday, February 20, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Weaver's Tales present *Sleeping Beauty,* February 23-27.

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

How Do Animals in the Ocean reproduce and care for their young? Children three and four find out during "Sea Mamas and Papas," Thursday, February 17, 9 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Participants make close-up observations, visit aquarium nursery, create a craft; $25. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals part of fun during Animal Tales story time presented by San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, Saturday, February 19, 1:30 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Program repeats Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m., at Borders located at 1072 Camino del Rio North (619-243-3432). Free. (EL CAJON, MISSION VALLEY)

Enjoy *Green Eggs and Ham* when the Dr. Seuss classic is read for story time on Saturday, February 19, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Forces examined when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, February 19, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard for Fun, San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts President's Day family arts and crafts events on Sunday, February 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free for those under 15, $5 for everyone else. The museum is located downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About Beach Critters when Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Wednesday, February 23, 2 p.m. Fee: $12 per adult, $8 per child (6 to 13 years old). To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News.* Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, the new exhibit showcases paintings by a grandfather and a granddaughter. 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, influenced by both East and West, paints and creates one-of-a-kind furniture and jewelry pieces. See works by both artists through Friday, March 11.

View artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Jade from the Past," a collection of over 100 nephrite jade sculptures, from amulets to animal and plant designs, on exhibit through March. Also on view: "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces

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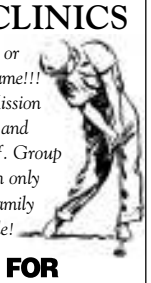
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Reading

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kind of acceleration of things, but at the time, while in retrospect it seems like two months was a short period of time, at the time it was really a very, very large amount of time."

Once Helen and Mr. Norman parted, Helen returned to her home in Japan. She wrote to Mr. Norman from there. "Yes," he said, "I knew her longer in her epistolary life than in our regular life together, which was not really together but sort of separate."

"Helen was a wonderful influence on you as an artist."

"Oh, yes. In a lot of ways she is the second most remarkable person I've ever known. A third next to my wife and daughter. She intensified life for me in a way that I had not expected and haven't really felt since."

"And," I said, "at a point in your life where you didn't have any sense of what was going to happen to you or who you were going to be."

"No, I actually did not. My complete sense of myself was that I would take the next thing offered. I was so reactive, using modern-day lingo. I think I was primarily grateful to be earning a living. And there was very much, and still is, a utilitarian element to my life. From the outside someone might have thought I was doing something quite exotic, but close up, it was really the work at hand and the work allowed and the work offered. I knew a lot of people like that. It was not rare in my circles."

Referring to Mr. Norman's interview sessions with his rather difficult and somewhat hostile Inuit tale-teller, I said, "Those sitdowns at that kitchen table did not seem all that exotic."

"They were very tough. They were very confusing to me because to separate wanting to be liked and wanting to do good work is not necessarily something that comes naturally to people."

"And you were having so much trouble with the language."

"Oh, tremendous troubles. I still do. But I knew that the rewards were terrific. I had a chapter in the book which I left out because it didn't quite succeed, which was about Helen retranslating something that I couldn't get right. I didn't include this chapter because it made it seem too much like she was a schoolmarm, sort of tapping my wrist with her ruler. That wasn't entirely inaccurate, but it was not nearly the whole demeanor of that evening. I couldn't get it right."

I asked Mr. Norman about translation.

"Then and now, the thing that connected the beginning work with the present work was never a problem of getting help with the original. You could always find people to tell you what this or that word meant. I don't know if I refer to this in the book or not, but translation is certainly the attempt to find the equivalent and not the substitutes in your own language.

"And that was the thing: how inventive were you in your own language? And so the initial process was twofold. It was obvious on the level of needing to start from scratch with another language, but in the sense of starting from scratch or dealing with a very basic sense of inventiveness in your own language was far more difficult and still remains that way. This will sound sentimental, but I have long wondered what translation Helen would have accomplished, had she lived, because she was taking on very large projects when she died. She had very unusual projects to do.

"She was a linguist. Her world, her philosophy, was born of language, and she came from a mixed family. I think that probably had some influence. Although I don't know that she ever said that. I've spoken to her brother since, and he made the offhand comment that everybody was good at languages in his family. I think one can't underestimate what an extraordinary thing that is. You know, especially if one struggles with language. I don't think it comes easy to many people. But Helen had a great ear and was a good mimic." ■

— Judith Moore

of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time," on view through March, honors Lemon Grove's "founding parents." Kumeyaay are depicted in large wall murals and pictographs by museum's artists-in-residence Kathleen Strzelecki and Janne LaValle. Exhibit includes clothing typical of late Stone Age, fossils, utilitarian gourds, items created by members of Treganza family. Companion exhibit traces three decades of modern Lemon Grove history, beginning in 1892. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "ExploraZone 5," on view through Sunday, June 5, explores "what you *think* you see." The 38 exhibits use visual perception, thought, language, magnetism to test visitor's senses and abilities. Exhibit includes "Hoop Nightmares," "Cheshire Cat," "Black Sand," "Speech Dissector."

Ongoing exhibitions include "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "Tech City" (through April), "Symmetry, and Signals," "Try-Science!" and "Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "The Romance Cars of Italy" are on view through Monday, March 28. Lamborghini and Ferrari are joined by Bizzarini, Alfa Romeo, DeTomaso, and Lancia on the exhibit floor.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, "Shades of Greatness" is a 35-piece art exhibit on loan from Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City, highlighting history, lessons of Negro League baseball. Exhibit includes paintings, statues, other works.

Additional exhibits include "World's Largest Collection of Olympic Medals," featuring medals from as early as 1896. The museum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preservingathletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India,* the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley,* and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea.* The H.M.S. *Surprise,* used in film *Master and Commander,* is permanently on exhibit. See artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through September 26, 2005. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortego, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's *santeros* (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros.*

Historic and symbolic role of weapons from around the globe examined in "Weapons of the World: Art, Technology, and Symbolism," continuing through May 2005. Collection showcases more than 150 weapons of all shapes and sizes, including blades, shields, spears, bows, most from private collection of Joseph Jessop, who purchased the items from collectors and traders.

"Mapuche: Chilean People of the Land," on view through March 2005, includes more than 100 items such as textiles, basketry, modern and vintage photographs, silverwork. The Mapuche — who were never conquered by the Incas or the Spaniards — boast a complex culture from pre-Hispanic times, speak their own language, earn income through their artwork.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

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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)

"All About Ives: America's Yankee Maverick and Musical Pioneer" illuminated when San Diego Symphony and conductor Matthew Garbutt present Light Bulb series concert on Friday, February 18, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Concert includes excerpts from "Variations on America," "Three Places in New England," "The Robert Browning Overture," "The Gong on the Hook," more. Tickets: $10 to $55. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, February 18. Recorder basics at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor Steve Hendricks leads the group 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 760-726-8699. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

Performer's Forum, featuring new works by graduate composers, performers, and scholars, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLL A)

Hailing from Wiesbaden, Germany, Hans Hielscher performs for Pipe Organ Concert Series on Friday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

Set in 1912 at Hotel del Coronado, *Così fan tutte* is next production for San Diego Opera, starring Jennifer Casey Cabot, Phyllis Pancella, Michael Schade, Russell Braun. Sung in Italian, with dialogue projected above the stage. Conducted by Karen Keltner, directed by Leon Major.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, Tuesday, February 22, and Wednesday, March 2; 8 p.m. on Friday, February 25; 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 27. Tickets range from $20 to $160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, February 20, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Guitarists Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 21, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Classical Guitarist Petar Jankovic performs for Concert Hour series on Thursday, February 24, 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)

"Le Noz di Fig" (an abbreviated version of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*) is presented by undergraduate and graduate students of Carol Plantamura, accompanied by chamber orchestra conducted by John Fonville, February 24-26, in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Performances begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, 8 p.m. on Friday; $8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Beethoven, Ives, and Copland promised when San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by pianist Naida Cole in concert on Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street); $33, $43. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Selections by Torroba, Albéniz, Tansman, Merlin, Dyens, and Piazzolla promised when classical guitarist Petar Jankovic performs on Thursday, February 24, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; $18 tickets include same-day museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

UCSD's "Premiere Percussion Ensemble," red fish blue fish, performs in concert on Thursday, February 24, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium; $8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

Vinyl Floor Mats are set against backdrops of large pastel landscapes in work by Los Angeles artist Holly Hood in exhibit on view through February at Trios Gallery (130 South Cedros Avenue). Reception for artist: Thursday, February 17, 5:30 p.m. 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

"New Acquisitions from the Athenaeum's Artists' Books and Artworks Collections" go on exhibit with reception on Friday, February 18, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Through Saturday, March 26. (LA JOLLA)

"Idling," photographs, drawings, and paintings by Graeme Baird go on view with reception on Friday, February 18, 6:30 p.m., at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Closes Sunday, March 6. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

Six Artists working in a variety of media have work on display during receptions on Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19, 5 p.m., at Bird Rock Gallery (5726 La Jolla Boulevard). 858-729-0822. (LA JOLLA)

"As Time Goes By: The La Jolla Art Association at 87" is on view through February at the Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception for artists: Saturday, February 19, 5 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

Joan Boyer's "Trees" are on display through Sunday, March 6, at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Show includes small watercolors, studio oil paintings, plein air paintings. Meet Boyer during reception planned on Sat-

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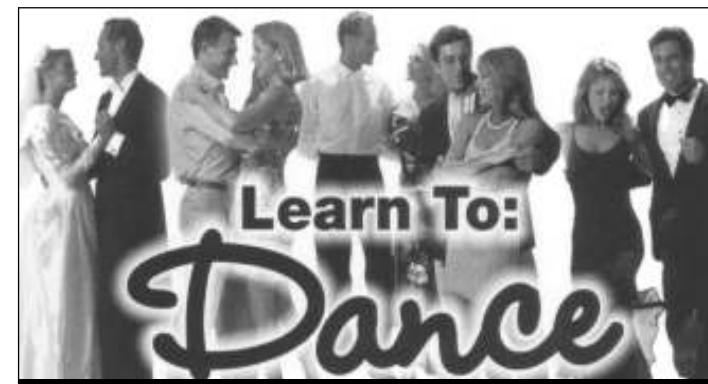

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urday, February 19, 4 to 8 p.m. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Recent Sculpture by Laura Darby is on view for her senior exhibition beginning with reception on Tuesday, February 22, 6 p.m., in Keller Art Gallery at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). 619-849-2200. Closes Friday, February 25. (POINT LOMA)

ART MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Terry Winters Painting, Drawings, Prints 1994-2004," features 160 works organized into seven chronological sections, explores the way the artist creates sets and subsets of images interacting with previous and current works. Exhibition closes on Sunday, April 17.

"Cerca Series: Kori Newkirk" includes an experimental form of the artist's "pony bead" curtains, created using small colored beads often seen in elaborate braided hairdos. The curtain will be changed as light conditions change throughout the day. Newkirk blends medium and message in works critically examining identity and place. Continues through Sunday, March 13.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 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," 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)

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.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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"As great as the greats were, he goes one step further."

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

Sometimes a single moment can launch a show or leave it on the tarmac. In the Old Globe's *I Just Stopped by to See the Man,* the moment comes when Karl, a British rock star, reaches for Jesse Davidson's Martin D45 guitar. Up to now, we've heard talk about the legendary Jesse, the last of the great Delta blues singers who allegedly died in an auto accident 14 years ago, and we've heard Karl and his famous band on tape.

But what are we watching at the Cassius Carter? Will the actor strum bar chords and pretend they're the legendary Robert Johnson's? Or grunt anguished "she done me wrong" lyrics and call them the blues? When Karl reaches for the guitar, which he does slowly enough to pitch the question to a higher plane, will we be watching life or mere imitation?

As Karl, Manoel Feliciano not only sings, he handles some of the tricky guitar licks Robert Johnson immortalized the precious few times they recorded his songs. Feliciano doesn't play riffs that race at you like a flash flood, the way Johnson could, but he comes close enough to give *See the Man* a good liftoff.

According to legend, Johnson learned to play at a crossroads near Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where he made a pact with the devil (many now believe that Ike Zinnerman, a farmhand with the gift, taught him). Johnson influenced the Rolling Stones (who sang his "Love in Vain," among others) and Bob Dylan, who said, "As great as the greats were, he goes one step further."

In 1938, someone handed Johnson a half-pint of poisoned whiskey. He fell ill and died on August 16 (the same day, fans of coincidence are quick to point out, that Elvis died, 39 years later) and was buried in an unmarked grave. He was 27.

In *See the Man,* Jesse Davidson's a Robert Johnson-like figure. He may have made a pact with the devil. And now is supposed to be dead. But he used the 1961 accident to walk away from the road. For the last 14 years, he's lived just south of Memphis down Highway 61 in a "shotgun shack" (probably near Robinsonville, Mississippi, where Johnson was born). Jesse's daughter Della moved in not long ago. Their rickety abode's become a "safe house" for both.

Imagine, say, Mick Jagger meeting an elderly Robert Johnson. Imagine Jagger's awe, and probably Johnson's indifference. What gives *See the Man* interest and conflict: Karl's no Jagger. His career's at a crossroads. The band's breaking up. Karl needs to hook up with a reborn Jesse so Karl's status won't nosedive. And Della, it turns out, is a political fugitive with feds hounding her trail. She needs her father to remain invisible, stay dead. If a British rocker met a blues legend today, you'd expect the legend rightfully to demand millions in royalties for the exploitation of his music. *See the Man* takes a different tack. Instead of harranguing about copyrights, it shows the bluesman *still* being exploited, but in different, unexpected ways.

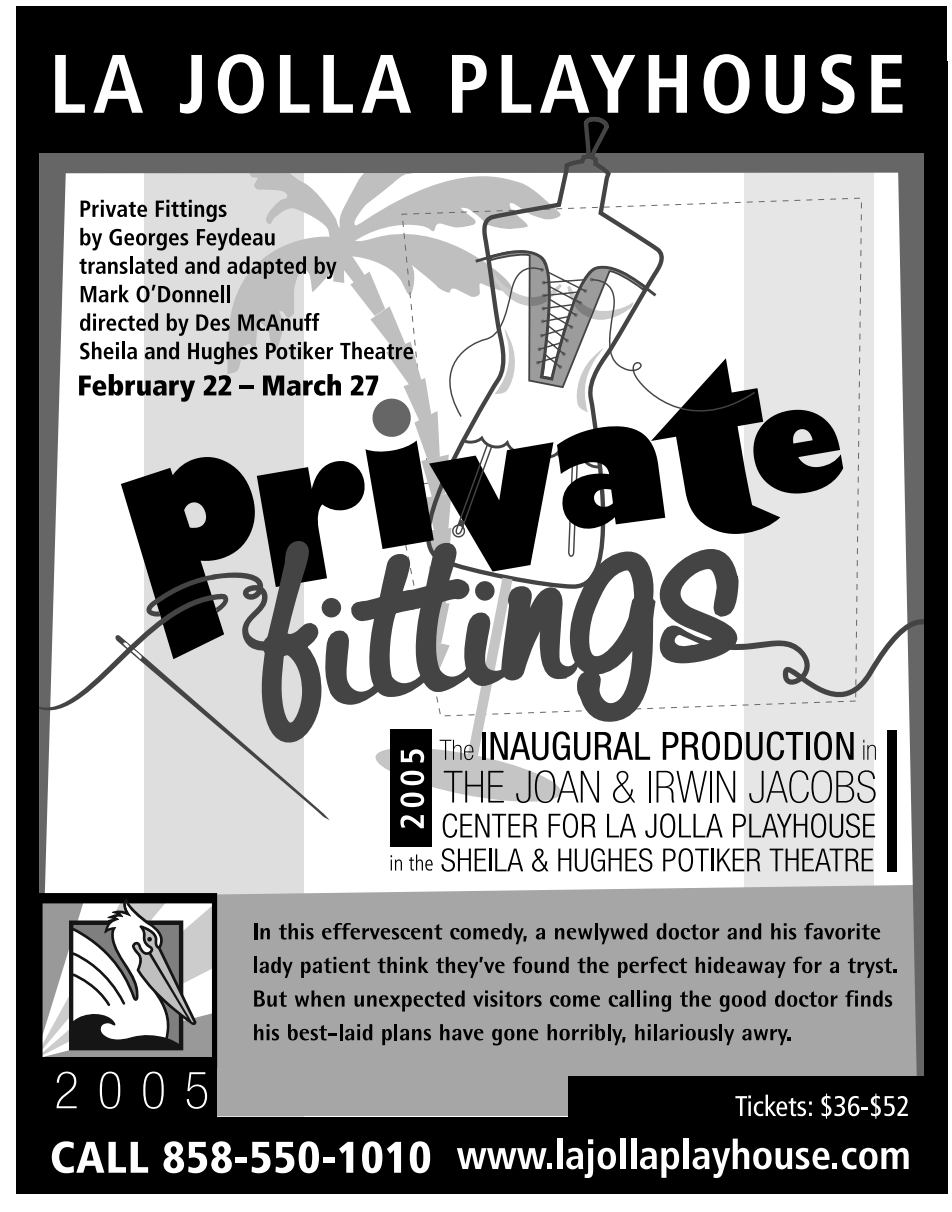
The play also reenacts Johnson's original Faustian pact. Hounded by jealous husbands and the KKK, Jesse needed to stop playing the "devil's music" and get off the road (of which Memphis Minnie sang: "Nothin' in ramblin' / neither in runnin' 'round / Gonna get me a good man / and settle down"). Jesse finds refuge, and religion, in his anonymous life. Karl may not be Satan, but he throws enough temptations at Jesse to lure him not just out of hiding, but also out of his faith. At one point Karl even says they have an "arrangement!"

In Act Two, to stress the parallels, Manoel Feliciano's eyeshadow grows darker, his face pale as marble, his antsy movements manic. Feliciano's excellent performance offers multiple possibilities: Karl could be a Satanic figure, even Old Nick himself, or someone possessed, or just a desperate rocker pulling all the stops to curb his dependence on drugs and salvage his career.

Stephen Jeffreys's play has a penchant for lengthy history lessons and instances when disbelief's impossible to suspend: How on earth could a for-

Manoel Feliciano, Tracey A. Leigh, Henry Afro-Bradley in I Just Stopped by to See the Man

I Just Stopped by to See the Man, *by Stephen Jeffreys*
Cassius Carter Centre Stage, *Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park*
Directed by Seret Scott; *cast: Henry Afro-Bradley, Manoel Feliciano, Tracey A. Leigh; scenic design, Robert Mark Morgan; costumes, Charlotte Devaux; lighting, Catherine Hegdale and Peter Maradudin; sound, Paul Peterson*
Playing through March 13; *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.*



eigner who's never been to northern Mississippi find the shack of a man who supposedly doesn't exist? (Karl says he looked for a "crossroads," but the delta's a maze of them.)

See the Man has the feel of a fable, so that's probably an answer. But the ending's another matter. The Globe's version's a mite too sunny. Jesse did "the last of the real thing" and has a moment of triumph. But in the context the play creates, he also committed a sin. And though the rock-slingers have gone, they'll be back in the morning, first thing, along with human demons from his resurrected past.

The play doesn't always pass inspection, but the performances do. Next door to the Carter, *Take Me Out* talks of "five tool" baseball players: athletes with all the requisite skills. Usually when directors cast a show with music, they must make a choice: hire someone who can sing but not act or someone who can act but can't sing. Des McAnuff's *Jersey Boys* at the La Jolla Playhouse had the equivalent of five-tool players: performers who could sing and play an instrument and act. So does *See the Man*. Underneath his frizzled Rod Stewart mop and 1975 bell-bottoms, Manoel Feliciano's a multitalent. Tracey A. Leigh sings well and brings an inner fire to the sometimes unenviable role of Della (she's as persecuted as her father, but the play condemns political passion, even as it privileges artistic freedom). Though his voice won't rival Johnson's or "Uncle Furry" Lewis, the real last of the Delta blues singers Henry Afro-Bradley creates a solid, convincing portrait of Jesse. At one point Karl asks him, "Is it better to sing the blues but not have them, or have the blues and not sing them?" At the Cassius Carter, thanks to these actors, the production has both. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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The Amber Glass
Rebecca Lee Means has rewritten 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 4:00 P.M. 619-449-5096.

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, 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.

The Clean House
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Sarah Ruhl's comedy about Maude, a cleaning woman who likes to tell jokes. Kate Whoriskey directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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 SATURDAY (AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

Crazy Love
Carlsbad Village Theatre presents "a comedy about men and women and why they drive each other crazy."
CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2822 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD, THROUGH MARCH 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-458-7036.

La Dispute
UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Marivaux's comedy about "untamed sexuality and cool philosophy." Who are more faithful in love, men or women? Darko Tresnjak directed.
MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, UC SAN DIEGO, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

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 BROADWAY, 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: *Helen*. ***Worth a try.***
EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 11; MONDAY, MARCH 14, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-231-6135.

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, THROUGH MARCH 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-594-6884.

The Haunting of Jim Crow
UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College presents Allan Havis's drama about the landmark 1954 *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision and an "intimate exposé" of Senator Strom Thurmond. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, recent winner of a San Diego Theater Critics' Circle Award, directed.
SHERWOOD AUDITORIUM, SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 700 PROSPECT STREET, LA JOLLA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. ADDED PERFORMANCE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, AT 11:00 A.M. 858-534-4003.

Icons: The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol. 1
Comedy Central's Jade Esteban Estrada performs his one-person musical comedy, including "cameos" by Sappho, Oscar Wilde, and Ellen DeGeneres.
ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

I Just Stopped By to See the Man
Reviewed this issue.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 13; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY 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.

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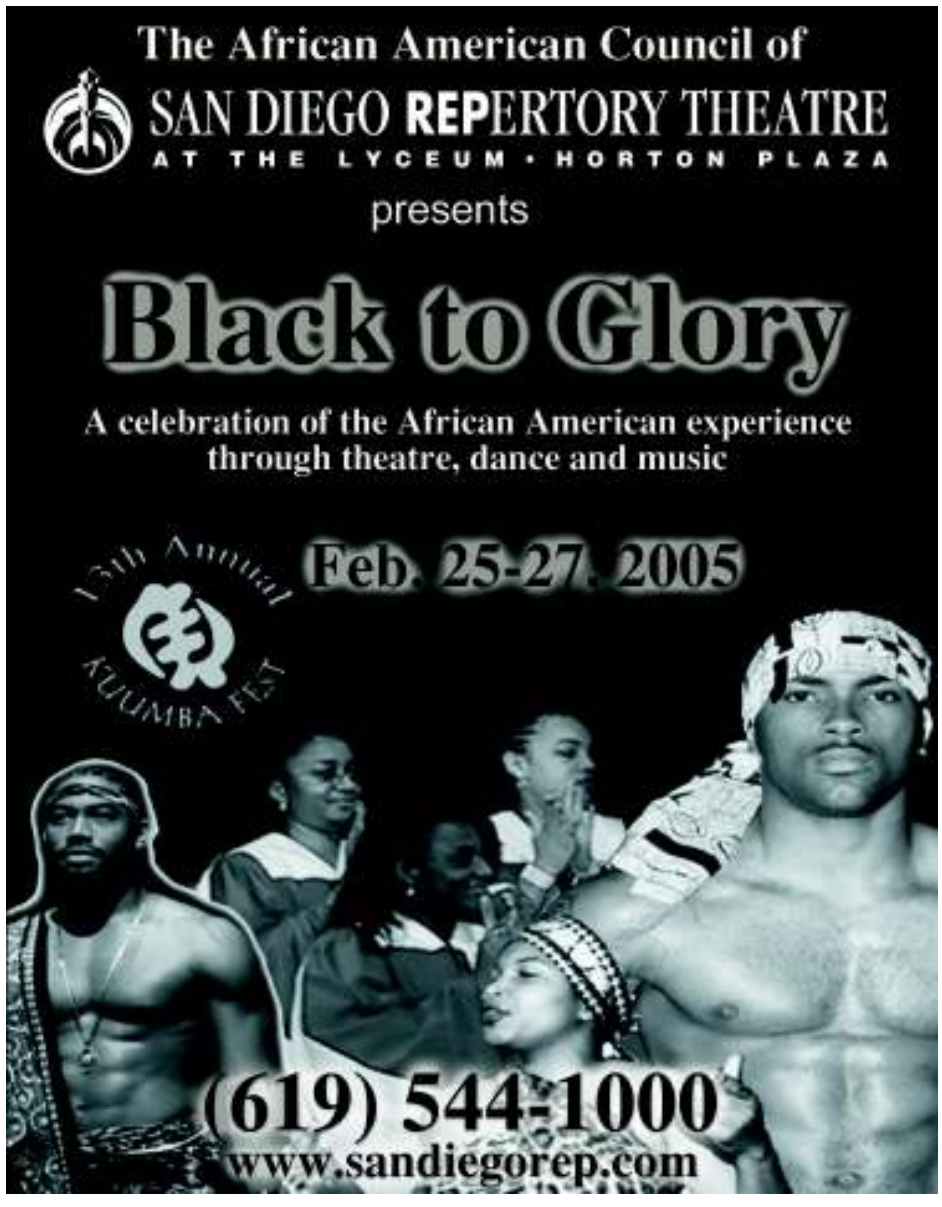
Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song.
DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding
The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot.
DAVE AND BUSTER'S, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VALLEY, AND 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

Killer Reunion
Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion — which doesn't go according to plan.
IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

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 categories.

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.

Mud, River, Stone

Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Lynn Nottage's drama about tourists at an old African hotel taken hostage. Antonio "T.J." Johnson directed.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH MARCH 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

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My Life by Juan Torres
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National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on 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; FRIDAY 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 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. SUNDAY 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 MARCH 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-789-7008.

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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Steel Magnolias
The Julian Theater Company (formerly the Pine Hills Players) presents Robert Harling's comedy-drama, set at Truvy's Beauty Salon. Scott Kinney directed.
JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THROUGH MARCH 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-2119.

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 spacey 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 jumping-bean 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 Out*.)
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
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.
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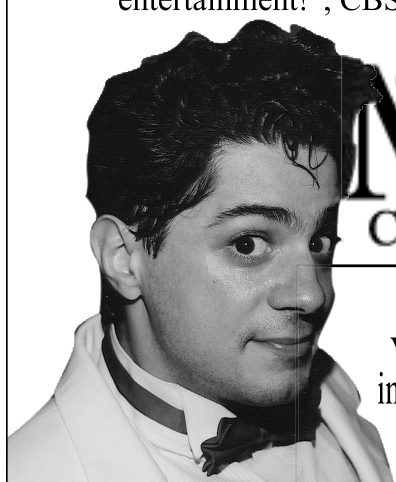

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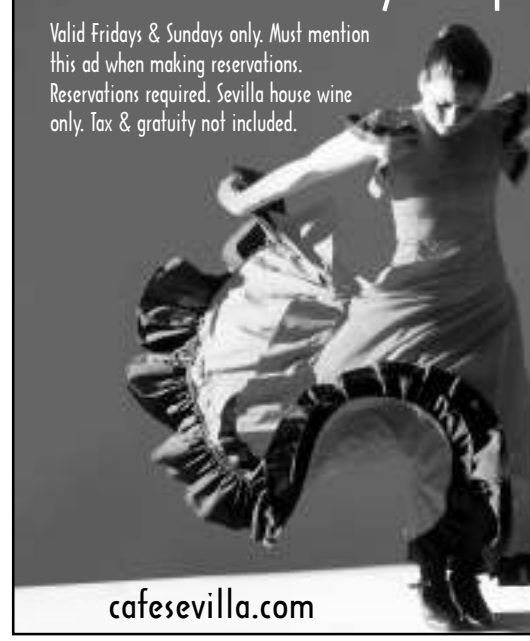

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Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here 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 "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid.* There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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When the World Was Green (A Chef's Fable)

Joseph Chaikin and Sam Shepard are American Theater Hall of Famers. Jim Chovick and Laura Lee Juliano are talented local actors. Kirsten Brandt is an award-winning director. But somehow the combination doesn't mesh in Chaikin and Shepard's fable about multigenerational cycles of violence. In the story, taken from the book *Sarajevo Days, Sarajevo Nights,* a master chef, seeking to avenge a 200-year-old vendetta, stalked and killed the wrong man by mistake. Now in prison, he is interviewed eight times by a reporter, and they slowly find commonality. As a director, Chaikin loved languid pacing and exact positioning of actors (in *Green,* the two move closer and closer, eventually touching). The Sledgehammer version has a reverence for Chaikin's almost static approach, but not his magic. The speeches — 80 minutes of Q&A and set-piece monologues — are stiff, even when they should loosen up. And Ruff Yeager's background piano emphases melodramatize too many scenes. Mary Larson's telling costumes, Jennifer Setlow's moody lighting, and Nick Fouch's set (a prison wall worthy of Hannibal Lecter) serve the play well.

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Wrinkles

They could cut a half hour from the first act of Rebecca Basham's new play and nobody'd miss it. The three-acter, in its world premiere at Diversionary, is wordy, repetitious, and at times aimless. Once it finds itself, *Wrinkles* is a funny, if none too deep, take on three generations of Kentucky lesbians coming out of the same familial closet. Granny Nita (Sally Stockton doing her best work ever with drop-dead readings), mother Louise (Terri Park a riot as a control-freak therapist; you can almost hear buzzing in her red beehive hairdo), and daughter Ellie (Lisel Gorrell-Getz, fine in later scenes but an eye-rolling, frantic-gesturing bundle of indicated acting early on) have kept their secret, they think, from each other. Until now. Even a director of Rosina Reynolds's considerable skills can't finesse the play's leaden sections, but she adds sparkle to its strengths. Shulamit Nelson's costumes define character and are appropriate for the "period" — circa 1982 — as is David Weiner's set, the family's living room, which would have tales to tell if the grandmother, mother, and daughter didn't finally fess up.

Worth a try.

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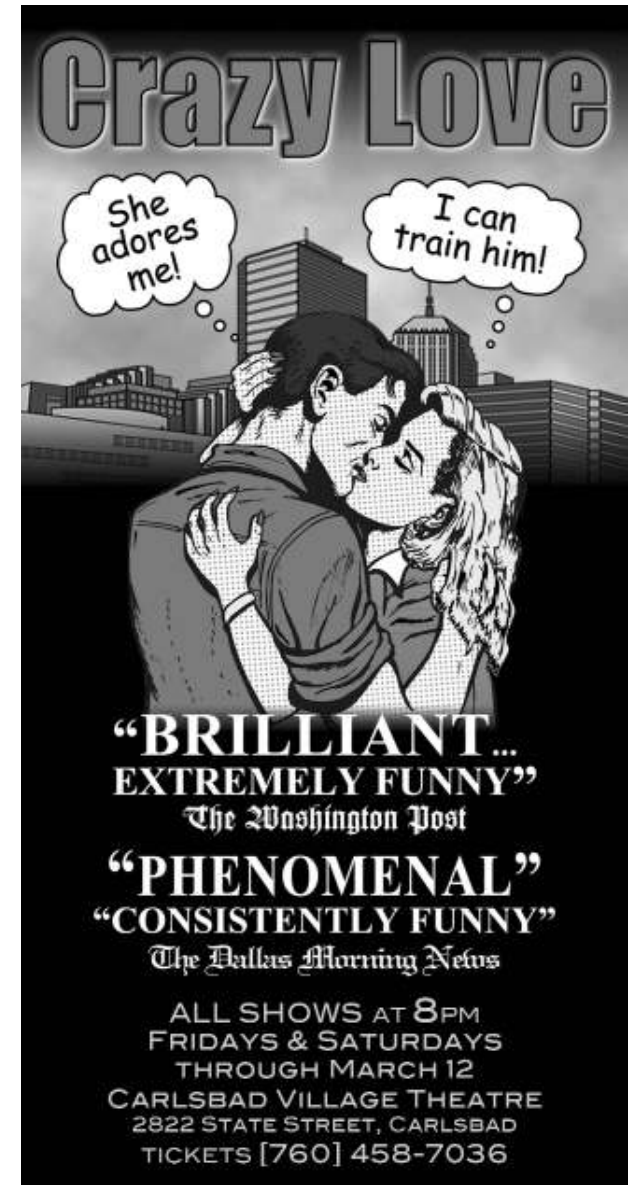

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Jeff Gaulton, a talent buyer who used to book the now-defunct Bacchanal from 1983 to 1990 and has been the talent buyer at 4th & B for the last seven years, has moved into that same position at Solana Beach's Belly Up Tavern. Diana Martinez, whom Gaulton will replace, has gone to work for San Diego's new House of Blues.

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FAB RUDIES PROMISED THEIR $50

"Now that she's gone, we'd love to play the Belly Up," says Tom Voris, the singer/manager of the Fabulous Rudies, an eight-piece North County ska band. Voris is one local musician who is happy that Martinez has left the tavern. Voris said he swore off the Belly Up after his band was stiffed by Martinez.

"It was October 1, opening for Buck-O-Nine. I dropped off our package a week before the show, and she said, 'It's your lucky day. If you can do this for me, I'll get you on a couple shows each month.' "

He said the Rudies were offered just $50 for the last-minute booking. Voris said Martinez never paid him.

"It's only 50 bucks, but it's the principle. I couldn't even get a hold of her after that."

Belly Up co-owner Steve Goldberg said he was not aware of the problem, but if the Fabulous Rudies were not paid, he would be happy to pay them.

Attempts to reach Martinez were not successful.

The Fabulous Rudies (*www.fabrudies.com*) appear 7 p.m. Friday with Saturday's Child, Large Marge, and Nels at the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos; must be 21, admission is $10. Also 6 p.m. Saturday with Irieside at Yard Records in Oceanside; all ages, free admission.

— *Ken Leighton*

"If moshing begins, the concert ends right there," says Aliah Lieras, recreation program supervisor with the City of Santee.

"If the bands aren't supportive of the rule, they won't be asked back. Our staff tech will pull the plug right there. This happened two years ago." Lieras declined to give the name of the band.

On the last Friday of the month for the next ten months, the Santee Teen Center will host three local bands. This year's series kicks off February 25.

"We only allow those between 13 and 17.… If they are over 18, they have to be fingerprinted." Parents are also welcome but must stand in a roped-off area.

Lieras said local teen bands are welcome to submit a demo for future shows (619-258-4100 extension 120).

Numskul, Solipsis, and Took the Fall appear 6–10 p.m., February 25, at the Santee Teen Center, 9470 Cuyamaca Street in Santee; must be 13–17 or a parent of an attendee. Admission is $3 for teen center members, $5 for nonmembers. Only 135 will be admitted.

— *Ken Leighton*

"Security wouldn't even let residents in with their own alcohol. You had to buy it from an inside vendor," said one Gaslamp Quarter denizen.

February 8 was the first downtown Fat Tuesday where — reminiscent of the pre-Petco Park Street Scene — the festivities were cordoned off and a $15 in advance or $20 at the gate price tag was imposed on anyone who didn't live within the boundaries.

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MARDI GRAS FLASHERS GET 1 WARNING

Some of the local acts were David Patrone's Flat Five Trio, the Uptown Rhythm Makers, DJ Scott Martin, and DJ Kid Krazy. Attendees had the following opinions: "The sound systems were bad." "There was no groove." "There were cops all over the place and…no boobies to be seen anywhere. That really pissed a lot of people off."

"Flashers were given one warning," said Gary Hassen, media relations officer of the San Diego Police Department, "and if they did it again, they were ticketed and ejected. There were 35 arrests in total — 15 ejections, 10 intoxications, and 10 miscellaneous. It seemed to be an older crowd this year, though, and didn't get started until around 8 p.m."

— *Michael Hemmingson*

David Swift, vice president and general manager of House of Blues Concerts for San Diego, just signed a new multi-year contract to stay in San Diego and oversee his local staff of 12, despite their press release in December stating that the company may be up for sale. House of Blues Concerts owns the Coors Amphitheatre and books SDSU's Open Air Theatre and Cox Arena. Also, two months ago, House of Blues talent buyer Candace Mandracia turned down an

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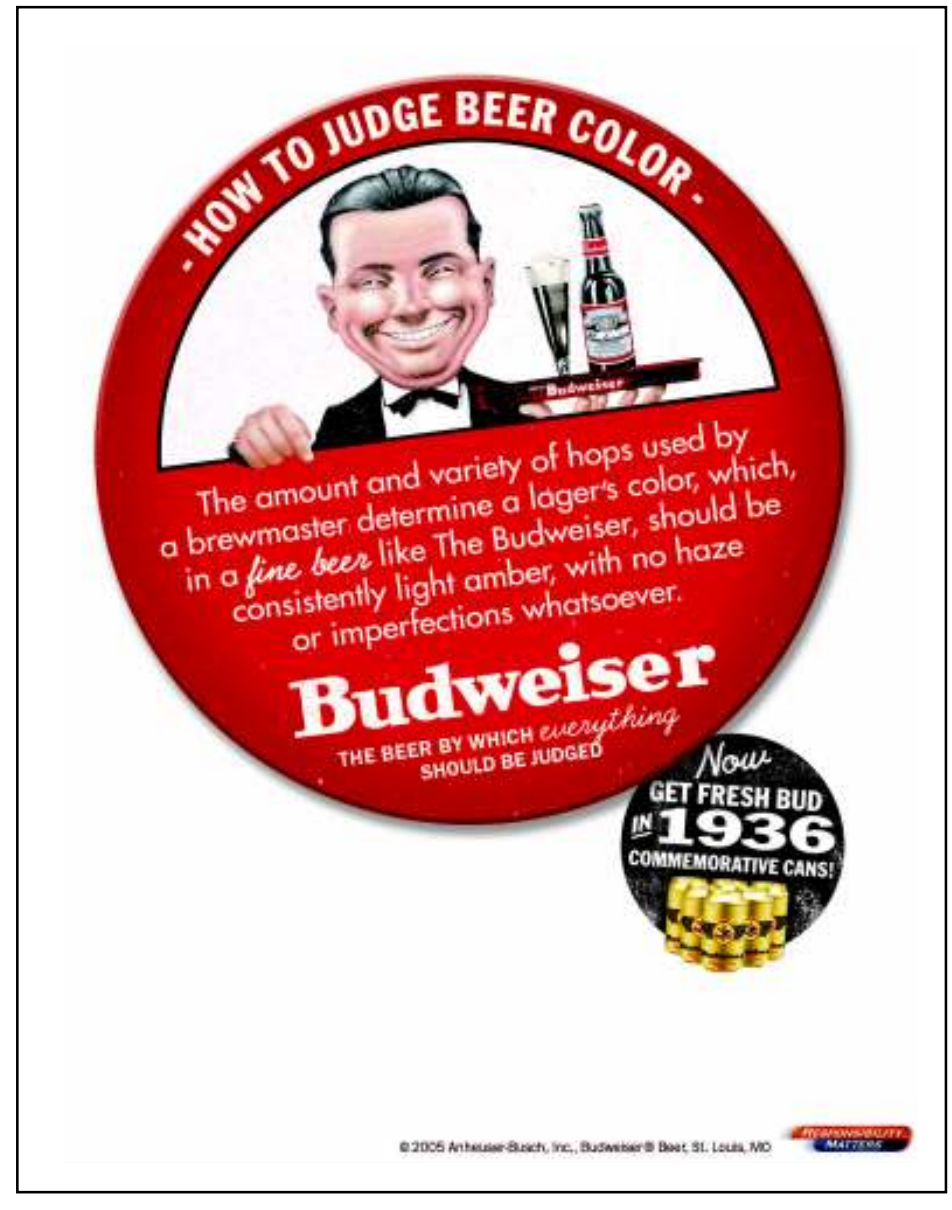

offer from Viejas Entertainment and remains with House of Blues.

Jack Gannon, PR director for House of Blues, said the chain of nightclubs has retained a financial management company called UBS to oversee the possible sale of House of Blues Concerts. He said there is "no correlation" between Swift's new contract and the potential sale of the company.

Meanwhile, Swift said 2005 looks like a much better year for concerts "at Coors Amphitheatre and our other facilities."

Last year the Coors box office moved 173,000 tickets compared to 224,000 in 2003.

"We already have three shows booked before May: Mötley Crüe March 22, Rod Stewart April 1, and Gloria Trevi April 24. Usually our outdoor concert season at Coors doesn't begin until mid-May."

The local staff of HoB Concerts is based in Chula Vista at the Coors Amphitheatre.

— *Ken Leighton*

"We were the Numbskulls from 1994 to 2000," said Skillet, lead singer of the Oceanside punk band now called Wanted Dead. "We figured we had the rights [to the name] when we put out the album, but there was a Numbskulls in Hawaii, and there was a promoter in Orange County called Eddie Numbskull Presents. So we changed our name."

As Wanted Dead (*www.wanteddead.com*), the band played most dates on the 2001 and 2002 Warped Tours. They played seven Warped dates last year.

Now another local band may face a similar challenge.

"We came up with the idea for the name when we were nine," said Cameron Wilson, singer/bassist with Numskul, a La Mesa–based trio of high school freshmen. "We've been playing together for four years. Our first show was at a fifth grade talent show."

Wilson said he believes the name is legally protected.

"We searched on the Internet for a long time [for bands with the same name]. "All we found were some rappers. We figured that would be the end of the issue.… Our dads take care of a lot of the legal stuff."

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NUMSKULS' DADS HANDLE LEGAL STUFF

Numskul (*www.numskul.com*) released their first CD, *No More Secrets,* in December on Fajz Records, a label created by the fathers of both Wilson and drummer Ryan Miller. (Rutger Rosenberg plays guitar.)

"We won the 2003 all-county Battle of the Bands at 'Canes. We were the youngest band to get a first place."

— *Ken Leighton*

"We're changing our name to 'Rouge,' like Moulin Rouge," says Tori, a waitress at the Hustler Bar-Grill on 624 E Street.

There is a rumor that the restaurant is being shut down due to pressure from the Gaslamp Quarter Association.

"People do come here thinking this is a stripper bar," Tori says, "but it's not."

Besides food, the Hustler Bar-Grill offers a weekend cabaret show (no nudity) where dancers lip sync to Marilyn Monroe's "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" and Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'." One of the managers, Rich, tells me that when the club becomes Rouge in mid-March, there will be a DJ station in the balcony and a dance floor on street level.

I ask him why the dancers don't go to the tables for tips after their act.

"It would seem too sleazy, and that's not what we want," he says. The framed photo of *Hustler* publisher Larry Flynt in the men's restroom would suggest otherwise.

— *Michael Hemmingson*

John Zorn has never played San Diego. The jazz sax player seldom comes out west, so his appearance at the Disney Redcat Center in downtown Los Angeles was a rare appearance outside New York. The only thing is, Redcat advertised the February 5 performance as if Zorn would get onstage with his sax and play live; in actuality, Zorn sat in the audience and watched musicians from Cal Arts perform some of his new compositions — including one long piece for voice, viola, splashing water, and a deck of cards.

ZORN COMPOSES FOR THE CARDS-AND-WATER CROWD

I met Zorn after the show and asked him if he had any plans to ever come down to San Diego. He smiled warmly and said, "I don't think so."

— *Michael Hemmingson*

A Florida newspaper writes, "Louis XIV, a San Diego foursome set to release its major-label debut on Atlantic in April, is better when it locks into a tight, retro groove: Big, dumb, loud rock 'n' roll…there's enough clanging guitars and snot-nosed vocals on *Illegal Tender* to provide the T. Rex fix and enough ambitious theatrics to bump the band off the tired assembly line inspired by the Strokes. Oh, all right. The grand gestures on the closing 'Louis Reprise,' a five-minute mishmash of distorted guitars, funhouse voices, hillbilly fiddles, Dobro, and trumpets, is embarrassingly ambitious. It sounds as though these guys are trying too hard, though the rudimentary drum solo is the most primal thing this side of Ringo Starr on *Abbey Road*… Louis XIV hasn't perfected its sound on *Illegal Tender,* but this is a band to watch, even with the rough edges."

Orlando Sentinel, February 4, 2005

— *Jay Allen Sanford*

Michael Robertson, founder and former CEO of San Diego's mp3.com, launched his newest digital music venture February 9. Headquartered in San Diego, mp3tunes.com offers around 300,000 songs from more than 22,000 artists (although most, at least so far, are unsigned or on indie labels). Cost is $0.88 per song or $8.88 per album, and the music is said to play on any computer or portable player.

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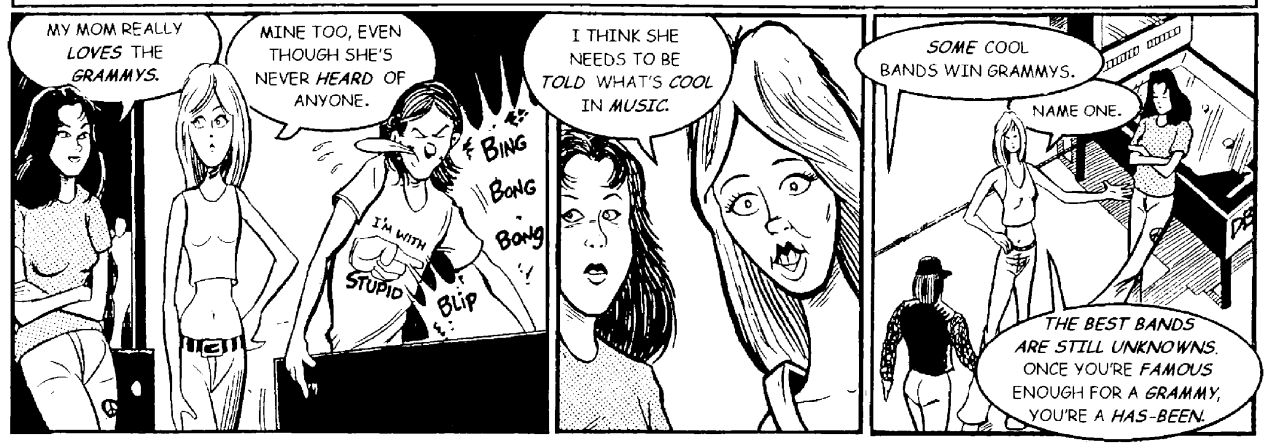

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Jeff Berkley ("I'm one of the rare native San Diegans") and Calman Hart ("I moved here from Utah in the early '80s") joined forces as Berkley Hart in October 1999. Berkley thinks it's their third and most recent album *Twelve* that best captures their rootsy Americana sound. "About a year ago we built a new home studio, so that was our first entirely self-produced effort. I've been producing records for a while but never had my own equipment. Now that I'm engineering, I've been listening to a lot of older records and learning how the great bands got that actual sound you know them for."

In the gap between records, Berkley Hart have played some oddly themed shows. "We do it just to put a different spin on things," says Hart. "For New Year's 2001, we did '2001: A Berkley Hart Odyssey,' which was the film music with a smoke machine. There was the 'Harvest Moon Party' — all Neil Young songs from that album with a bale of hay and a scarecrow onstage. We once played an entire album by Gregory Page, *The Romantic Adventures of Harry,* including an outtake that wasn't on the album. Gregory was there and played with us at the end of the night. We even did 'Berkley Hart Bingo,' where we put all our song titles on bingo cards. As we'd play a song, you'd mark it off and jump up and yell if you got bingo."

The newest tribute show is called "O Berkley, Where Hart Thou?" wherein the duo will perform music from the film soundtrack *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and similar classic Americana songs. The show takes place Saturday, February 19, at the Seaside Church Auditorium in Encinitas. Also appearing will be Eve Selis with Marc Twang, Tim Flannery, Cindy Wasserman, Robin Adler, Lisa Sanders, and the 7th Day Buskers. Hart says, "We love that music and, as soon as we thought of the name, we couldn't resist."

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Jeff Berkley, Calman Hart

FAVORITE AMERICANA/ROOTS SONG?

Berkley " '1913 Massacre,' Woody Guthrie. It's a horribly sad song, but I love the way he keeps you enthralled in the story for, like, six minutes."

Hart " 'O Come Angel Band,' an old traditional number — especially the version by the Stanley Brothers. It's been done by so many people...Emmylou Harris even did a whole album by that name."

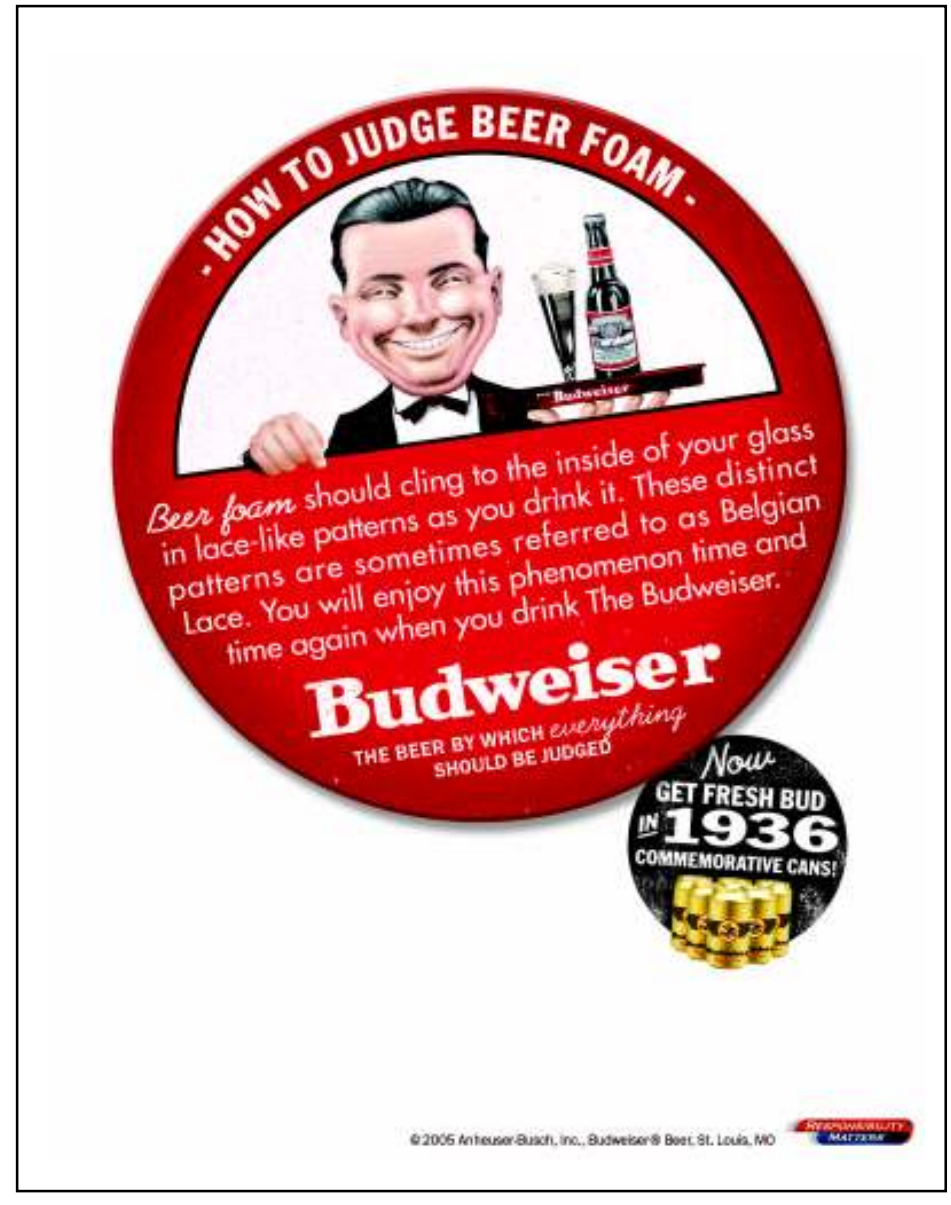
WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Berkley

1. Neil Young, *Harvest* ("I'm rediscovering a lot of older music.")
2. Led Zeppelin, *Led Zeppelin II* ("It's like they're just jamming the night away.")
3. Nick Drake, *Way to Blue* ("He used a lot of alternate guitar tunings, which we do a lot too.")
4. Fleetwood Mac, *Fleetwood Mac* ("The one before *Rumours,* when Lindsay Buckingham and Christine McVie had more of a hand.")
5. Buddy and Julie Miller, *Love Snuck Up* ("Americana country…Buddy plays guitar in Emmylou Harris's band, and Julie has written songs for her.")

Hart

1. James Taylor, *Hourglass* ("One of my favorite songwriters.")
2. John Katchur, *Friend of the Moon* ("He's started the original Java Joe's scene and introduced Jewel to everyone.")
3. Emmylou Harris, *Starbucks Artist's Choice* ("It has everything from Springsteen to Daniel Lanois.")
4. Nick Drake, *Pink Moon* ("There's a sort of Zen-ness to his music.")



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MUSIC SCENE

CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA?
Berkley "Dark chocolate, for the same reason I like Guinness more than regular beer. It's just more bodacious."
Hart "Chocolate, 'cause you get a little buzz from it."

LOCALS DESTINED FOR FAME?
Berkley "If you mean outstanding, not just someone lucking into fame, I really like the 7th Day Buskers. Lisa Sanders has a lot going on too. We're lucky to have bands like that in a small-city scene like ours."
Hart "Steve Poltz. He can take a room with 3000 people or with just 3 and completely captivate them. Eve Selis has been hooking up with Nashville songwriters, and she has a good shot. That Tom Waits guy, he's good too."

WORST GIG STORY?
Berkley "In one of my old bands, we had a song included on a Jazzercise tape, given out to classes all over the country. So when they had a big Jazzercise convention downtown at the [San Diego] Convention Center, they brought in all the bands who'd done the music. We played our regular set, but then they wanted us to get up with them and Jazzercise for the big end number. And we did it! We Jazzercised ourselves off the side of the stage and went home with our tails between our legs."
Hart "In Oklahoma we were booked for a gig at a college in Tulsa on the same night as the Oklahoma State playoffs, and the entire state was watching it. Nobody showed, but we still played. The only people that came in were asking when the game started."

FIRST INSTRUMENT OWNED? AGE/COST?
Berkley "A white upright piano. My parents got it for me when I was three or four. My father was a minister, and it was handed down from some old church — all dirty, cracked in a bunch of places, and I think it leaned to the left. I messed around with that until I was old enough to set up boxes to play with wooden spoons, after I decided to become a drummer for a while. It didn't cost me anything. Since it came from a church, it was a gift from God."
Hart "A red-and-yellow electric guitar. I can't remember the brand, but it wasn't very expensive. It wouldn't stay in tune, and the action was too high. It wasn't until I got an acoustic guitar that I took it seriously, but I have pictures of me holding it and looking all rock and roll. I was 12. You'd have to ask Santa how much it cost." ■

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Jill Scott: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Chingy: 4th & B, Thursday, February 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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.

Secret Machines, Moving Units, and **Autolux:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Ted Leo & the Pharmacists: The Casbah, Saturday, February 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

SUNDAY

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.

MONDAY

"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.

TUESDAY

Kenny Wayne Shepherd *[938]*: 4th & B, Tuesday, February 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Camper Van Beethoven/Cracker: The Casbah, Thursday, February 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355.

Donavon Frankenreiter, White Buffalo, and **State Radio:** 4th & B, Friday, February 25, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Duran Duran *[256]*: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 25, 8 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Manhattan Transfer *[608]*: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Pinback *[398]*: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26, 7 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Westerberg: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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JAZZ
album of the month

HERB ALPERT & THE TIJUANA BRASS
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Lost Treasures assembles previously unreleased gems and rarities. Many are unique arrangements of songs by pop music's greatest writers, including **James Taylor**'s "Fire and Rain" and **The Beatles**' "And I Love Her."

R&B
album of the month

JOHN LEGEND
Get Lifted

John Legend does a flawless job modeling himself after **Stevie Wonder** via intimate, thick-groove piano poured over rich vocals. Classic R&B has just received the shot in the arm it so desperately needed.

ALTERNATIVE AMERICANA
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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 *[956]*: 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 619-220-8497.

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.

Ron White: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

The Music: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Limeliters *[881]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Kris Delmhorst: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald *[610]*: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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.

! OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

There was a time a few years ago when it seemed as if the **Mates of State** opened every show I attended. A duo made up of keyboardist-singer **Kori Gardner** and drummer-singer **Jason Hammel**, they were young and so in love they brightened up any room. The two had moved to the Bay Area from Kansas and sang simple melodies and harmonies with a Midwestern earnestness. Gardner hit the keyboard as hard as a little girl at the piano for the first time. Hammel pounded the drums, but he was always attentive to Gardner, careful to never drown her out. I met him at a party once, and he said he and Gardner were about to be married. I was happy for them.

In fact, I liked them so much it took a long time for me to realize that I did not like their first album, *My Solo Project*. All that earnestness, it turns out, gets kind of grating before long. I started to wish Gardner would just hold back a little on the keyboard, so it wouldn't distort so much, and that Hammel would ease back on the tempo, and that both of them would just chill out and stop singing so loudly. And their decision to include recordings of Gardner as a child singing the theme song from *Cheers*...well, that was too much.

When I picked up the Mates' recent EP, I was pleased to hear that they've mellowed a bit. There's more variety of tempo, there's a Bowie cover to shake things up, and there's a quiet ballad. They're beginning to sound more like adults, and it suits them.

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MATES OF STATE

MATES OF STATE, Ché Café, Friday, February 18, 8 p.m. 858-534-2311. $8.

Diamond Rio: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Reverend Horton Heat *[268]*, the **Supersuckers** *[367]*, and **Trainwreck:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Franti: 4th & B, Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Julieta Venegas *[600]*: 4th & B, Sunday, March 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Byron Berline Band: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Xzibit: 4th & B, Monday, March 21, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Idol *[564]*: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mötley Crüe *[475]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Elvis Costello *[497]*: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Shonen Knife *[571]*, the **Gore Gore Girls,** and the **45's:** Brick by Brick, Wednesday, March 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

The Presidents of the United States of America *[228]*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Decemberists: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 25, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

U2 *[569]*: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 30, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Handsome Boy Modeling School: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

APRIL

Johnny Mathis *[611]*: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons *[612]*: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Taste of Chaos" with the **Used, My Chemical Romance, Killswitch Engage,** and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 1, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Young Dubliners *[469]*: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Drive-By Truckers *[574]*: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

George Duke and **Brenda Russell:** Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, April 7, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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 Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Dan Band: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Joe Satriani *[536]*: 4th & B, Sunday, April 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Killers: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, April 12, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector 9: 4th & B, Wednesday, April 13, 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: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Gloria Trevi: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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]* and **Eric Sardinas** *[950]*: 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.

MAY

Engelbert Humperdinck *[993]*: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Juanes: Cox Arena, Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

New Found Glory *[304]* and **Reggie & the Full Effect:** SOMA, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

The Strawbs: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

John Prine *[887]*: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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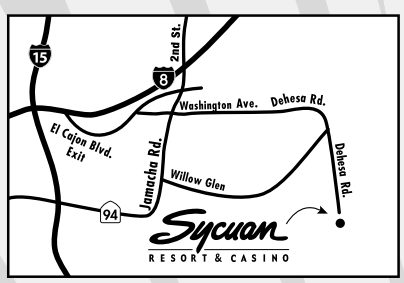

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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

Acceptance: Ground Zero
The Accident Experiment: The Jumping Turtle, 'Canes
Across the Room: 'Canes
Awaiting Samsara: Dreamstreet
The Ballad Mongers *[147]*: Hooley's Irish Pub and Grill
Blonde Redhead *[253]*: Soma
Born Tonight: 'Canes
Cabeza de Vaca: Humphrey's
Chasing Paper: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Cheeky Monkey *[224]*: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Colma: Brick By Brick
The Clay Colton Band: Monterey Bay Canners
Conflict of Interest: The Mercury
Contortion: Longshot Saloon
Cortical: Brick By Brick
C24C: Brick By Brick
Day Zero: Dreamstreet
Desert Junes: Brick By Brick
Development of the Soul: Blind Melons
The Nate Donnis Band: Monterey Bay Canners
Edify: Brick By Brick
Elora: The Jumping Turtle
Enuff Z'Nuff: Brick By Brick
The Essentials: Dreamstreet
Fall Apart: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Final Drive: Longshot Saloon
Fracture Point: Dreamstreet
Nick Freitas & the Head Gates: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Frog's Breath: Epicentre
From First to Last: Soma
The Gasoline Chicken: Dreamstreet
G.A.S.P.: Brick By Brick
The Golden Republic: The Casbah
Gram Rabbit: The Casbah
Grandview: Epicentre
Heavy Rotation: 'Canes
Highcyde: Brick By Brick
Hopesfall: Soma
Hornswaggled: Brick By Brick
Hot Monkey Love: Tio Leo's Lounge
Impossible Shapes: The Casbah
The I-94: Brick By Brick
Interpol: Soma
The Joggers: The Casbah
Josie's Ghost: Humphrey's
Kill Radio: Ground Zero
Large Marge: The Jumping Turtle
Jens Lekman: The Casbah
The Life: Ground Zero
Life Long Logos: The Jumping Turtle
Lockestar: Dreamstreet
The Long and Short of It: The Casbah
Loss of Control: 'Canes
The Lost Disciples *[203]*: The Mercury
Mae: Ground Zero
Malachi Crunch: Sham Rocks Shack, 'Canes
Malakai Norton: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Anya Marina *[118]*: The Casbah
Matchbook Romance: Soma
Media Lab: The Mercury, 'Canes
Melee: Soma
Mels: The Jumping Turtle
Misled: Dreamstreet
The Motion City Soundtrack: Soma
Mr. Orange Undercover: Blind Melons
Mytmo: Brick By Brick
Name Taken: Ground Zero
The Nodding Violets: Epicentre
Over It: Ground Zero
Patient Zero: Blind Melons
Pimpadelic: Brick By Brick
Plural: The Kensington Club
Pound Foolish: The Jumping Turtle
The Powerchords: The Kensington Club
Zohra Ptah: Egyptian Tea Room
Radio Diary: Epicentre
Raw Kandy: Belly Up Tavern
Red Tuesday: 'Canes
Reliant K: Ground Zero
Saturday's Child: The Jumping Turtle
Scar'd Sanity: The Jumping Turtle
Secret Apollo: The Kensington Club
The Secret Machines: 'Canes
Shadow Drop: The Jumping Turtle
Shaggin' Wagon: 'Canes
Sidekick Lounge: Dreamstreet
Jose Sinatra: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Sixth Day: Dreamstreet
The Skank Agents: Epicentre
Sleepytime Gorilla Museum: The Casbah
Slewfoot: 'Canes
The Sound of Urchin: 'Canes
The Spots: Dreamstreet
The Stereotypes: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
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The Story of Blue: Brick By Brick
Straight No Chaser: Brick By Brick
Stripped-Down Hollywood: Epicentre
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Sunsets and Landscapes: 'Canes

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The Statler Brothers set the standard for wry lyrics when they recorded "Flowers on the Wall," a '60s tribute of sorts to the interminable slack time that follows a busted romance. Few have been able to catch that ugliness with as much candor and humor as did the ancient country quartet. **Al James** came close, though, when he penned these words to his unfaithful (ex) girlfriend: "I believe in second chances," he half whispers, half sings, like a doped Mr. Rogers, "for everyone but you."

James is an Oregon truck driver and has logged endless road hours in which to craft such sentiment. He also fronts a group called **Dolorean.** "They sound like John Mayer, but without the hook," says my friend K., after vetting the band's *Violence in the Snowy Fields*. "Or maybe Duncan Sheik."

Musically, Dolorean's style roams, and the lyrics tackle religious themes (the Revelation of St. John, for one), or they descend into hell: Double-suicide pacts, loss, cheating spouses. Granted, it is always better to bear witness to anyone's melancholia other than your own, but by the third or fourth emotionally waterlogged ballad, I'm ready for a drink. That, and I believe Dolorean's celebrity-producer shafted them when he laid heavy on the trans-effects and the strings.

What makes me want to stand in line to hear this band are the handful of tracks on *Violence* that chase that old Grateful Dead magic. James and his band have perfected those wonderful bluegrassy Dead harmonies, so sweet they almost hurt. Even so, it was last year's gloomy *Not Exotic* that got Dolorean attention from the music press.

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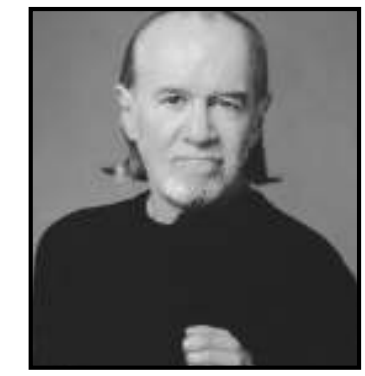

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Calendar

BANDS

Superunloader *[208]*: Tiki House
Take Over Turn: 'Canes
Tapwater: 'Canes
Ten Twenty Kill: The Mercury, 'Canes
Tetany: The Mercury
Throttle Body: Blind Melons
The Trophy Life: The Jumping Turtle
Uncle Jesus: 'Canes
U.S.E.: The Casbah
Veda: Ground Zero
The Viewmasters: The Kensington Club
Visceroy: Brick By Brick
The Waking Moment: Epicentre
White Lion: Brick By Brick
Whole Hog: The Jumping Turtle
Wick: Blind Melons
The Winded: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Anberlin: Soma
Autolux: 'Canes
Cathryn Beeks *[507]*: 'Canes, Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
Big Back Yard: Tiki House
The Blank Sets: Squid Joe's
Blind Date: I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar & Grill
Bottom Line: Game Time Tavern
C.D.M.: Blind Melons
Cheap Date: Vista Entertainment Center
Cilantro: Winstons
Collective Soul *[459]*: 4th & B
Criminal Funk: Island Sports & Spirits
Crosstide: The Casbah
Dolorean: The Casbah
Dr. Chunk: 'Canes
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub
The Ex-Friends: The Casbah
The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken
Footloose: Fannie's Nightclub
The Fryday Band: Blind Melons
Fuzz-Huzzi: Dreamstreet
Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports & Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers
Gimic: 'Canes
The Goregons: Squid Joe's
Half Empty: Longshot Saloon
Hands on Wax: Surf N'Saddle
Hawthorne Heights: Soma
Hera's Olive *[461]*: Dick's Last Resort
Hot Rod Lincoln *[547]*: Neimans Bar and Grill, Tio Leo's Lounge
Liz Janes: The Casbah
Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero
Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Sam Kininger: Winstons
The Kissers: Winstons
Laguna: Carvers
Ted Leo and the Pharmacists: The Casbah
The Jordan Loder Band: Rosie O'Grady's
Los Tres Sapos: The Calypso Cafe
Mandonna: Belly Up Tavern
Married by Elvis: Surf N'Saddle
The Millionaires *[416]*: The Kensington Club
The Moving Units: 'Canes
Murdock: Blind Melons
Nite Hawk: Woody's Sports Bar & Grill
The Noize Boyz: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
OU812: Squid Joe's
Pink Froyd: Blind Melons
Private Domain *[489]*: Dick's Last Resort
Proper Jive: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Queensrÿche *[431]*: Viejas Casino
Reaganomics: Blind Melons
Retrospect: Fannie's Nightclub
Riot House: Tiki House
The Rockoholics: Second Wind (Santee)
Rookie Card *[539]*: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Roxx *[444]*: Winstons
The Scavengers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Second to Last: Blind Melons
Eve Selis *[410]*: The Calypso Cafe
Serious Guise: Dirk's Niteclub
6one9: Second Wind (San Carlos)
The Stampede Band: Etta's Place
Steam: Winstons
The Stepping Feet: Squid Joe's
The Stilettos: Second Wind (Santee)
Street Heart: The Kraken
Sugarcult *[421]*: Soma
The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Tap Water: Winstons
Those Dang Robinsons: Blind Melons
The Truckee Brothers *[541]*: The Casbah
Tubby: Surf N'Saddle
The Two of Us: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's

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The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's

Sean McVicker: Trelisses Garden Grill

The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

The Pier Group: Trelisses Garden Grill

Dean Paul Ratzman: T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant

Rising Star: Humphrey's

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman *[622]*: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

Woody & Heartland: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce *[711]*: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

Arroyo: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Blue Largo *[636]*: Patrick's II

Bourbon Street: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: Pasquale on Prospect, Aurora Trattoria

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain *[703]*: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Emilio Camacho y Sus Rumberos: Sevilla

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Camille and the Jazz n Blues Project: Bistro Bacco

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos *[667]*: Excelsior

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Coctail Groove: The Calypso Cafe

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

The David Patrone Quartet *[647]*: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Humphrey's

Carl Evans: Humphrey's

Donnie Finnell & Co. East: Bistro 221

Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria

The High Society Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Tio Leo's Lounge

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Gary LeFebvre: Dizzy's

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The Shep Meyers Quartet *[660]*: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

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Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

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The Second Avenue Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

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Peter Sprague *[643]*: Dizzy's

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado

Torpedo Betty: Neimans Bar and Grill

The Jaime Valle Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet *[704]*: Tutto Mare, Harry's Bar & American Grill

Chris Walden: Dizzy's

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Bunny Mystic: Winstons

The Fabulous Rudies: The Jumping Turtle

Mikie Jaddah: Winstons

Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Winstons

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Johnny Osbourne: Winstons

Psydecar *[740]*: Belly Up Tavern

The Roots Covenant: Dreamstreet

Vegitation: Belly Up Tavern, Winstons

Wadi Gad: Winstons

Who Dem: Dreamstreet

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash *[761]*: Belly Up Tavern

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's

Hill Country: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acoustic Underground: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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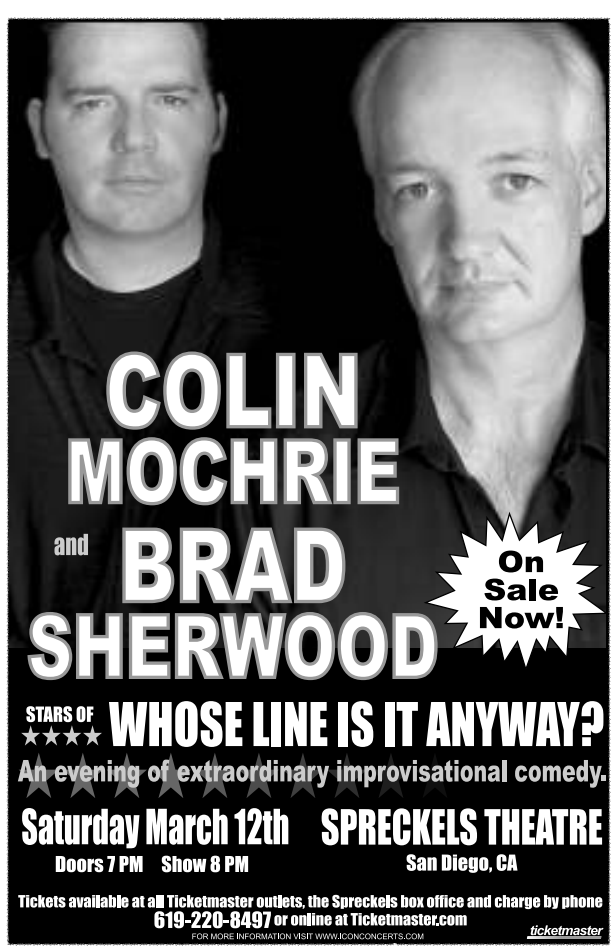

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Blitzkrieg Bop: Mondays, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Club '80s: Thursdays, the best of the '80s with DJs Bryan Pollard and Brian Anderson. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Miami: Fridays, reggaeton and hip-hop. Saturdays, salsa, meringue, and bachata. Club Rio, 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-843-7400.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, ethereal-electro-fetish. No cover. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

Deviantly Dark: Sundays, dark, driving progressive house and breakbeats with DJs Emmet Masterson and Joe P; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Faction-6: First Tuesday of the month, elektroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

The Mercury Room: Thursdays, R2 and CAZ spin hip-hop, dance, and Top 40. Tuesdays, Man's Ruin, Ribz spin rockabilly, psychobilly, and swing. Wednesdays, Klub Krome, the best and worst of metal and rock. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

One Nation: Second Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Plum Loco Saloon: Thursdays, Latin Night with DJ Rick La Voz. Fridays, hip-hop with DJ Lenny. Saturdays, old skool and hip-hop with DJ Rick La Voz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313.

Pnutz & Collagey: Wednesdays, party hip-hop, loungy downtempo, and dancehall. The Morena Club, 1319 Morena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-275-4431.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spin hip-hop, retro, and Latin dance. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, house. Sundays, Sunday Night Shakedown with DJs Jersan and Beatnik. Tuesdays, Step, house music with DJs Red Sonya and J-Be. Wednesdays, Relax, '70s and '80s funk. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-2838.

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, hip-hop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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 Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

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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.

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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 jazz.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Fall Apart,* punk rock/alternative. Saturday, live rock. Sunday, reggae. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Metal Shop,* rock. Wednesday, country.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Y3K,* live classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Int'l Silver Strings Submarine Band* featuring *Billy Watson,* blues.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Coctail Groove,* jazz. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith,* blues/pop. Saturday, *Woody & Heartland.* Sunday, *Patti Zlaket,* rock. Monday, *Eve Selis,* roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* folk. Wednesday, *Los Tres Sapos,* rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna,* classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ventilators,* rock/blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol,* blues. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* blues. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet.*

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *Bottom Line,* classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage,* acoustic. Wednesday, *Cathryn Beeks,* acoustic/folk.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *3 EZ Pieces,* blues. Friday, *Flat Out Liars,* classic rock. Saturday, *Street Heart,* classic rock. Sunday, *Blues Brokers.* Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band.*

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Final Drive* and *Contortion,* alternative rock. Saturday, *Half Empty* and *Wanted Dead,* rock.

Marriott Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real, Del Mar. 858-369-6032. Arterra Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ray Lipson,* jazz/pop standards/variety pianist.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Stereotypes, Nick Freitas & the Head Gates,* and *Rookie Card,* alternative rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday, *the Second Avenue Band,* jazz. Friday, *Arroyo,* alternative/classic rock. Saturday, *the Two of Us,* classic rock. Monday, *Bourbon Street,* Dixieland 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, *Hot Rod Lincoln,* rockabilly. Saturday, *Torpedo Betty,* jazz/blues/swing.

North Bar Sports and Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Monday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

Roxy Restaurant, 517 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Friday, 7 p.m., *William Wilson,* Latin guitar.

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 jazz.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, *Hands on Wax,* rock. Friday, *Tubby,* rock. Saturday, *Married by Elvis,* rock. Wednesday, open mike.

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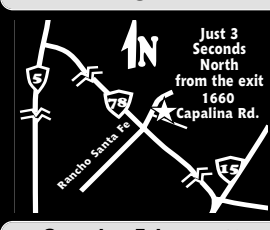

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Woody's Sports Bar and Grill, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Hawk,* classic rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., live music.

BEACHES

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.

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Elliot Louis,* contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Murdock, Mr. Orange Undercover,* and *Second to Last,* rock/alternative. Friday, *Pink Froyd,* rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Cory Wilkins,* 9 p.m., *Those Dang Robinsons* and *Development of Soul.* Sunday, *Reaganomics* and *the Fryday Band,* rock. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *C.D.M.* and *Wick,* alternative rock. Wednesday, *Throttle Body* and *Patient Zero,* alternative.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Born Tonight, Devices,* and *Ten Twenty Kill.* Friday, *Bargain Music, the Sound of Urchin, Shaggin' Wagon, Spoken Word,* and *Heavy Rotation.* Saturday, *Secret Machines, Moving Units,* and *Autolux.* Sunday, *Accident Experiment, Media Lab, Ten Twenty Kill, Slewfoot, Malachi Crunch, Take Over Turn, Tap Water, Sunsets & Landscapes, Across the Room, Loss of Control, Ronny North, Dr. Chunk, Cathryn Beeks,* and *Variable.* Wednesday, *Red Tuesday, Uncle Jesus,* and *Gimic.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders,* blues. Friday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.*

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music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Spots, the Gasoline Chicken,* and *the Essentials.* Friday, *Misled* and *Day Zero.* Saturday, *Awaiting Samsara, Fuzz-Huzzi, Lockestar, Sixth Day, Fracture Point,* and *Sidekick Lounge.* Sunday, *Roots Covenant* and *Who Dem,* reggae.

Elario's Bistro and 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.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, *NZ Rough,* reggae. Wednesday, *Cathryn Beeks,* acoustic/folk.

I.B. Rockin' Beach Bar & Grill, 285 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach. 619-424-5373. Friday and Saturday, *Blind Date,* classic to modern rock.

Javanican, 4338 Cass Street, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8035. Tuesday, *Daniel Orlick & the Ghost Town Rockers,* roots folk reggae.

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.

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman,* American classics.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Big Back Yard,* rock. Friday, *Riot House,* rock. Saturday, *Superunloader,* alternative rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis,* acoustic. Wednesday, *Aerodrive,* classic rock.

Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Thursday, *Los Reyes del Ritmo,* flamenco/Latin.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Sam Kininger.* Friday, *Cilantro, Tap Water,* and *Steam,* rock/alternative. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Roxx,* rock, 9:30 p.m., *Vegitation,* reggae. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Zach Cole,* acoustic, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Billy Thompson,* blues. Monday, *Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday, *Johnny Osbourne, Wadi Gad, Bunny Mystic, Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels,* and *Mikie Jaddah,* reggae. Wednesday, *the Kissers,* alternative rock.

SAN DIEGO

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith.*

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural,* pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues.*

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Joe Byrnes,* Irish folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Visceroy, I-94,* and *Straight No Chaser.* Friday, *Honey Bucket, Pimpadelic,* and *C24C.* Saturday, *Cortical, Hornswaggled, Edify,* and *Colma.* Sunday, *White Lion, Enuff Z'Nuff, G.A.S.P.,* and *Mytmo.* Wednesday, *Highcyde, Granian, Desert Junes,* and *Story of Blue.*

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Friday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Zohra Ptah,* downtempo groove.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is heavy rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Joe Tran.* Friday, *the Skank Agents, Struck by Silence, Frog's Breath, Radio Diary,* and *the Waking Moment,* alternative. Sunday, *the Nodding Violets, Stripped-Down Hollywood, Grandview,* and *the Winded,* alternative/rock.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Stampede Jam,* classic rock.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live blues/R&B.

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.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, *Josie's Ghost, Bridget Brigitte, Lisa Sanders, Israel Maldonado, Harriett Schock, Sweetness,* and *Cabeza de Vaca,* acoustic/folk/alternative. Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Kim Simmonds,* blues/rock, 9:30 p.m., *Makai,* dance/disco. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Corvelles,* 9:30 p.m., *Rising Star,* pop. Sunday, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Carl Evans,* smooth jazz, 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., *the President's Day Jazz Festival.* Monday, *Chet Cannon,* blues. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *David Patrone Quartet,* jazz. Wednesday, *the Soul Persuaders.*

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon,* pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band,* Dixieland/swing. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.*

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, *the Hoodoo Blues Band.*

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, *the Bert Torres Band.* Sunday, contemporary music.

NightSpotting

TRIPLE CROWN PUB
3221 Adams Avenue
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MUSIC ➤ rock, blues, alternative, acoustic, funk, soul, hip-hop

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ Saturday has live bands as well as food and drink specials

CLIENTELE ➤ 21 and over; average age early 20s; 90 percent Caucasian, 10 percent Asian; 65 percent of the crowd male

COVER ➤ none

HOURS ➤ Monday through Thursday, 3:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.; Friday through Sunday, noon until 2:00 a.m.

DRINKS ➤ beer and wine license only; happy hour is 3:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and that gets you domestics for $2.25, microbrews for $3.25, and imports for $3.50; Monday and Tuesday there's a "nice guy special" after 9:00 p.m., which is three domestic beers (tap or bottle) for $6 or three microbrewed beers for $8; 19 beers on tap

FOOD ➤ food served until 9:00 p.m. (outdoor BBQ grill), hamburgers and hotdogs (only 7-Eleven is within walking distance of the pub)

ACCESS ➤ at corner of 32nd and Adams Avenue (half a mile from the 805); street parking only; bus stop in front of pub

DRESS ➤ casual; it was a rainy night when I was there so there were lots of jackets and jeans

DANCE FLOOR ➤ none, but when band plays in adjacent room, they move the pool tables and there's a 10- by 15-foot area to dance in front of the band

FIRE EXITS ➤ two doors onto Adams Avenue, and a third exits to the back patio

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one urinal and one stall (the stall door locked, but the main bathroom door wouldn't shut completely), and there was graffiti all over the paper towel dispenser; women's had one stall and no graffiti; both had one sink, soap, mirrors, and were clean

CAPACITY ➤ 95 inside (an additional 35 on the patio)

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ the back patio has heaters and a covered area (including the grill); dart boards, Ping-Pong, shuffleboard, and pool

FURNISHINGS ➤ pay phone, CD jukebox, 20 TVs; large windows in the main bar are opened in the summer, which makes the place feel spacious

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 113 when Audio Antics played; 108 last week at Mas Fina Cantina

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ➤ Trophy Wife

QUOTABLE ➤ "Wow! Budweiser now has an energy drink. I'm gonna try that."

Richard, one of the owners, tells me, "This place used to be Kirkland's, a dive bar. I passed on buying it five different times; I worked 27 years at a hotel and thought it would be easy to run a bar. My friend and I bought this place and made it successful."

When I ask him about all the TVs, he says, "We get every professional sports game. We don't worry about college games because nobody seemed to care about them. We have satellites and over 20 TVs."

He then pointed to a tiny TV on the wall and said, "I make the Raiders fans watch their game on that."

About ten people at the bar applauded.

It was clearly a sporting group because I heard an out-of-towner ask his friend, "Do you want to go bowling tomorrow?" His friend replied, "Who goes bowling? I know you're from Buffalo, but we have other stuff we can do besides bowl."

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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, *Acoustic Underground.* Friday, *Sushi Sue, Gregory Paul,* and *J. Turtle.* Saturday, *Bobby Rock* and *Chasing Paper.* Sunday, *Jose Sinatra.* Monday, open mike.

The Mercury, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-562-2429. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday, *the Lost Disciples,* altenative. Saturday, *Media Lab, Ten Twenty Kill, Conflict of Interest,* and *Tetany,* altenative rock.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Noize Boyz,* rock. Saturday, *the Scavengers,* rock/blues. Tuesday, *Mystery Train,* blues. Wednesday, *Cornelius House.*

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gene Warren,* Irish folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life,* blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, *Ed Repaci,* piano.

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Jordan Loder Band,* rock/funk/reggae.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, *Mike Ruggarillo,* acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *6one9,* classic rock. Tuesday, *J.J. Slyde,* blues.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *Malachi Crunch,* alternative.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative/punk. Friday, *Matchbook Romance, Motion City Soundtrack,* and *From First to Last.* Saturday, *Sugarcult, Hawthorne Heights, Anberlin, Hopesfall,* and *Melee.* Sunday, *Interpol* and *Blonde Redhead.*

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln,* rockabilly. Friday, *Blue Rockit* and *Michele Lundeen,* blues. Saturday, *Hot Monkey Love,* alternative. Monday, tango. Tuesday,

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Trelisses Garden Grill, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-908-5017. Thursday, *Sean McVicker,* contemporary and dance. Friday and Saturday, *the Pier Group,* pop.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet,* Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Gabrielle Lalicata, John Randolph, the Earl Brothers, Proper Jive,* and *Malakai Morton.* Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Collin Elliott, Josh Hall, Cheeky Monkey, May River,* and *Kyle Phelan.* Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Nick Smith, Collin Elliott, Tim Mudd, Jennifer Lee,* and *Borne.* Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble.* Wednesday, open mike.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, live jazz.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, 9 p.m., *the 7th Day Buskers,* acoustic roots.

DOWNTOWN

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When a solo artist puts out three albums in one year, something is bound to go amiss. Those expecting more of the same ethereal power-pop sound from one-man band Christopher Hoffe will be disillusioned with his latest effort.

Calling on his love of 1970s rock/funk grooves, Hoffe offers up a funkified indie mess, replete with samples and live vintage tones, but short on charm.

Quirky detachment runs throughout the album, to the point of overkill. At times it can be funny. Take the lines from "Little Birds," *"They'll leave you in the cold, but they'll come back in the spring / even when they're sad they sing / little birds / fast hearts / they'll sing for you and eat your bugs."*

Hoffe's biggest lyrical flaw is in making his words seem more important by unnecessary repetition, as if repeating a line four times will somehow make it more meaningful.

The mixture of distorted fuzz guitars, soaring riffs, and throaty "yeah-yeahs" increases the pretension factor. Funk grooves and fuzz guitar are the standard on cuts like "White Knuckle Rhino" and "Said and Gone." Throughout the disc, Hoffe has an ear for simple melodies with complex backgrounds and rhythms. While some of the music is catchy, other tracks are insubstantial. Maybe this is what he was singing about in "Said and Gone," when he bellows, "My powers of observation are facing a blackout." That would be unfortunate.

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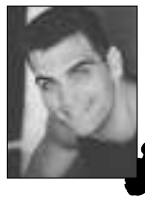

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Gambling Gourmands, Part I

Eight restaurants under one roof! That's what Harrah's Rincon promises not only to gamblers, but to residents of the restaurant-starved area around Valley Center, five miles northeast of Escondido.

What drew me northward was the sweetener on the deal: In December, Harrah's opened a high-rise hotel (attached to their original low-rise), with introductory rates that provide luxury rooms at prices comparable to a roadside motel. These "hot deal" prices are rising monthly but are still deeply reduced and will run through the end of March. To reserve a low-rate room, hit the website's reservations area, scroll down, and look leftward to the small print. Click on "hot deals."

While Rincon is a "Vegas style" casino, its dining choices are no match for modern Vegas, where high-rolling casinos offer outposts of America's top restaurants. Instead, Rincon competes against other local Indian casinos to become an entertainment and dining destination in rural North County. The chefs aren't household names — but my partner and I did enjoy our eat-a-thon around the casino. This week, I'll report on the top choice and its less formal adjunct. Next week: the rest of the restaurants.

Fiore's is Rincon's "fine dining" destination. I'd bet that winners celebrate their luck here, but we also spotted three local families with tots in tow, all seated at one long table, celebrating a daddy's birthday.

With a single exception, Rincon's restaurants are clustered at the edge of the cacophonous casino floor, with its raucous ambient music, electronic banshees, flashing lights, and the stuffy air of steerage class on a DC-10 — when smoking was still permitted. Fiore's design sets it apart from the commotion, creating an island of near-serenity.

To the right is a curved bar, shiny black, with silent video poker machines embedded in the bartop. Opposite is a "conversation pit," furnished with black leather sofas and chairs. We were escorted to a table for two in the dining room, with banquette seating on one side, a single chair on the other. Some of the tables and niches bear signs reserving them for "Gold," "Platinum," or "Diamond" clients. A Total Rewards Card is yours for the asking, to tally up your gambling and meals at all Harrah's casinos (many gamblers wear them on lanyards around their necks and tether themselves to their favorite slot machines), and the more you spend, the more perks you get — including a table plaque advertising your exalted status. At one meal, we sat near a Diamond customer, who dumped ketchup all over his Porterhouse steak, as if it were a cheap hamburger. So much for Diamonds.

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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

The arched, soundproofed ceiling combines irregular planes and curvy corners (architecturally reminiscent of Eero Saarinen's famed TWA terminal at JFK Airport); it really puts a damper on the noise. The tables are closely spaced, but you can't hear your neighbors' conversations unless they're loud talkers. A little casino noise barely sneaks in. At the end of the room is the glassed-in kitchen, offering a silent show of chefs at work.

A tasty dish to start with is a "Salmon Tower," two conical constructions of smoked Scottish salmon leaves wrapped around a pouf of salmon salad, fluffed up with mayo and red-pepper bits. Another enjoyable appetizer is a "Margarita" shrimp cocktail, with five tequila-marinated grilled prawns draped over the edge of a martini glass. Flags of red, white, and blue fried tortilla strips rise from a mound of shredded iceberg lettuce topped with guacamole and a glaze of cocktail sauce. The playful arrangement — and the harmony between these ingredients — is delightful. Traditional crab cakes, half mayo-drenched crab and half breadcrumbs, were less than sparkling.

Caesar salad is purportedly "dressed tableside," but aisles are too narrow for this to be literally true. The salad is dressed behind your back; hence, we couldn't stop the waitress from tossing in more Parmesan than we wanted. Caesars haven't been the same since the discovery of salmonella in raw eggs, and with its defining ingredient banished, the salad has become whatever anybody wants to do with romaine, croutons, and cheese. I'm giving up on testing this dish at restaurants.

An entrée of slow-roasted duck is actually a confit of duck hindquarter. (The chef shuns using the French term lest the foreign word scare people off from ordering the dish.) An excellent confit it is, though, savory and tender. The bird sits atop delicious, lightly sautéed baby spinach, which seems to be the chef's specialty — it garnishes several other dishes. A mound of petite French lentils and whole cloves of roasted garlic swim in a moat of duck demi-glace sauce. There's supposed to be a grilled pear, but we never found it. (Perhaps it dived to the bottom and drowned.)

More troubling was the lack of caviar in an entrée of monkfish fillets with "caviar and champagne sauce." Somebody in the kitchen ev-

Fiore's
★★½ (Good to Very Good)

Harrah's Rincon Casino, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center, 1-877-777-2457 (this is the hotel's number; the operator will connect you to Fiore's), *www.harrahs.com.*

HOURS: Wednesday–Thursday and Sunday, 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 11:00 p.m. Closed Monday–Tuesday.
PRICES: Soups, salads, and appetizers $6–$9; entrées $17–$29 (more for lobster); side orders $3–$4; desserts $6–$9.
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Steak and seafood emphasized, with California and Continental flavors. Sole wine list at Harrah's Rincon to offer a full and interesting range of choices (not just generics) with lots by the glass, most at affordable prices (bottles, low $20s, glasses mainly under $8). Sophisticated beer list. Full bar, including after-dinner cognacs (most $7.50), aged ports.
PICK HITS: Salmon tower; shrimp margarita; slow-roasted duck; grilled steaks and chops; above all, playing with wine-food matches.
NEED TO KNOW: Reservations advised for Friday and Saturday evenings. "Business casual garb" (no shorts, no baseball caps). No gambling under age 21, but kids admitted to casino restaurants. Casino floor allows smoking; in the restaurant, smoking is restricted to the bar.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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idently forgot to apply the roe. (It's American paddlefish caviar when it's at home, sparing the life of some endangered sturgeon.) The fish surprised us, too. "This is the wimpiest monkfish," my partner said. "The texture is right, but the flavor may as well be halibut." Served with a reputed combination of mashed potatoes and Jerusalem artichokes (a.k.a. "sunchokes"), neither of us picked up any sunchoke flavor, though the mash did taste rich. My partner reached for bread to soak up the last of the fish's champagne sauce. Bypassing the sourdough, he chose a slice of what looked like Bread & Cie's black-olive bread, took a bite, and made a face — it was a house-baked white bread studded with jalapeño chunks. (Jalapeños in cornbread, si! — but in white bread?)

The next evening we enjoyed a huge, splendid Certified Black Angus Porterhouse, which arrived rare as ordered. (Certified Black Angus is the equivalent of top of the USDA Choice grade.) With steaks, you get nothing beyond a choice of sauce and a topless head of roasted garlic to spread on your meat or bread. I chose Béarnaise sauce, a tarragon-spiked variation on Hollandaise. It proved to be a standard steakhouse version. Ordered from a list of side orders, lemon-pepper steak fries were baked too dry for pleasure.

The first night, head chef Chris O'Connell was a prominent figure in the kitchen, but I didn't spot him during our second meal. I assume that, with the cat away, it was a line chef who wrecked our pan-roasted free-range chicken breast. The "airline cut" (a half breast, plus the first joint of the wing) had clearly started life as a flavorful Shelton Farms bird — a couple of bites from the underarm were tender — but the rest was cooked to cardboard. Worse, the "whole-grain mustard sauce" (based on chicken-stock déglace) was reduced over too high a heat, not just caramelizing but cremating it. Gritty black specks floated in the brown colloid. If not for this hellacious sauce *über alles*, we'd have enjoyed the Alsatian-style accompaniments of braised cabbage, cubes of apples, and fingerling potatoes. Only the crisp disks of rolled pancetta were flavored strongly enough to survive.

In my opinion, the best aspect of our two dinners was the opportunity to pair foods with an adventurous choice of wines available by the glass. As at most gaming houses, drinks are affordable, but Fiore's wine list is interesting, filled with international bargains. For the salmon tower, I chose a Stuart Vineyards Viognier from nearby Temecula, with lush aromas hinting of honeydew and honeysuckle. With the duck, I enjoyed a complex Chilean L'Apostolle Merlot from a winery that's been winning raves in *Wine Spectator*. To accompany the steak, instead of a typical tannic red, I gambled (and won) on a hunch that the lighter Joseph Drouhin Beaujolais Villages would profitably conspire with the tarragon in the sauce.

The short, sweet dessert list at Fiore's offers five confections by the hotel's skilled pastry chef, Francesco Santoro (more about his desserts next week). A velvety ricotta cheesecake with a topping of frozen strawberries in their own syrup was everything it should be. Other choices include bananas Foster, tiramisu, molten chocolate cake, and vanilla crème brûlée. In the past, the waiter told us, crème brûlée was offered in a "flavor of the day," but none of the customers would order anything but vanilla.

THE OYSTER BAR

The Oyster Bar is attached to Fiore's like a barnacle to a ship. It's literally a bar, behind which there's an oyster-shucking station, a steam table, and a separate space where the shucker serves as sushi chef. Overseen by Chris O'Connell, head chef at Fiore's, the bar offers an array of popular seafood dishes (half-shells, cocktails, chowders, etc.). The menu is both chalked onto chalkboards and printed on stand-up cardboard rectangles. At 6 p.m., the Oyster Bar is full, while Fiore's is near-empty. At 8 p.m., the situation is reversed.

We started with a "seafood combo on the half-shell" — freshly shucked oysters, bland boiled shrimp, scallop ceviche, Hawaiian ahi (with salsa, not an island-style poke), salmon (more salsa, and a lime marinade), and blue-crab salad. The oysters are fresh but generic in flavor. The cocktail sauce is finish-it-yourself, with a blob of grated horseradish in the center and lemon wedges on the side. The scallop ceviche featured sweet little bay scallops. The crab salad, however, was too sweet and tasted better smeared on the house roll than eaten solo.

The bar recently added sushi, a limited selection of four "fancy rolls" (futo maki). The song of all novice sushi chefs is "I wish they all could be California rolls…" At this bar, they are. (It's a relatively easy roll to carry off.) We chose an "Asian Roll," featuring cured salmon and avocado with a fillip of daikon sprouts. The young oyster shucker struggled with his knifework on the slippery salmon, and the nori had been toasted too far ahead; it was chewy rather than crisp. The rice was heavily sweetened. At the center sat the sweet blue-crab salad of a standard California roll. (It seemed to be the same salad served in the "seafood combo" described above.)

I was tempted by the entrée "pan roasts," featuring various maritime species. Luckily, my neighbor saved me by ordering first. Instead of a true pan roast (butter, olive oil, garlic, herbs, maybe a splash of cream and/or a scattering of tomato cubes), the dish arrived looking like cream-of-tomato soup with a scoop of rice in the center. The lady tasted a spoonful and asked, "What is this?" "Oyster pan roast," the server replied. "Not where I come from," she parried, "and I come from a place where seafood pan roasts come from." (I'm not sure where that is, but I believed her.) Visibly disgusted, she pushed it away after a second spoonful.

The Oyster Bar is open Wednesday–Thursday 5:00–10:00, Fridays and Saturdays until 11:00 p.m., Sundays noon–7:00 p.m. Soups, salads, sushi, and appetizers $5–$12; seafood pastas and entrées $11–$17. A few mainstream supermarket wines (average $9/bottle retail, low $20s here), available by the bottle or glass; full bar.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Christopher O'Connell, chef de cuisine at Fiore's and the Oyster Bar, was born in Manhattan and grew up in San Francisco, so he started life eating well. "I'd always enjoyed great food," he says. "I started out working as a busboy and I was always enamored with the chefs, but I didn't even know how to go about getting into that. I worked under chef Reed Hearon at the Corona Bar and Grill, and he gave me my first opportunity to cook. After about a year, I made the decision that that was what I wanted to do. Then I worked for that same company, Kimco [which runs several boutique hotels and restaurants in San Francisco], for about 3½ years. During the off-seasons, I worked at Cafe Pescatore, Rosalie's, Bix. I went on to a huge convention hotel, the San Francisco Hilton. I worked in the fine-dining area, I worked banquets, I did all that. Then I decided to go to school and figure out what it's really all about.

"I went to the California Culinary Academy for 16 months. Afterwards, I liked the opportunities that big companies and hotels offered, so I moved out to L.A., worked at the Beverly Hills Hotel just after the remodel in '95, then at the Ritz Carlton Del Rey for almost three years. I had a lot of friends in San Diego and had my business cards [circulating] out here. One day, I got a call from Pascal Vignau, then the chef at the Four Seasons Aviara, and I went there for 4½ years. I also worked at the Regent Beverly Wilshire, another Four Seasons Hotel.

"I got kind of tired of doing production, and I wanted to get back into a kitchen and run my own dining room. I wanted my next job to be executive sous chef or chef de cuisine, and I decided to come in here, and it's been great. I have a family, and this is a great place to raise kids.

"I'm in charge of the Oyster Bar, too. It really has a loyal following. We have some people from the neighborhood who come in three times a week.

"Obviously, we cater to the gamblers, but one of my goals is to make Fiore's a destination that people can drive to for a good dinner. I like straightforward food, clean food, I like you to see what you're getting. I don't like to mask good product. We use Shelton chicken, Certified Angus beef, and I'm proud of it. We're not trying to reinvent the wheel or press the envelope. Here in the casino world, we like to be somewhat simple — but simple-elegant." ■

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"Edward! We can do this. It's important to me, okay?"

God. I hate when they do that. Carla wants to have a "little" dinner party for ten rellies, honoring her illustrious brother, the rich one who's coming in from New Yawk City, where he now lives. He usually spends a whole night trumpeting his successes, then hits me with "And you, Bedford. Found a real job yet?"

Aaargh!

The killer is that Carla wants to do this in Coronado. I mean, come on. Dinner for ten in the Emerald City? Not to worry. She says, "Remember my Coronado friend? Sarah? She told me about a place. Inexpensive. Really."

So, sigh, we catch the 901, get off outside a place called Island Pasta. But Carla leads me next door instead, to *"El Vaquero Loco."*

" 'The Crazy Cowboy,' " I say. "Didn't this used to be the Coronado Bakery?"

We walk in, and hey, the place is freshly painted — or sponged, rather. Walls of orange, blue, yellow, pink. We're talking loud. Plus big ceramic pelicans. Sailfish hanging on the back wall. Bamboo-lined counter, and a red-, yellow-, green-, and purple-striped upholstered bench along the left wall. An assortment of chunky wooden, plastic, and pigskin chairs surrounds seven tables, and surfboards and straw sombreros hang from the 14-foot ceiling, acting as light shades.

"How much are the tacos here?" Carla asks this gal Maria, who's at the counter, then flashes me a look, as though she already knows the answer.

"Right now, they're 99 cents for the street tacos," Maria says. "And $1.25 for fish tacos."

"Oh, really?" says Carla. "Here in Coronado?" She hooks a thumb in my direction. "Could you repeat that for my friend here?"

Maria does just that. Triumph doesn't begin to describe what I see in Carla's eye. "Ha!" she says. "And your previous cheapest was — what? A dollar twenty-five down San Ysidro way?"

"What do you mean by 'right now'?" I ask Maria.

"During happy hour. Three to five. Monday to Friday."

"So, normally…"

"They're $1.75. Four for $6.00. That's for the mini corn tortillas, with carne asada, carnitas, chicken, or beef, and guacamole, cilantro, and onions."

"Okay, and how about for standard-sized tacos?"

"Three dollars. Five-fifty for two."

Carla's unfazed. "Ninety-nine cents!" she says. "On the million-dollar isle!"

"Yeah, except we can't hold your brother's party during happy hour. They won't get here till seven."

Carla sighs. "Maybe we should just sit down and try the damned things."

Fine by me. We each grab a little pink menu. It's stacked with the standard Mexican stuff, but I must admit the prices are pretty good. Carne asada nachos are $6.00; chicken enchiladas, $4.00; machaca burritos are $5.25; and your typical combo plates go for $6.25 or $7.25. Like, chile relleno and enchilada with cheese, chicken, or beef, with rice, beans, and tortillas, $7.25. Shrimp Ranchero is the only dish over $8.50.

"Hey hey," Carla coos. "See? Just like TJ street dogs." She's pointing to "TJ Danger Dogs: jumbo hot dog wrapped in bacon." One's $2.50, two are $4.00. We end up splitting a single. We also get four of the mini-tacos, two carne asada, two carnitas — pork — and one fish taco.

Everything comes on paper and polystyrene, but it's all good. Twin corn tortillas with the usual fixin's. Me, I always like the pork best, but Carla says the carne asada beats all. The fish taco — it's pollock, but as tasty as Rubio's. Glad to see they have the traditional Mexican drinks too. Carla orders the *tamarindo,* and I go for the horchata, a milky rice-and-cinnamon drink ($1.70 each).

We're chomping away when this guy comes in. I recognize him — Leroy, the manager from the Village Pizzeria farther down Orange Avenue. Turns out he's also the manager here. His cousin and business partner David leapt at the location when the bakery closed. "He had always wanted to open a place which gave you the real street food from Tijuana," says Leroy. "The same. No frills. As cheap as possible. So we've been playing this by ear. We decorated on the cheap. Went down to TJ, bought $100 worth of sombreros, pelicans, serapes — that's them covering the bench seat now — then gave the place a lick of paint, and presto! We got ourselves a restaurant."

And the party? It turns out to be the best idea we — okay, Carla — ever had. The whole *familia* turns up Saturday night, when it's looking really exotic in the dark. We tell everybody — cousins, in-laws, and yes, Brother Al — to have at it, order what they want. Somebody has brought *cerveza.* Leroy says that's cool. Soon the tacos, nachos, and Danger Dogs are flying from grill to gut.

"This is the real thing," says Brother Al, his greatest compliment of the night. "Not like those theme restaurants that play at being Mexican. All we need is some mariachis."

The best news? The whole thing costs $57.00 plus tax, plus I leave a $10.00 tip. Hey, for me, that's big.

'Course there's no escape from the Dreaded Moment. We're milling about outside afterwards when Brother Al hauls me aside. "How are things, really, Edward?" he says. "I'm concerned. Got a real job yet?" ■

The Place: *El Vaquero Loco, 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-9272*
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Prices: *Egg and cheese breakfast burrito, $3.00; Costa Rican breakfast burrito, with eggs, black beans, rice, and mango, $3.25; chorizo con papas, with rice, beans, tortillas, $3.75; fish tacos, $3.00 ($1.25, happy hour); street tacos, $1.75 (99 cents, happy hour); regular tacos, $3.00, $5.50 for two; TJ Danger Dogs (wrapped in bacon), $2.50, $4.00 for two; chicken enchiladas, $4.00; machaca burritos, $5.25; chile relleno, enchilada combo plate with rice, beans, tortillas, $7.25*
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It gets hot in Texas. "From the month of June until September or October," says former Texan Rick Buffington, "the house was closed."

"It was 85 degrees in an air-conditioned house," adds his wife Jennifer.

That kind of heat can make managing fermentation difficult at best, disastrous at worst. Heat speeds things up. If the yeasts work too fast, nasty flavors can develop, while good flavor compounds can either resist extraction or be made volatile and carried off in a blast of carbon dioxide. And when you're working with grape concentrate and a home-winemaking kit, you can't afford to lose any good flavor compounds. Still, the Buffingtons carried on and recall their first wine made some 12 years ago as being "drinkable; barely okay." They even bottled it, using empties they gathered from helpful restaurants. "No labels," says Jennifer. "Just a little mailing label that said what the wine was and the year."

Things picked up when the couple moved to Seattle in 1995. As employees of Boeing, they had access to grapes from 30-odd Washington vineyards the company contracted with growers to provide fruit for its winemaking club. Boeing even provided a facility, but the Buffingtons decided against waiting in line and started purchasing their own equipment. Temperature would not be a problem; they burrowed into the hill beneath their house to create their home winery. The operation got bigger and better, and they started labeling their wines: Cougar Mountain Winery.

But you can't grow grapes in Seattle, and the Buffingtons wanted to grow grapes. They had both lived in Pacific Beach before the Texas days, and they began angling to return. "In 2000 we came down here, looking for a place where we could put a vineyard in." They found it in Fallbrook: a hillside home atop a slope that faced south-southeast, blessed by a cooling breeze that blew up the hillside every afternoon. As software engineers, they could work out of their home and also step outside to get their hands dirty. They augered out holes for vines and posts, ran drip lines and training wires, learned the hard way about the necessity of bird-netting, and gradually brought a vineyard into production — mostly Sangiovese and Montepulciano d'Abruzzo.

Where to make the wine? Fallbrook isn't Texas, but it does get warm. The Buffingtons thought about burrowing again, down below the horizon of the zero-edge pool. "We were going to do an underground thing, 60 by 14, with ten-foot ceilings," says Rick. "We would have had just one side exposed on the west end so the sun wouldn't be a problem. But it was too much money — something like fifty grand — just to store wine. We decided, 'Let's just get everything out of the garage, move everything out that doesn't belong there.'"

"My car got moved out right after that," says Jennifer.

"This way," continues Rick, "if we ever decide to move or buy a winery someplace, we won't have this bomb shelter down there that you'll never be able to get out of the ground."

Rick and Jennifer Buffington

Looking around the garage now, there would be ample room for three cars if the place wasn't crammed with barrels, tanks, presses, bins, and all the rest; it's not hard to imagine the Buffingtons buying a more expansive facility one day. As it is, Rick is contemplating a shed for his six-wheeled Polaris tractor, essential for climbing the steep slope between the rows. With the tractor out, he'd have room for more barrels, plus another glycol-cooled tank or two. His own vineyards are still coming into their own, production-wise, and then there's the wine he makes from Camillo Magoni's Baja-sourced fruit.

The Buffingtons found Magoni via the San Diego Amateur Winemakers Society, which had been buying Baja grapes through Escondido's Belle Marie winery for some time. "The grapes coming out of the Guadalupe Valley are really good," marvels Rick. "And they're clean — not a lot of leaves and debris. You pick them up out of a refrigerated truck at 6:30," before the weather (and the fruit) gets overly warm. "When we got the grapes back here and started crushing, the white was at 50-some degrees. It was great."

It was good they joined the Society when they did. "We went to a meeting," recalls Rick. "They were trying to elect officers and nobody volunteered. The fellow running the meeting said, 'Okay, I'm not going to continue doing it.' We went back home and thought about it. We talked with Bob Howard [another grower/member] and he said to me, 'All right, I'll be president. You be vice president.' We just elected ourselves." For her part, Jennifer took over the Society's website.

Like collecting, winemaking doesn't easily find a natural limit other than maybe the pocketbook. "We were making more and more each year," says Rick, "buying grapes by the ton, giving the wine away to people all the time."

Says Jennifer, "My dad kept asking me, 'When are you going to make money out of your hobby?'"

"Bill Baily up in Temecula told me it was the same for him," continues Rick. "He started when he was about 45 years old, and it just got bigger and bigger and bigger until he said, 'How about we make some money?'"

Then the couple heard a friend mention that fellow Society member Jerry Meisenholder had

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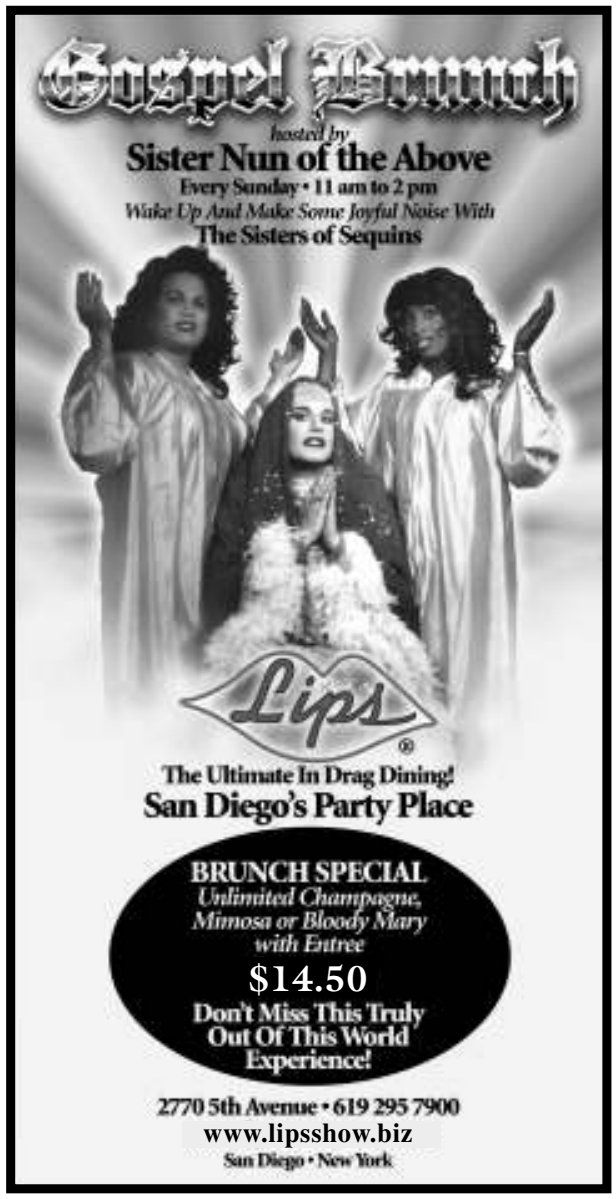

gotten a license to sell wholesale wine from his home. "In 2002 the county changed the zoning and said that if you have property that's zoned for limited agriculture, even if it's in a residential neighborhood, you can have a wholesale limited winery and make up to 7500 gallons a year. You have to have a vineyard, and at least 25 percent of your wine has to come from that vineyard. It was only a couple of thousand dollars to do the whole thing."

Cougar Vineyards and Winery released its first commercial offering, a Muscat Canelli made from Baja fruit, in December of 2004. It can be purchased online for $11.95 through the winery's website, *www.cougarvineyards.com*. (Cougar Vineyards is the first, but there are more in the works. An acre of newly mature Zinfandel lines a hillside not far from the Buffingtons'.)

The just-sweet Muscat "was a fun wine to make," says Rick. "It smelled great from the time it was fermenting to the time we bottled it" — floral, with peach undertones. "And it tastes like it smells," says Jennifer. ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a "loss leader" featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner's family recipes: his mom's Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great "Armenian salad" and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. *— N.W. (8/03)*

Bird House Grill 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki,* the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill

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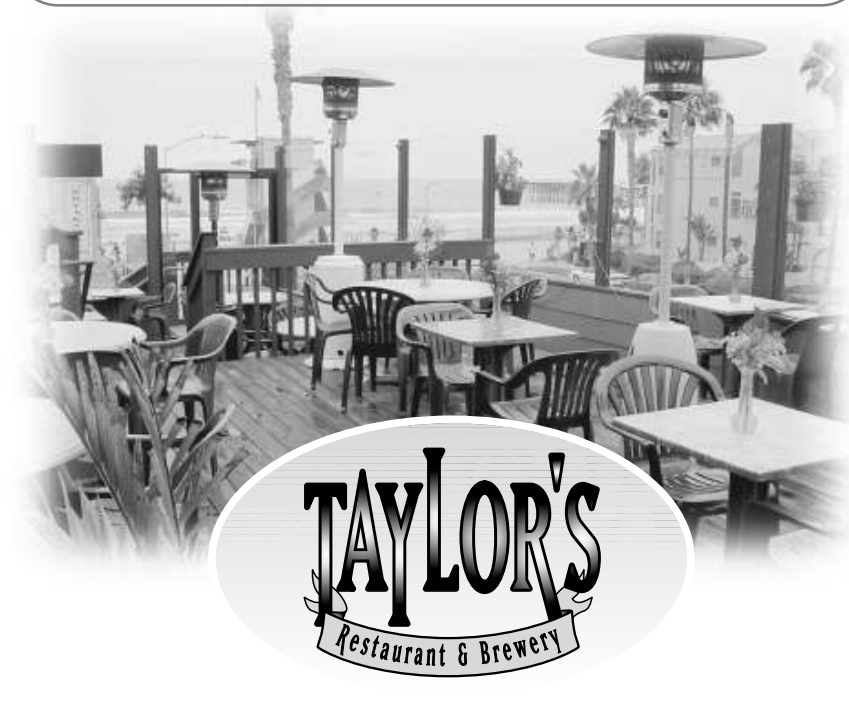

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California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita's Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria,* where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita.* Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani's 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Rosanna's Italian Deli and Trattoria 806 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-0738. Long-time deli Rosanna's has grown into a full-service restaurant. The chef-owner couple, Jean-Louis and Rosanna Martin, are from France and Venice respectively, but their menu covers the map of Italy, with dishes from nearly every region. You can't go wrong with pastas like *rigatoni alla norcina* or the lighter-than-usual *lasagna della casa* done in Bolognese style. Save room for one of the ethereal custardy desserts, perhaps a *panna cotta* or *bavarese.* Best seats in the house are on the front and back patios — even Highway 101 is quieter than the charmingly rustic but rackety interior. Vegetarian friendly, with nearly 20 meatless pastas and pizzas. Wheelchair access to rest rooms requires help. Lunch and dinner daily. Pastas and pizzas low moderate, entrées upper moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

St. Germain's Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean char-broiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here's the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gorgeous resort showcases Italian *haute cuisine* which is simpler and more natural than the French equivalent. You'll find inventive combinations of first-class ingredients, skillfully executed and beautifully presented with none of the culinary clichés of the "mamma mia" joints. Reservations urged. Valet parking free for diners. "Casual-elegant" — no hats, shorts, or tennies — but room may be painfully noisy if patrons get too festive. Dinner seven nights. Four-course tasting dinner a relative bargain, but wine list may blow the budget. Moderate (pastas and risottos) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu;* the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with re-

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Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Ruth's Chris Steak House, Del Mar 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Donovan's Steak And Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneling, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon,* luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W. (9/03)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and

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Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just $1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around $17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite.* Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi,* rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Chicken Pie Shop Of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera,* which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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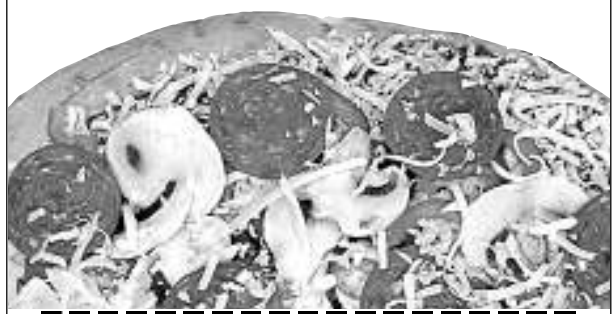

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tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

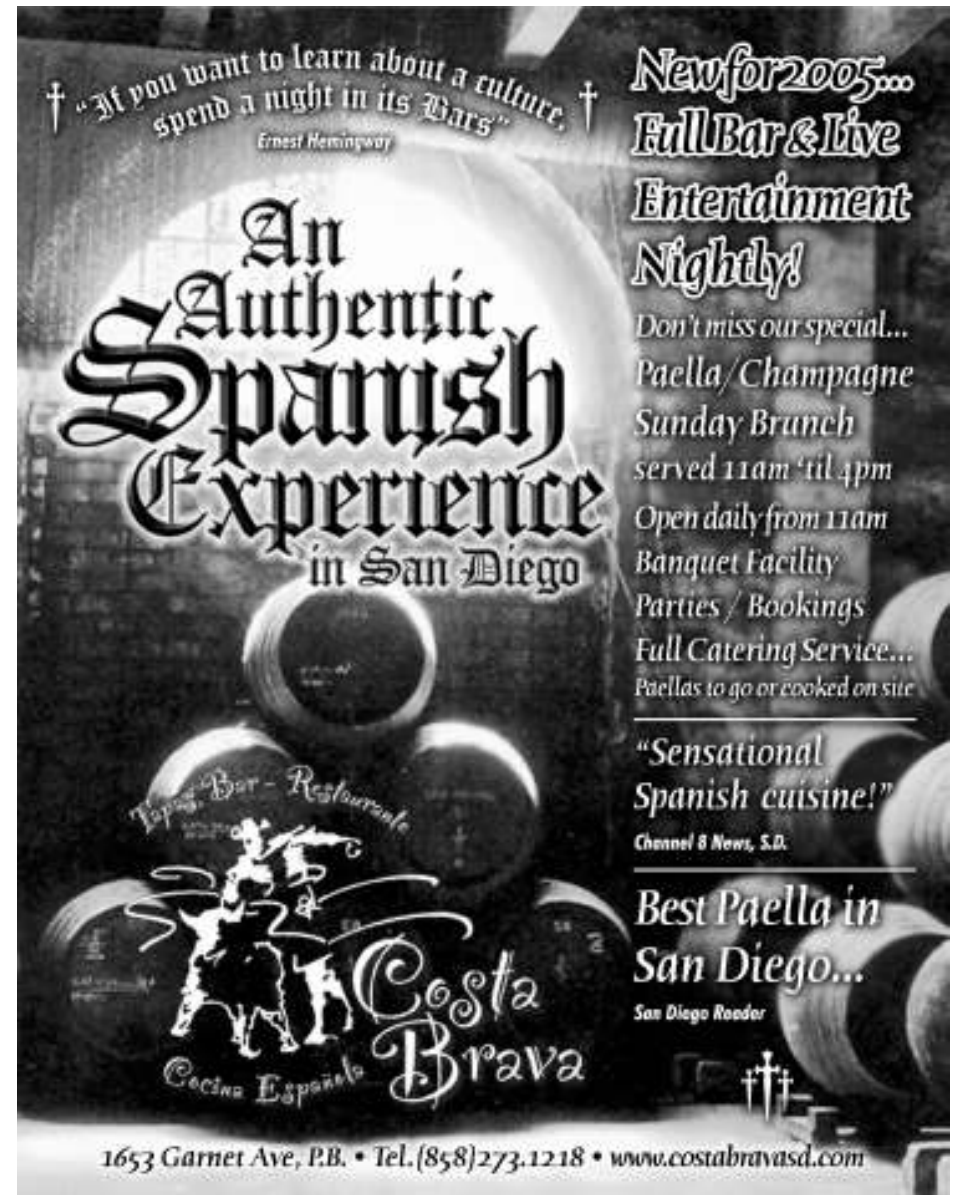
Stone Ground Coffee Works 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-698-4217. If the odd ghost doesn't bother you, this light-fare eatery (located beneath a reputed ex-house of joy) is a great place to bring your book or laptop, slurp coffee, and munch. The food is basically sandwiches, soup, salad, but it's all good and homemade. Try the turkey, avocado and bacon sandwich on dark squawbread, or the toasted tuna melt with tomato, cheese, and avocado. Half-sandwiches available. Other pluses: the owner's arty (she painted the whimsical tabletops and plays the hammer dulcimer) and she has a resident lady ghost who's dying to meet you. Breakfast and lunch daily except Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*



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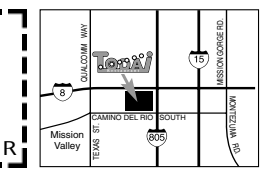

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Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka,* and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi.* For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas.* And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce char-broiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche,* ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca, chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes,* the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/99)*

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

DOWNTOWN

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for "cherry," and although the café's logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don't miss the day's choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillotte.* There's an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball in-

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Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

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Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Chula Vista Farmers' Market Center Street (between Del Mar and 3rd), Chula Vista, 619-237-1632. Most folks come here for flowers, fruit, lucky bamboo, and olive oil. But the food tents give the event its smell and soul. What's here varies, but try Argentina's national snack, empanadas, at the Argentinean Gourmet tent. They come with chicken, spinach, corn, or, of course, beef. Chicken-chutney tacos from Zia's (of Zia's Afghan Café) are rich. The savory California Super Crêpe (with bacon, avocado, and cheese) from Tunisian-run La Crêperie's tent fills you nicely. Also try their wicked "Summer Blush" strawberries and Grand Marnier crêpe. Cheaper here? No. Medieval market atmosphere? Definitely. 3 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., Thursdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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El Cid Lopez Mateos #993 (just off Blancarte), Ensenada, Baja, 646-178-1809. This restaurant is at the heart of the tourist district, but the cooking and service are way above coach class. Look to the "Specialties" section of the huge menu for the most interesting selections. Crisp quail with rose petal sauce (famed from *Like Water for Chocolate*) proves outrageously delicious, and the seasonal *chiles en nogada* (meat-stuffed poblano chiles with walnut-cream and pomegranate) gain refinement from greaseless ground sirloin. Fish dishes are fresh, rich, and tender, and you'll find nine different ways to enjoy a steak. If you can handle a tableside production number, crêpes with *cajeta* (caramel sauce) makes a very grand finale. Fully bilingual staff; English menus available. Sidewalk patio dining available. Reserve for weekends during tourist peaks. Full bar, with excellent margaritas, Baja wines. Open daily, continuous service breakfast through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghastly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorvachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca.* It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada,* slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado…it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas,* from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza And Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's…San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W. (7/04)*

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At Issue

It has escaped the yapping of the moral watchdogs by virtue of its being Spanish.

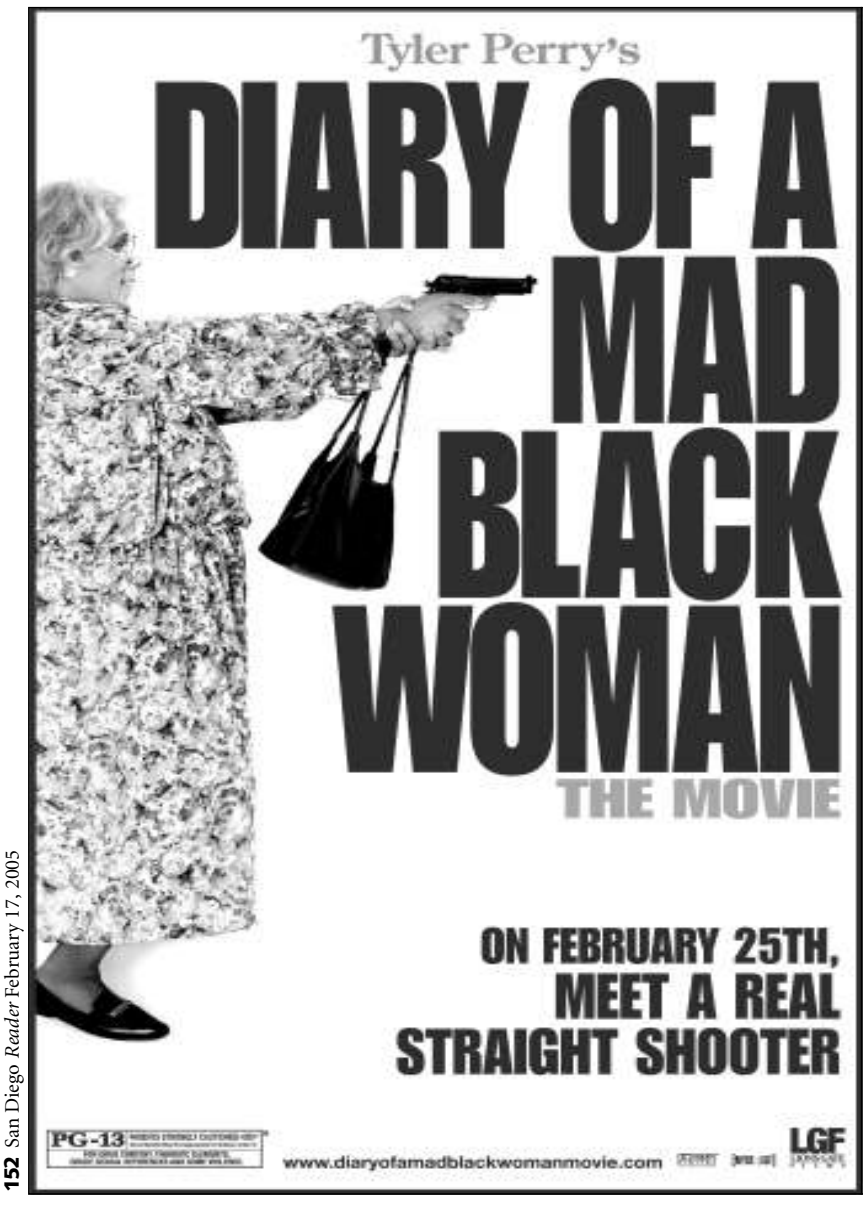
REVIEW
DUNCAN SHEPHERD

There are a number of troubling things about the backlash against *Million Dollar Baby*, ostensibly on behalf of the disabled and in high dudgeon over the issue of assisted suicide. Whether the backlash was fueled, in any part, by one of the other film studios in competition for the top Oscar (the finger of suspicion, on automatic pilot, turns toward Miramax and *The Aviator)* is the least of those things. To ascend the ladder of severity, we would come next to the more troubling question of giving away, without compunction, the ending of the movie (high dudgeon plays by its own rules); and next, to the still more troubling question of judging a movie solely on the basis of the ending — as if *Million Dollar Baby*, to stick to our example, would have been a significantly better or significantly different movie had the suicidal assistant mounted the same high horse as the movie's protesters and refused to cooperate: a "happy" ending, or in any event an unprovocative one. Anyone who knows anything about the critical evaluation of movies will know that most of the decisive factors may be fairly judged within the first ten or fifteen minutes. That's generally plenty of time to figure out whether or not you're in good hands.

Most troubling of all, however, for anyone who cares about aesthetic rights and wrongs as distinct from moral ones, is that this protest has been launched against a movie that could well stand as the very model of how to broach a Big Issue on screen. The chosen issue, be it capital punishment, racism, alcoholism, abortion, domestic abuse, drug use, or what-you-will, should never be positioned front and center, should never crowd out everything else, should be approached only through well-paved avenues of character and plot. That way leads away from generalizing and polemicizing and sermonizing, and toward particularizing, humanizing, dramatizing. It leads away from dogma and toward art. *Vera Drake*, in waiting twenty minutes or so to identify its protagonist as an abortionist, and letting the entire movie go by without hashing over the rights and wrongs of her actions, might have stood as a decent model as well (and might have had to withstand some attacks of its own if it, too, had been nominated for the top Oscar). Yet in the end it's pretty plain that there would have been no movie were Vera not an abortionist. *Million Dollar Baby*, with a few more legs to stand on and a few more ways to turn, will serve as the better model.

The Sea Inside

The Sea Inside, wrapping up its second lean week at the Hillcrest, can serve as a convenient contrast. Dealing likewise with the issue of assisted suicide, it deals with that alone and with nothing else. It has seemingly escaped the yapping of the moral watchdogs by virtue of its being Spanish (i.e., a small potato or *patata pequeña)* and perhaps, also, because its rivals for the foreign-film Oscar are apt to wield less leverage or waste less effort. Given its intrinsic limitations — a factual story of a quadriplegic in a Catholic country who, after twenty-some years of paralysis, took his fight to the courts for the right to die — the film is well directed (by Alejandro Amenábar), well photographed (by Javier Aguirresarobe, who collaborated with this director on *The Others)*, and well acted (by Javier Bardem, Belén Rueda, Lola Dueñas, Mabel Rivera, and Clara Segura). The protagonist, acting as a



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spokesman for the artist rather than for the Issue, says a good thing: "Who said anything about quadriplegics? I'm talking about me!" And his relationships with, primarily, four very different women are sharply defined: the empathetic lawyer who herself suffers from a degenerative disease (and with whom our hero explores the boundaries of untactile sexuality), the simple factory worker who insinuates herself at first as a pro-life advocate, the pregnant representative from Death With Dignity, and the silently devoted sister-in-law who, together with a moody nephew, cares for the invalid round the clock. And the out-and-out debate of the Issue with a quadriplegic priest is cleverly staged: the priest's wheelchair won't fit up the staircase, and our hero won't come down, so a messenger must shuttle upstairs and down with the points and counterpoints, until the debate degenerates into a shouting match, with no more need of an intermediary. There are further attempts to cinematize the material through flashback and fantasy. Still, for all its valiant struggle, the film is almost as confined as its protagonist: not so much by restriction of movement as by narrowness of scope.

Born into Brothels, a do-gooder documentary by Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman, focuses on eight children in the Calcutta red-light district. Their lives and prospects are as awful as you would imagine, and the film's image is as awful as you have come to expect in the DV era. (The concealed-camera footage of the prostitutes on patrol looks roughly on a par with the video of a vice-squad sting.) The focus widens to include, as the heroine of her own film, the very photogenic Briski, or in the pet name bestowed on her by the children, "Zana Auntie," who devoted her time, when not working on her own photography of the district, to teaching her craft to the children, promoting their photos worldwide through Kids With Cameras (as well as interspersing them throughout the film), trying to place the children in boarding schools, and trying to obtain a passport for one of them to visit a conference in Holland. (The boy's mother, midway through the process, gets burned alive by her pimp.) The kids, naturally, are likable; the on-camera filmmaker is likable; the film itself is another matter, raw, ragged, and a bit of a chore to sit through. No doubt Zana Auntie deserves some sort of trophy for her efforts, but an Oscar, for which the film is in contention, is not the right sort.

Travellers and Magicians, the second film from Khyentse Norbu (*The Cup*), and the first film ever to be shot in beautiful Bhutan (no irony), tells of a lowly government official who, posted in a remote mountain village, wants desperately to be elsewhere: "There's nothing here, no movies, no restaurants, and most of all, no cool girls." A narrow window of opportunity opens on his dream of going to America, and he moves to squeeze through it with his spotless white athletic shoes, his blue suitcase, and his trusty boombox and tapes ("Gotta go, gotta get out, gotta get outta here!"), but he misses the one-a-day bus and is stranded on the road in the company of a shrivelled old apple peddler and a Buddhist monk. The latter, to pass the time, spins a tale-within-the-tale about another man who lived in a "dreamland," a tale of marital infidelity, illegitimate pregnancy, and homicidal poison, a sort of Far Eastern *Postman Always Rings Twice*. The parallels of this steamy tale to the outer tale — a charming low-pressure comedy — are not always very apparent, yet the protagonist learns his lesson anyway, helped along by the arrival of another fellow traveller, a girl, if not in the least a cool one. His pulse slows; he gets into the rhythm of the journey itself; he settles into the present. The viewer's pulse slows, too, though he would be justified in feeling that the lesson of the movie could have been taught just as well without the monk's tale, or at any rate without the arty affectations with which the director adorns it. ■

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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 obsessive-compulsive disorder of her own, and Drea de Matteo as a hot-to-trot police secretary. Ethan Hawke, on the other hand, is in the lead. Reason enough for desertion. With Brian Dennehy, Ja Rule, Gabriel Byrne. 2005.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio, deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics *circa* 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell's Angels;* an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in *The Outlaw*, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well — if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Bad Education — An Almodóvar *paella* of priestly pederasty, transvestitism, female impersonation, film, stage, assorted spices and savories. (Gael García Bernal in the persona of cabaret artiste Zahara looks strikingly like a blond Julia Roberts.) The presentation is polished and colorful as always; the onion-y layers of reality — of fiction within fiction — appear muddled and murky. What his fans will nonetheless be certain to find a satisfying dish will be judged by others to be show-offy and self-indulgent. A tasty bit on which everyone might agree: the predatory priest and boy soprano in a guitar-and-vocal duet of "Moon River" *en español*. A true crossover number. Fele Martínez, Javier Cámara, Daniel Giménez-Cacho. 2004.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/17)

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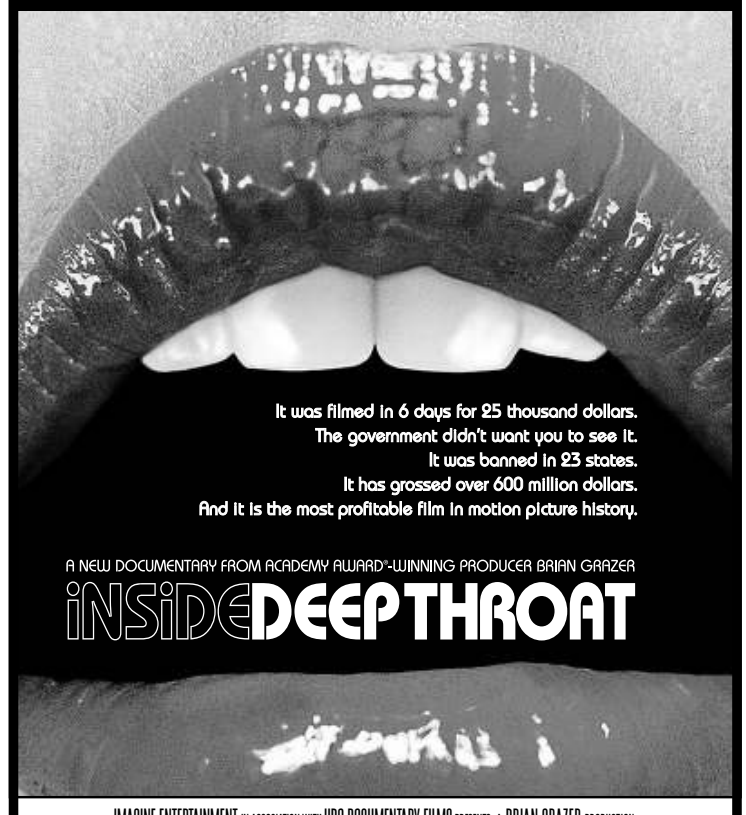

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man whom you'd choose to entrust with the care of your children. Then again, Wayne Wang is also the maker of *Maid in Manhattan* and *Anywhere but Here*. (Will the real Wayne Wang please stand up?) In any event, there's nothing to worry about here beyond an overflow of sap. The first-person narrator, trying to give the one in *To Kill a Mockingbird* a run for her money, assures you "It's a good story," but apart from some atmospheric mundanities (the girl's father, a Baptist minister, holds Sunday services in the former Pick-It-Quick Food Mart), it's mostly a sententious story. Based on the novel by Kate DiCamillo. With AnnaSophia Robb, Jeff Daniels, Cicely Tyson, Dave Matthews, and Eva Marie Saint. 2005.
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Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, *Theatre*. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo. 2004.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Beyond the Sea — Vanity film from Kevin Spacey, directing himself in the part of pop star Bobby Darin in a free-form, fantasy-riddled biopic, throwing in a 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.
★ (LA JOLLA 12)

Because of Winn-Dixie

Born into Brothels — Reviewed this issue. Directed, written, and photographed by Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Bride and Prejudice — A Jane Austen-pattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, filmmaker Gurinder Chadha (*Bhaji on the Beach, Bend It Like Beckham)* 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 modern-minded native ("I thought we got rid of imperialists like you"), quite impervious to the advice of her conventional 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. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

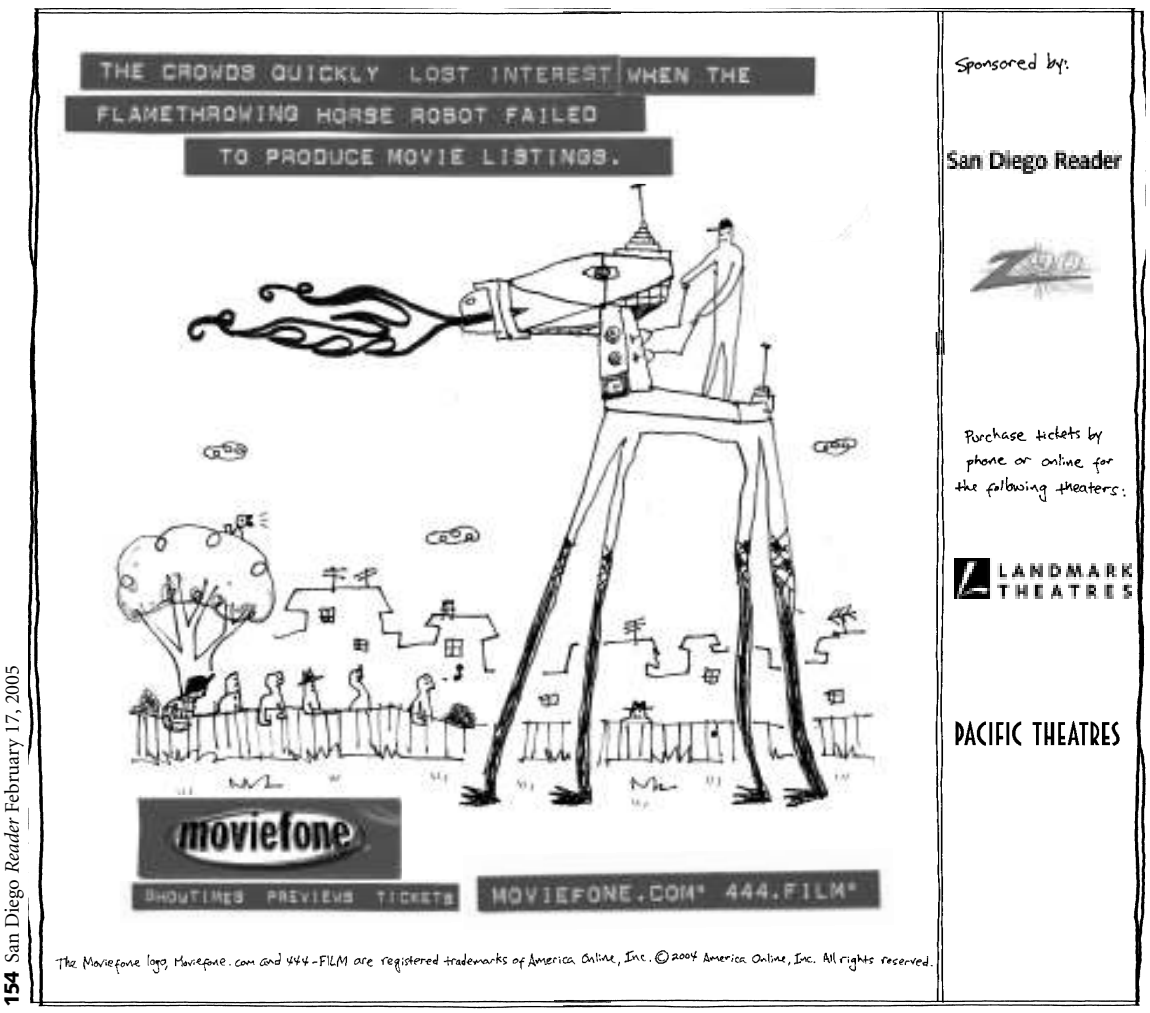
The Chorus (Les Choristes) — Sweet and sentimental French film, a remake of a 1945 one, about the new supervisor — nicknamed Old Baldy — at a school for "difficult" boys, whipping his class into shape as a tight-knit choral group, for one fleeting term in 1949. One of the boys grows up to be the "World's 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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Constantine — Soporific supernaturalism, notwithstanding some startling special effects, with Keanu Reeves as a cool-dude demonologist in a long coat, doomed to Hell for a momentarily successful suicide attempt, and ticketed to an early grave, even now, for a pack-a-day smoking habit. Tilda Swinton, of all people, is cast as the angel Gabriel, and seems to take the job seriously; Peter Stormare is Lucifer, and seems not to. With Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Francis Lawrence. 2005.
● (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; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 2/18)

The Door in the Floor — Tod Williams's adaptation of only a fraction of the John Irving novel, *A Widow for One Year*. That fractionalization may account for the slight feeling of aimlessness and lack of focus. The basic situation is tidy enough: an aspiring author in his junior year at Exeter comes for the summer to work as the personal assistant, mainly chauffeur, to a successful writer and illustrator of children's books and unsuccessful straight novelist. "I'm just an entertainer of children," is his practiced line of humility, "and I like to draw." His beach house is a shrine to his two dead sons, ex-students themselves at Exeter, and he keeps an apartment in town, alternating occupancy nightly with his estranged wife, allowing him ample freedom to chase the local skirts. The summer helper, for his part, cannot find adequate freedom even to masturbate, interrupted first by the husband when he's abusing himself over a black-and-white photograph of the wife, and then by the wife herself when he's abusing himself over her bra and panties. But that second incident serves as the springboard for an older-woman-younger-man thing, a *Summer of '42* thing. A four-year-old daughter, the protagonist of the complete novel, is not so much caught in the middle of all this as caught on the periphery. Our natural point of identification, our point of entry into the entire situation, would seem to be the adolescent outsider, but while well played in an awkward, withdrawn, cowed manner by Jon Foster, he has a hard time holding the screen, and sometimes gaining admittance to the screen, in the presence of the Great Artiste, who on the other hand is not so much to be identified with as made sport of, in his Lawrence of Arabia caftan, or in his Van Gogh straw hat, or uninhibitedly in the buff. Jeff Bridges does a nice job of shoring up his defenses and not tipping us off that he's in on the joke, except in one off-key episode of rollicking, romping comedy around the jilting of a well-heeled lover and the pick-up of prospective mother-and-daughter replacements. (The distinctively Irving punch line: just when Mom wants to know what sort of posing they'd be doing in his studio, a shredded sketch of the jilted lover's vagina lands face-down on the car's windshield.) Kim Basinger, as the estranged wife and sexual initiator, holds a pivotal position but is too static and stationary a figure to command much interest: a pair of dark eyes in a pale face, almost a plaster mold with bottomless holes instead of eyes, a mask of tragedy. 2004.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/20, 2 P.M.)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: "There



have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, *and why!")* The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie's stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright's prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island)* and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance)*, the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Hitch — 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

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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*. What, or where, is the beef? 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 subservient 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. 2005.
● (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; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; OCEANSIDE 16; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 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 his boss's age. The relationship with the college-age daughter really takes a backseat to the relationship between the men: "I think you have the potential," the pipsqueak throws a bone to the graybeard, "to be an awesome wingman here." Dennis Quaid seems a touch heavy for comedy, or for drama, either, come to that, but he makes sure you always clearly understand his position. Topher Grace, a shade too nice and naive to have climbed so far so fast, still too much the hometown boy of *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton*, has scads of charm, albeit of an overpracticed, unctuous, sitcommy type. And the alabaster-complected Scarlett Johansson keeps her lips inflated and her waist whittled, the very model of the Girl Next Door down at Androids R Us. The direction by Paul Weitz, who also wrote the smart script, shows abundant evidence of a mind at work, making connections, drawing parallels, placing emphasis, finding significance. He had a long way to go to live down *American Pie* and *Down to Earth*, but if *About a Boy* took a step in the right direction, this one has earned him a fresh start. Marg Helgenberger, David Paymer, Clark Gregg, Malcolm McDowell. 2005.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Inside Deep Throat — Fenton Bailey's and Randy Barbato's documentary on the seminal porn film of the early Seventies. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/18)

Intimate Strangers — Patrice Leconte's psychological nonthriller (the Bernard Herrmann-esque music and the visual allusions to *Rear Window* are red herrings, and the frequently jostled camerawork is the furthest thing from Hitchcock) goes from one improbability to another: an abstracted thirty-something woman walks through the wrong door and tells her innermost troubles to a tax lawyer instead of a psychoanalyst, and, when he points out her mistake at their third session, she continues to visit him all the same. The film rewards our forbearance with nothing but a lot of talk. In spite of the intrusions of an actual psychoanalyst, a secretary, a husband, and an ex-lover, it's

essentially a two-character piece, like the director's immediately preceding *Man on the Train.* Softest moment: the private boogie of the buttoned-down taxman, Fabrice Luchini. (Not a straight copy of, but an exact equivalent to, Hugh Grant's number in *Love Actually.*) The haunted, hungry eyes of Sandrine Bonnaire, in a face that looks to be growing leaner, offer a measure of compensation, albeit inadequate. With Michel Duchaussoy and Anne Brochet. 2003.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/23, 6:30 P.M.)

Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's *Gods and Monsters),* amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Closer (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:50) 7:50; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30) 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:20, 10:05, 10:50; Mon. (12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30) 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:15, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45) 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:15, 10:00; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:10, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:40; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:25; Mon. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:45) 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:45, 10:30; Mon. (1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:45) 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:35, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:05, 1:45, 2:30, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:35, 10:15; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 10:20; Mon. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55; **Kinsey** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; Mon. (1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 7:20, 10:10; **The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15) 5:20, 10:40; Mon. (12:15) 5:20, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (5:20) 10:05; **Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:50, 8:20, 10:45; Mon. (12:55, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:55, 10:10; **Ray** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:35) 6:45, 9:55; Mon. (12:20, 3:20) 6:45, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (12:55, 3:50) 6:50, 9:45; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 6:50, 9:10; Mon. (12:00, 2:15) 4:20, 6:40, 9:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:15, 4:20) 6:40, 9:10

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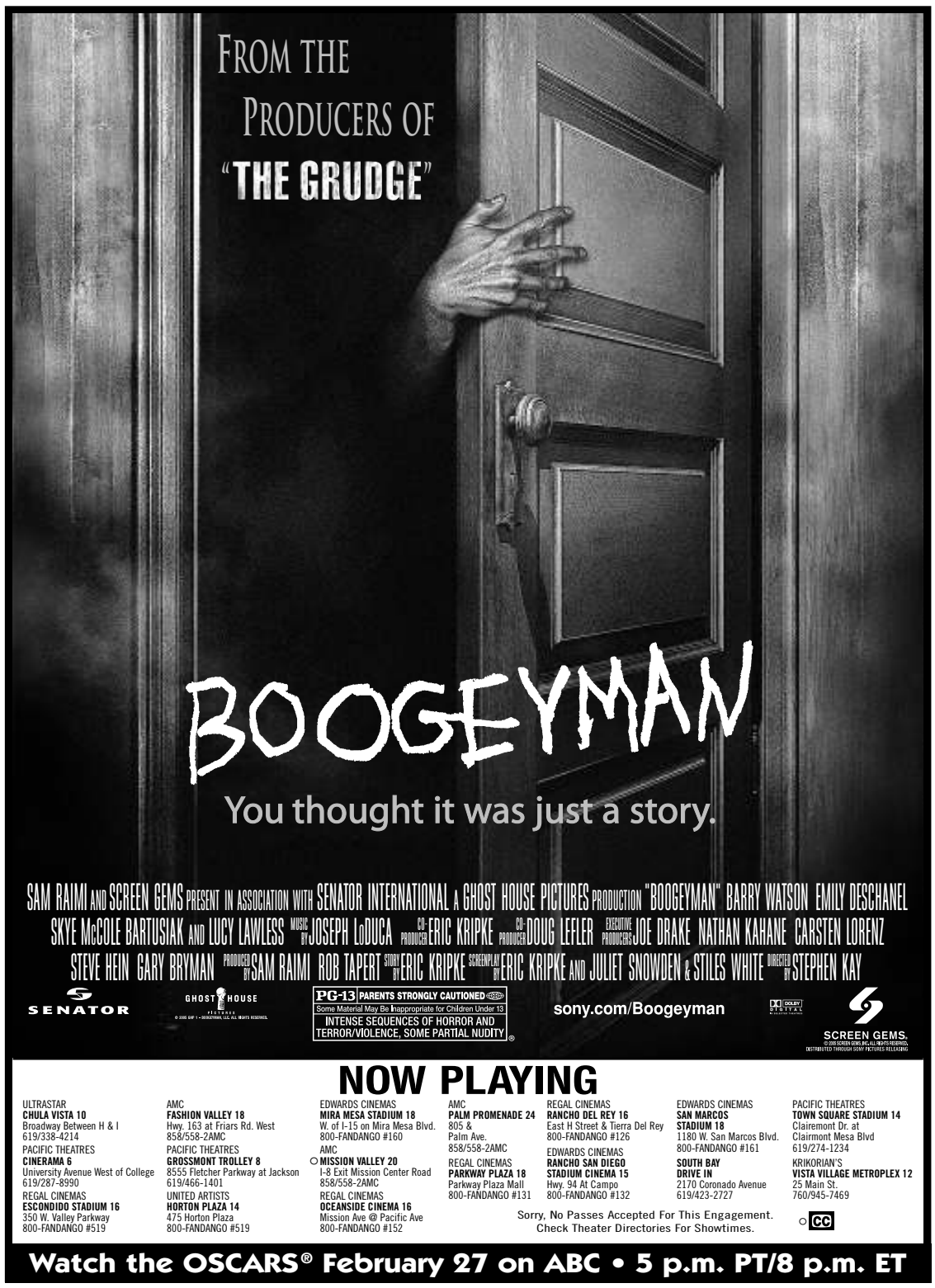
Assault on Precinct 13 (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:10; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 8:30; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 1:00, 2:40, 4:00, 5:20) 7:00, 7:55, 9:45, 10:30; **Being Julia** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 6:50, 9:55; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 5:00) 6:15, 7:20, 9:00, 9:50; **The Chorus (Les Choristes)** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:20; **Coach Carter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:20) 6:30, 9:40; **House of Flying Daggers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00) 6:10, 9:15; **In Good Company** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:05) 7:05, 9:45; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:20, 10:15; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:45) 7:10, 10:25; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:30, 4:30) 7:10; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15); **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:45, 10:05



LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
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La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)
Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 5:15) 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 2:15, 5:15, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:15) 8:15; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10, 9:55; **William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:30) 8:30

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
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Mann Hazard 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 4:20) 8:00; Sat.-Thu. (12:15, 4:20) 8:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:30) 6:50, 9:20; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:10; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:40, 10:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 6:40, 10:00; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:40, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
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STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri. (2:25) 4:50, 7:20, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Mon. (12:40, 2:55) 5:05, 7:20; Tue.-Thu. (3:25, 5:35) 7:45; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri. (2:05) 4:45, 7:35, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; Mon. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:35; Tue.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:25, 7:25, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:25) 4:25, 7:25, 9:30; Mon. (12:25, 2:25) 4:25, 7:25; Tue.-Thu. (3:20, 5:15) 7:30; **Constantine** (R) Fri. (2:10) 4:55, 7:50, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Mon. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 8:00; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 5:05, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:15, 5:40) 8:05; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri. (2:40) 5:10, 7:40, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Mon. (12:45, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40; Tue.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 7:50

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Travellers & Magicians (Not Rated) Fri. (4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (4:45) 7:15, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Born into Brothels (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:45) 6:45; **Bride & Prejudice** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **Inside Deep Throat** (NC-17) Fri. (1:55, 4:15) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 1:55, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45;

to excellent effect on a single-take trek from the belly to the deck). To his credit, he hasn't let the larger investment alter the size of his ambition. He still goes after the muffled chuckle in a quiet corner; and he aims, foremost and hindmost, to please his loyal followers instead of the anonymous crowd. The action scenes, either beyond him or beneath him, are so ridiculous (one-man-army Murray against a boatload of cut-throat pirates) that they play as if they must be fantasies, except they're not. Maybe they're a "comment" on contemporary action films in general. The bonding between father and long-lost son (Owen Wilson with an uncertain Kentucky accent) takes an unexpected turn at an unexpected juncture. And the quest for revenge against a man-eating sea monster ends not with a bang but with an ooh-ahh. Willem Dafoe has more than his share of good moments as a German crew member with a thin skin; and Seu Jorge as another crew member, endlessly strumming a guitar and singing David Bowie tunes in Portuguese, and Cate Blanchett as a pregnant journalist with a two-shades-too-dark suntan, have their moments, too. The whole thing, though, seems quite daftly pointless. Or pointlessly daft. Anjelica Huston, Jeff Goldblum, Michael Gambon, Bud Cort. 2004.
★★ (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 by Jay Roach. 2004.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Merchant of Venice — You'd never guess, from the weight of the thing, that this is one of Shakespeare's comedies — unless maybe by the device of the woman-disguised-as-a-man and fooling her own husband. Further, the naturalistic acting (faltering delivery, *sotto voce*, peppered with pauses), the cut-aways to authentic Venice locales, and the drowning-out background noise and music do their 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 old-time Jewish character actor) as the righteously motivated hero of a revenge tragedy; and the tribunal scene, with the sweating, fainting, vomiting Antonio strapped to a chair for the extraction of the pound of flesh, is as torturous as any death-row countdown in an anti-capital-punishment screed. With Jeremy Irons,

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Africa: The Serengeti (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Roar: Lions of the Kalahari** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 5:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 5:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 3:00

EAST COUNTY

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Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
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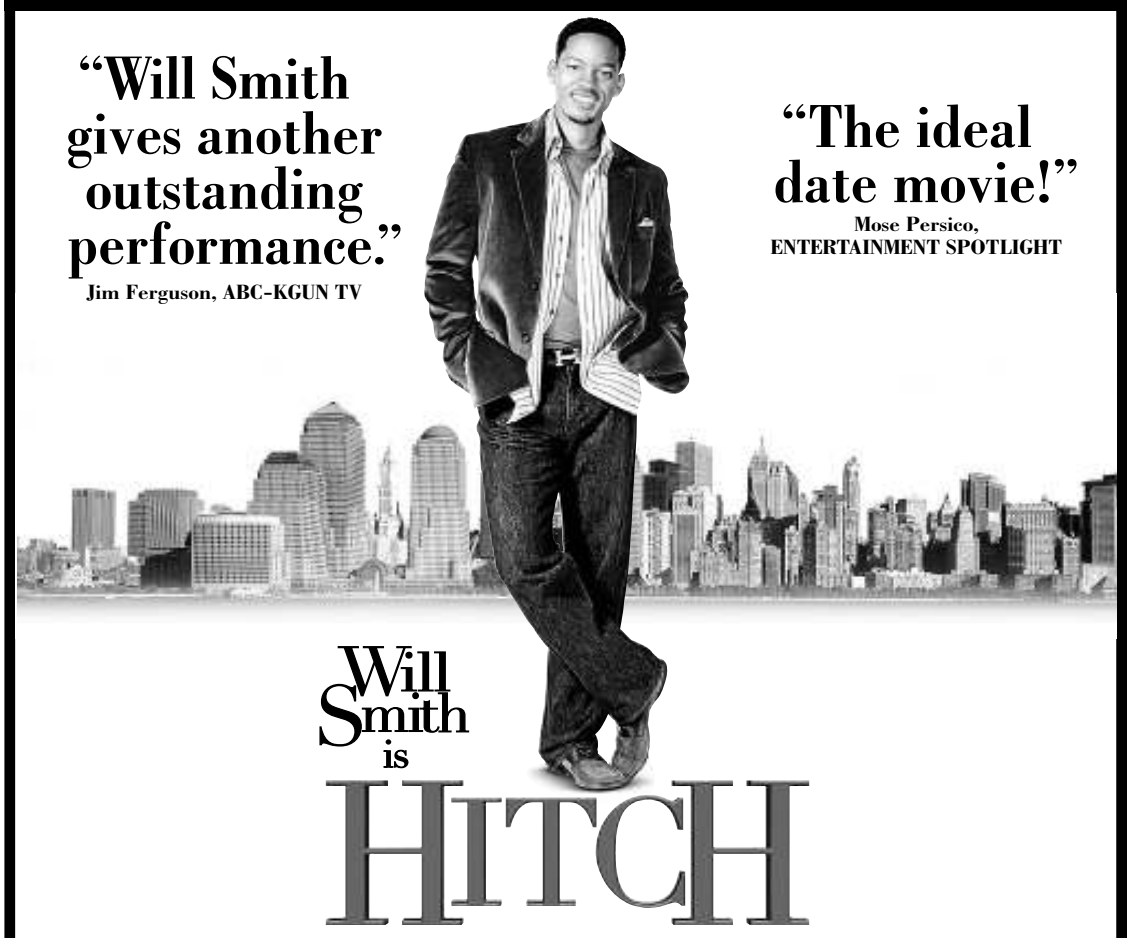

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Joseph Fiennes, and Lynn Collins; directed by Michael Radford. 2004.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 fight-film 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 late-starter. 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 self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, 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. 2004.
★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Hotel Rwanda

National Treasure — Juvenile adventure yarn about a treasure hunt for the legendary booty of the Knights Templar, handed down to their natural successors, the Masons, and squirreled away by the American Founding Fathers, with clues to its whereabouts written in invisible ink on the back of the Declaration of Independence. The Jerry Bruckheimer treatment (Jon Turteltaub the nominal director) blends bombast and grandiosity with insolence and insouciance, in such a way as to appeal strictly to the tone-deaf or tone-indifferent (or more exactly, juveniles). Nicolas Cage reverts to his action-hero mode, which is to say his take-the-money-and-run mode. Justin Bartha, the mentally challenged younger brother in *Gigli* (if you're one of the forty-two people who saw it), is the sardonic sidekick who seems to be doing an impression of Dennis Miller. Diane Kruger, the Face That Launched a Thousand Ships in *Troy*, is Just Another Pretty Face. And Sean Bean is just another British baddie, albeit slightly more justifiable as a present-day descendant of the Redcoats. With Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel, Christopher Plummer. 2004.
● (GASLAMP 15)

Ocean's Twelve — The gang of eleven, the ersatz Rat Pack, reconvenes (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, et al.); the newcomer, the apparent twelfth, is not a member of the gang at all, but a member of law enforcement (Catherine Zeta-Jones). Even the victim of the previous heist returns (Andy Garcia), rounding up each of the thieves in a laborious preamble, demanding repayment plus interest, or roughly $19 million per head, after having been informed of their identities and whereabouts by a rival heister known only as the Night Fox (Vincent Cassel), who wants to force them into a bragging-rights competition to swipe the "famous Fabergé coronation egg" on exhibit in a Roman museum. Smugness, rather than the promoted "coolness," would seem to be the predominant attitude, not only of the cocksure crooks but also of the filmmakers, fresh from laughing all the way to the bank. Steven Soderbergh, as he found out on the first film, has built up enough credit with critics (some of it well earned) that they will go a long way to make excuses for him. This time they will need to go a long way and a little farther. It oughtn't to be necessary, though, to pick apart the nonsensical plot in detail in order to demonstrate the contempt of the filmmakers for their material and their audience. It ought to be sufficient to cite the lame comic twist whereby the character played by Julia Roberts is asked to put on a Southern accent and impersonate the *real* Julia Roberts; is accepted as such by the Roman press as well as by Bruce Willis (playing himself); and is put in the position of speaking over the telephone to "herself" on her Taos ranch. Far from being some postmodern Pirandellian prank, this smacks of the desperation of an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood comedy such as *Take Her, She's Mine*, in which the character played by James Stewart gets hounded in France on the grounds that he looks like James Stewart. Of course an old-time middle-of-the-road Hollywood hack such as Henry Koster had no one to make excuses for him. 2004.
● (GASLAMP 15; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior — Tacky Thai martial-arts 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." (Ong-Bak and the Thai warrior, clearly, are separate entities.) 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. Directed by Prachya Pinkaew. 2005.
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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

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Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Constantine** (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Mon. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15; Tue.-Thu. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri. 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Mon. 10:00 (12:45, 3:45) 7:00; Tue.-Thu. 3:45, 7:00; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri. 2:00 (4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 2:00 (4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri. 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:30

POWAY

Poway 10
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. 10:15, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:30 (3:30) 7:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri. 10:00 (12:15, 4:45); Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15); Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 4:45); **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 7:00

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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) Sat.-Thu. (11:50, 2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:35; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (12:00, 3:45) 8:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Sat.-Thu. (11:20, 1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; **Being Julia** (R) Sat.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:30, 10:15; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Sat.-Mon. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 10:40; Tue. (3:00, 5:15) 10:40; Wed. (12:40, 5:15) 10:40; Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 10:40; **Constantine** (R) Sat.-Thu. (12:15, 1:00, 1:30, 3:15, 4:00, 4:45) 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45; **Hide and Seek** (R) Sat.-Thu. (1:35, 4:20) 7:55, 10:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (PG) Tue. (12:40) 7:30; Wed. (3:00) 7:30; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (10:55, 4:15) 9:40; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (11:40, 3:00) 6:45, 10:10; **Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior** (R) Sat.-Thu. 7:40, 10:20; **The Phantom of the Opera** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. 9:15; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Sat.-Thu. (11:15, 1:20, 3:20, 5:15, 11:35) 7:20; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Sat.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10); **Sideways** (R) Sat.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:35; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Sat.-Thu. (11:10, 1:40, 4:10) 6:40, 9:10; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (1:50) 7:05

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 2:45) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 2:45) 5:00, 7:00; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45

Flower Hill 4
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Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Meet the Fockers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Wedding Date** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Constantine; **Son of the Mask**; **Because of Winn-Dixie**; **Hitch**; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie**; **Million Dollar Baby**; **Are We There Yet?**; **Racing Stripes**

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Finding Neverland (PG) Fri. 6:40, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:40, 9:00; Mon.-Wed. 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.-Sun. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:00 (3:30) 7:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
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Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 3:25, 7:45; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Hide and Seek** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:30, 6:50, 9:55; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30; **Racing Stripes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:05; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:35, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50

Oceanside 16
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Gerard Butler is an uncharismatic Angel of Music (a nicer alias of the Phantom), but at least his habitually noisy nose-breathing gets drowned out in the din. Miranda Richardson, Minnie Driver. 2004.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Polar Express — Neither an "instant classic" nor the polar opposite, but a middling addition to the holiday repertoire: computerized illustrations of the Chris Van Allsburg children's book about a little boy already too old to believe in Santa ("This is your crucial year"), snatched out of his bed on Christmas Eve for a faith-restoring train trip to the North Pole. Is seeing believing? — or vice versa? (The answer to the explicit question, "Could this be nothing but a dream?," is a firm "No!") The fundamental animation technique of drawing on top of live-action figures — as in Ralph Bakshi's version of *The Lord of the Rings*, for example — is nothing new, but it has never looked quite like this: a mobile billboard or magazine ad airbrushed to the thickness of cake frosting, giving the image a velvety, mossy, furry, peach-fuzzy feel. Filmmaker Robert Zemeckis, who really did foment a revolution in animation in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, does not now appear likely to repeat the feat. But only time will tell. (Maybe when computer-generated touch-ups have become as commonplace in Hollywood as cosmetic surgery, we'll look back on *The Polar Express* as the breakthrough.) There are some marvelous sights on parade — the ghostly first appearance of the choo-choo out of a clearing cloud of steam and swirling snow; the wind-borne ticket that returns to its holder via a relay network of a pack of wolves, an eagle, a rolling snowball, etc.; the perilous slog over the top of the railcars against a relentless salvo of blinding snowflakes; the train snaking across an ice-covered track; the red-brick Victorian architecture of the Pole — but these, without exception, are significantly liberated from the live actors. They are free-hand animation. The recognizable face of Tom Hanks, behind a walrus mustache and half-moon glasses, in the part of the train conductor and chief proselytizer for childlike credulity, is something of a distraction — a disruption in the cartoon universe — in the same way that an overly recognizable voice can be a distraction (Robin Williams in *Aladdin*, Eddie Murphy in *Shrek*, Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres in *Finding Nemo* — name your own). But Hanks's voice, in a handful of other roles besides that of the conductor, almost as though he alone were reading the Van Allsburg text for audiotape, has been sufficiently disguised or electronically altered to be no more than a minimal distraction. 2004.
★★ (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 the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Sea Inside — Reviewed this issue. With Javier Bardem, Belén Rueda, and Lola Dueñas; directed by Alejandro Amenábar.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Merchant of Venice

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)

Son of the Mask — Comedy-fantasy with Jamie Kennedy, Alan Cumming, and Bob Hoskins, directed by Lawrence Guterman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/18)

Travellers and Magicians — Reviewed this issue. With Tsewang Dandup, Sonam Llamo, Lhakpa Dorji, Deki Yangzom, and Sonam Kinga; directed by Khyentse Norbu.
★★ (KEN, 2/18 THROUGH 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 — It's straight downhill from the title, a decorous double entendre referring at once to the heroine's paid escort and to the social occasion to which she is being 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. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.
★ (VOGUE)

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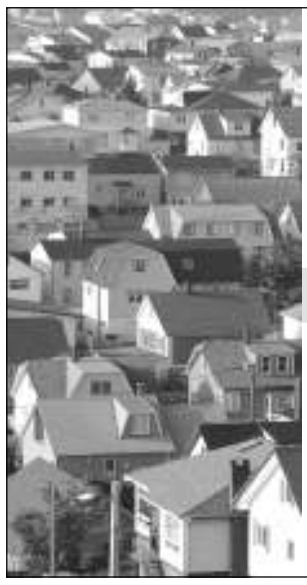

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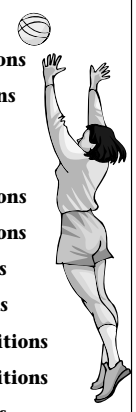

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OFF THE CUFF by Cruz Medina

What's the worst gift to give a boyfriend or girlfriend?

Luke Wilson
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I once got a pair of boxers from a girlfriend. It wouldn't have been that bad, but they didn't fit; they were her ex-boyfriend's size, not mine. If you're young and you're living in San Diego, I think a ring would be a bad gift to give a girl because that means commitment. That's too much for a guy to ask of himself. I think if a girl ever got me matching burial plots, I'd be pretty scared. I mean, if I'm married or together with a girl for a really long time, I've spent a lot of time with her in the living. Why do I have to spend eternity next to her too?

Mack Tedford
Sales
Mission Hills

The worst thing I can think to give a girlfriend would be a membership to a gym. A scale to weigh herself might come in a close second; women don't want things that point out their insecurities. If a girl gives a guy cologne, that can be taken the wrong way, too; it's, like, "Honey, you smell, wear this cologne." I've really wanted to give a girl an Xbox [videogame console]. I'd tell her, "You can keep this one at *your* house, so I won't have to keep bringing mine over." It wouldn't be mine, exactly. It'd be more like couples have their own sinks or towels. It'd be a "hers" Xbox.

Yadir Peralta
Real Estate Appraiser
Kensington

I don't know. I've given lingerie and my girlfriend loved it. From the beginning, my girlfriend told me, "No gift cards." I was lucky enough not to make that mistake before she enlightened me to that piece of information. She said that it'd be the worst thing that I could ever get her; something else about "taking the lazy way out." I'd be happy with anything she gets me. Even if she got me lotion that smelled like cucumbers and vanilla, that'd be okay. I don't think I'd like it if she got me a dog; I don't want a gift I have to clean up after. I want a gift that keeps on giving, but not when the gift is dog poopy.

Tahirah Farris
Programmer
La Jolla

If a guy gives a girl a gift certificate, it's like the guy doesn't really know you. A girl wants a guy to think of something more creative. Also, a guy shouldn't give you something that he likes. When he gives you a CD, it shouldn't be his favorite band's. He should listen to you and know what you listen to. It's good to give guys things like cologne or clothes because guys aren't always good about picking those things out on their own. It's a nice way of giving a guy a hint as to what kind of clothes you like him in. Sometimes a guy needs to be held by the hand and told, "Take off the Converse and put on a pair of loafers."

Chris Irving
Student
Vista

The worst thing I've given wasn't to a girlfriend, but to my mom. I gave her a vacuum. She pretended to be happy. She wasn't pissed off, but she was, like, "What the hell am I supposed to do with this?" It's not so much the vacuum, but what the vacuum implies. A vacuum says, "Clean my house." Some people like to overthink things too much. A lot of gifts can be taken the wrong way, but, most of all, household appliances. Something like a self-cleaning stove is to be bought when needed, but not given on a special occasion. People are always trying to read too much into things that are given as tokens of affection or appreciation. As far as gift-giving is concerned, it's like what Freud said, "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

Danielle Demonte
Loan Officer
Balboa Park

I've never gotten a guy a pair of socks or anything. I once got a guy a basketball jersey for the wrong team. He was pretty angry about that, but I made him exchange it. A guy once gave me a piece of jewelry that I thought was real, but turned out to be fake. It turned my finger green after a couple weeks. I was pretty excited when I first got it; I showed all of my friends. It was a pretty big joke for a while. I didn't wait to hear any excuses; I broke up with that jackass. A friend of mine gave her boyfriend a pinky ring. (I'm from the East Coast.) We thought it was a good gift, but he thought it made him look like a mobster. Only a certain kind of guy can pull off a pinky ring.

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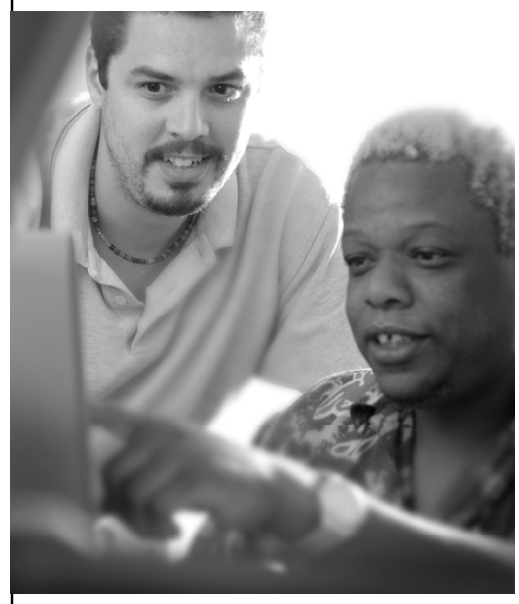

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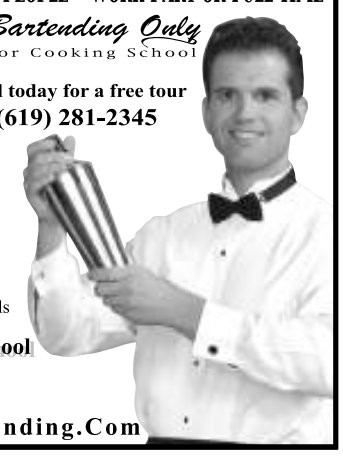

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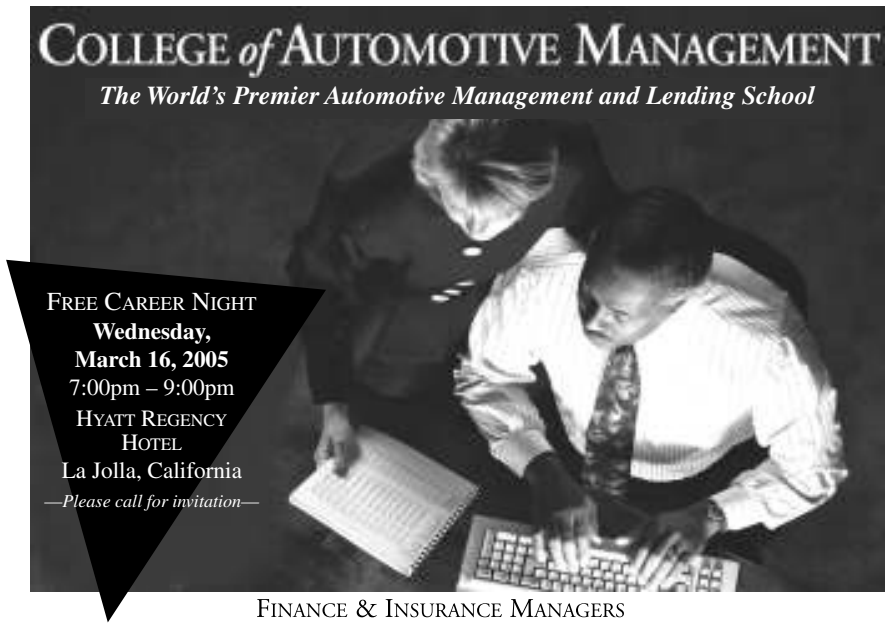

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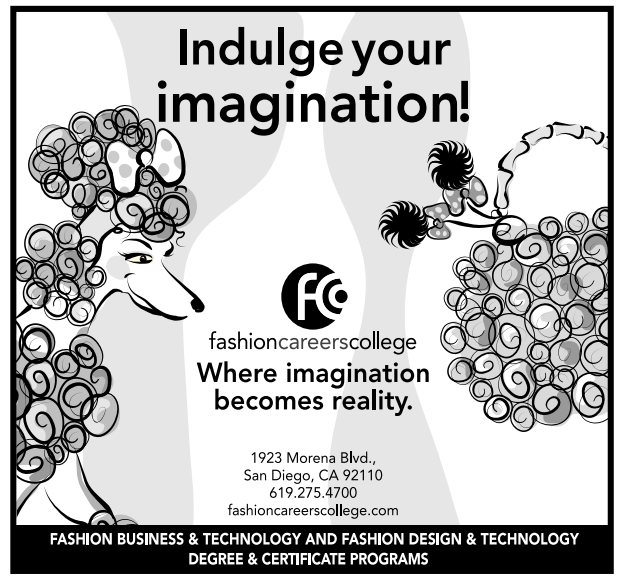

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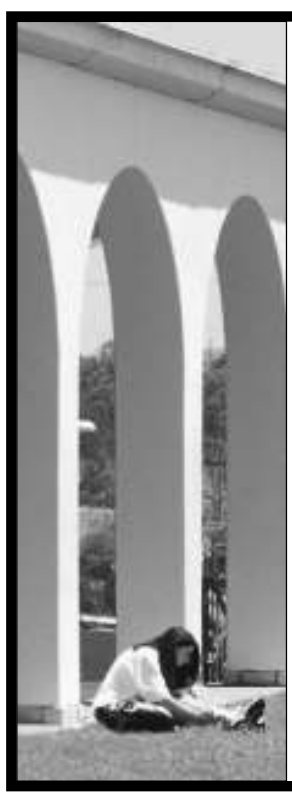

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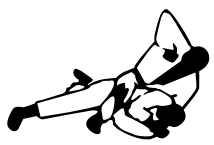

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Travel & Getaways

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BANGKOK BOUND! Need a Thai (preferably) to fill me in on the gay life there. Brian, 619-302-5944.

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WANTED: Airline ticket and place to stay in Sydney, Australia. This will be my first trip Downunder so I welcome suggestions. Grant, 619-426-3635.

Personals

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BECAUSE OF YOU, I walk this Earth. Be happy on your day of birth. Master Bear I long to be, beside you in death company.

DAVIEBABE! Sorry to bug ya!

EITHER CHOICE is yours, don't you see? You will answer ultimately to Self. God allows! Moreover, God allows "You" (soul) your choices and lessons. Aton.

HGS: If I pass, I take the wonderful memories of 9/16/04 to present with me. Ditto if I stay. TYS. Michale. IRDLY 24/7.

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Write soon! Important that we hear from you. Don't let time pass you by. WI WI WI.

REMEMBER TO LET her into your heart. It's a fool who plays it cool by making his world a little colder. Please work for peace.

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MATCHES Shared Interests

FISHING PARTNER WANTED. Able to fish during week, weekends. Have boat, share food, cost and cleanup. Albacore, Rock Cod, harpooning Swordfish, etc. (2/23) ☎34209

DIVE PARTNER NEEDED for local regional dives. Have boat, share gas expense and cleaning of boat after dives. (2/23) ☎34200

ROAD WARRIOR. 70, retired mechanic, tall, slim, quick, smart. Seeking lady with R/V. (2/23) ☎34186

SEEKING FEMALE FRIENDS for outings, happy hours, meeting men, and singles activities, 35-45. (3/2) ☎34239

MATCHES Women Seeking Men

CREATING EXTRAORDINARY, amazing relationship. Someone to get to know. Filled with love, caring, greatness, peace. Generous, attractive, 43, 5'6", enthusiastic, fun-loving, healthy, insightful, youthful. (3/2) ☎34007

PRETTY, CURVACEOUS LADY, 65, fun loving, kind. San Diego South Bay. In search of kind, lighthearted gentleman, 5'10"+, for long-term relationship. (3/2) ☎33993

TALL, SEXY, DEGREED, intelligent, black beauty. Seeking a 6'2" or taller, intelligent, attractive male, down to earth, age 36-45, serious minded, sincere. No games, please. (3/2) ☎34009

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 47, seeks gentleman of integrity, Christian or with Christian values, for friendship, dating, and eventual long-term relationship/marriage. North County area preferred. (2/23) ☎33963

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) ☎33976

WANT TO HIKE WITH ME? Slender, attractive woman, 56, seeks man who enjoys 4-wheeling, weekend trips, New Mexico, rural living, and a lot more! (3/2) ☎34006

IF I COULD CATCH a rainbow, this would be a better place. I'm 70 lady. I'd like you to share it with me. Happy, alive. (2/23) ☎33972

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE, petite woman, classy, sincere, educated. Seeking a loving man, 56-60s, nonsmoker, long-term relationship, financially secure, humorous, movies, dancing, culture, travel. (2/23) ☎33962

TRANSPLANTED NEW ENGLAND Patriots. Easygoing, fun-loving yet very family-oriented. I'm looking for an honest, caring gentleman that knows how to treat a lady. (2/23) ☎33967

Pie and Ice Cream

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) ☎33958

NICE CHRISTIAN GAL, 44 years old. Seeking honest, caring, Christian man, 40-50, for fun and adventure. I'm outgoing, honest, caring, flirty and romantic. Are you? (3/2) ☎33995

STILL LOOKING FOR that right man. He's tall, smart, and enjoys life, is able to make lasting friends, and likes tall, non-petite, Latin woman. (2/23) ☎33984

BE MY VALENTINE? Attractive, petite, active gal wishes to meet caring, financially stable, nonsmoking, 70+ guy for companionship, walks, bicycling, travel, movies, gardening, dancing. (3/2) ☎34008

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing, adventurous. Let's share movies, dining, sports, great conversations. Seeking outgoing professional, romantic, intelligent man for friendship, laughter and exploring the city. (2/23) ☎33987

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN brunette, 52, 5'1", 120lbs., English major, secretary, psychology, Democrat-union, pacifist, Sierra Club, Nike, snorkel, raft, cross-ski, music, comedy, travel, children. Clairemont. (3/2) ☎34002

LOVE PEOPLE, FUN, LAUGHTER, life, travel. Passionate for music, dancing, beach house in Ensenada, and you! Affectionate, confident, loyal, open minded. Seeking sensitive, 50-70, romance. (3/2) ☎33996

LIFE IS LIKE SALSA. The more spices you add, the better the flavor. Old school Greek girl looking to spice up her life. Let's golf. (3/2) ☎34000

DYNAMIC, PRETTY LADY of rare qualities, mid-60s, offers caring and sharing to value-driven, intelligent gent with good sense of humor. (2/23) ☎33969

GOOD MAN WANTED FOR WHITE full-figured, loving, caring, 31 years old. Seeking white male, 25-50, play no games, serious minded, love kids a plus. (2/23) ☎33961

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) ☎33964

EARTH ANGEL SEEKS HER own very special Valentine! Please be tall, handsome, kind, generous, social and humanitarian. Must have flexible schedule for leisure and romance! (2/23) ☎33974

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (3/2) ☎34001

ACTIVE, 57, PETITE, WIDOW, nonsmoker, nondrinker, employed Registered Nurse, witty, and sharp. Love theatre, outings, concerts, movies, more. Seeking employed gentleman, 55-65, nonsmoker, outgoing, available. (3/2) ☎33994

PASSIONATE, SENTIMENTAL, honest, educated, spiritual, alive, white female, 55, seeks snuggler. Jazz, blues, sports, travel, adventure. Please be honorable, fun, soulful, 47-57. Nonaddict. Race open. (2/23) ☎33966

HEY, YOU! VALENTINE Be mine! Would like your smoldering kisses, deep affection massages and ecstatic passion. Slender, beautiful goddess. You: tall gentleman, well balanced, secure. (3/2) ☎33990

HERE'S MY RECIPE. Two people bringing their best parts together for a happy relationship. Me: dark, beautiful, 5'6", 130lbs., 46. You: tall, fit, clean cut, nonsmoker, 40-55. (2/23) ☎33977

ADVENTURER, FUN, vivacious, curvaceous, sultry, young 52, look 42. Enjoy nature, art, dance, cultural activities, humor, travel, Indie films, honesty and romance. What about you? (3/2) ☎33997

36-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", 125lbs., brunette/blue, petite and attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 34-46 years for relationship. Only serious responses. (3/2) ☎33991

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus-size brunette, very loving and sincere, nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, big boy! (2/23) ☎33959

STRAWBERRY BLONDE, tall, slender, 35 years old. Seeking male, 30-40, that's 6' or taller, fun, professional, spiritual, enjoys traveling, dining, concerts, outdoors, camping. (2/23) ☎33986

CUTE, CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, energetic. Enjoy beach, concerts, boating, laughing, dancing, kissing, etc. Seeking fun, successful, attractive, romantic, fit, great kisser, 34-48. (3/2) ☎33999

RAMBUNCTIOUS COUNTRY GIRL, seeks rowdy guy who likes motorcycles, fishing, outdoor activities, movies, home cooking, lots of cuddling and awesome kisser. No kids. No games. (2/23) ☎33975

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SWEET, nice legs/figure, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, generous, upscale, compatible, 35+, Caucasian/Asian bachelor. (2/23) ☎33978

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. Cuban female, 47, searching for my other half. Be sincere with a great heart. Let's get to know each other. Let's cuddle. (2/23) ☎33971

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Nonsmoker, attractive, curvaceous, fun redhead, dynamic, tall, 50s. You: tall, playful, nonsmoker, handsome, educated, stable, honest, happy, sincere, exciting. (3/2) ☎33998

VALENTINE, WHERE ART THOU? Bubbly, cuddly, curvy, fun(ny), happy, honest, seeks caring, educated, optimistic, romantic, white nonsmoker, 56-66. Laughs! Fun! Romance! Theater, movies, sports, us! (2/23) ☎33973

TIRED OF KISSING DRUNKEN FROGS! Cute white girl, 46, no children, low maintenance, nature lover. Looking for humorous, affectionate, white guy, full/partial weekends free. (2/23) ☎33981

GREAT LOOKING, curvy, brunette that's lots of fun, witty and romantic. Looking for 47-54 years young, attractive, fit, romantic man that's ready for someone special. (2/23) ☎33988

PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga, seeks gentleman 5'10+", athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (2/23) ☎33985

GOT PASSION? North County, 44, beach loving, romantic, fun, love to laugh, curvaceous. Be over 5'10" and want commitment. Attractive, brown-eyed girl. (2/23) ☎33982

SPONTANEOUS, OUTGOING, feminine lady, pretty, petite, fit, young at heart/spirit, love adventure, dance, travel, hikes, beach. Seeking fit, fun, spirited, positive, upbeat, 45+, nonsmoker. (3/2) ☎34003

FUN, SEXY, PRETTY LADY, with curvaceous figure, seeks 57+, tall gentleman, to share fun loving, good times, with an adventurous flair. Anxiously awaiting your call. (2/23) ☎33979

DYNAMITE IN A SMALL package, loves to cook, sports, outdoors, movies, ocean. Seeking white male, 35-45. (3/2) ☎34004

PASSIONATE, EDUCATED, fun-loving, from New York City. 56. Seeking male, 52-60, for friendship leading to long-term relationship. Sense of humor? Are you ready? (2/23) ☎33970

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, 50, seeks male for romantic companionship, age 35-55. Must be honest, single and have a great sense of humor. Race open. (3/2) ☎33989

SENSATIONAL, PRETTY, divorced, 63, youthful, social explorative, artistic, worldly. Seeking grandpa for hobbies dance, symphony, gardening, boating, hiking. RV, Europe, Baja. Handsome. Realize your dreams. (2/23) ☎33960

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no-baggage man, friendship, supportive/sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (2/23) ☎33965

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MOM, 39. Looking for long-term relationship with loyalty, honesty and lots of exciting fun. I'm a size 18. Not looking for games. (2/23) ☎33968

LOVING, ATTRACTIVE JEWISH woman looking for soul mate. I'm entrepreneur, fun loving, warm, supportive and exercise personal/spiritual growth, family and friends. Looking for similar man, 42-52. (3/2) ☎33992

PETITE, ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, real estate agent, 59, who likes travel, being outdoors, the arts, and a glass of wine, seeks a reasonably fit, interesting guy. (3/2) ☎34005

MATCHES Men Seeking Women

LET'S MAJOR IN CHEMISTRY. Homework includes dining, cooking, movies, and enjoying San Diego. 50s, North County guy, sense of humor a must. Fun anyone? (3/2) ☎34246

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THE READER PUZZLE

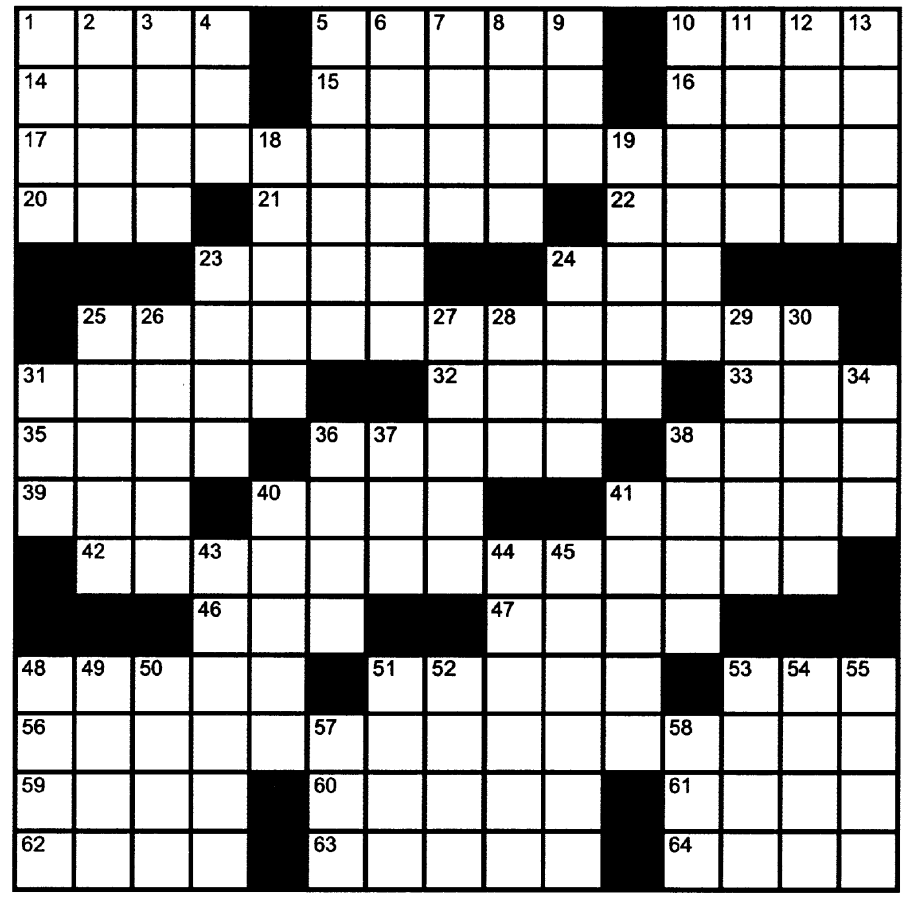
by David Levinson Wilk

Across

1. Goes like the wind
5. Wore
10. Not docked
14. Yonder
15. Give a lecture
16. It may make a rooster crow
17. Southern U.S. snake that has seen the power of Jesus?
20. It may make a rooster crow
21. Desert havens
22. "It's ____!" ("I'm kidding!")
23. "____ ain't broke ..."
24. Prehistoric prefix
25. Upscale restaurant serving that has seen the power of Jesus?
31. Strong point
32. "There's more than one way to skin ____"
33. ____-jongg
35. Colorful gem
36. Hard to please
38. Shoots the breeze?
39. Rev
40. Some are jam-packed
41. Set straight
42. Olympic sport that has seen the power of Jesus?
46. Bullring call
47. Some volleyball hits
48. Dijon dear
51. Cutting down, after "on"
53. Tony winner McKellen
56. Body warmer that has seen the power of Jesus?
59. "The Thin Man" pooch
60. Kramer's first name on "Seinfeld"
61. Horned rock climber
62. Dr. who ran for president in 2004
63. "Eight Days ____"
64. Student's purchase

Down

1. "Garden State" director/actor Braff
2. "____ hollers ..."
3. Nuisance
4. Sp. Mrs.
5. Empty promises
6. Barry Manilow's label
7. Woman of distinction
8. Oklahoma tribe
9. Japanese computer giant
10. Key of Beethoven's seventh
11. Mediocre
12. Actor Estrada
13. Author Rice
18. Kind of checking
19. Diamond weight unit
23. Global: Abbr.
24. Potter's medium
25. Clean, as a deck
26. Turk's neighbor
27. Rodeo ring?
28. IV amounts
29. In-box contents
30. Fiery ballroom dance
31. London weather, often
34. TV buying channel
36. It's inevitable
37. Vessel for ashes
38. Producer Ziegfeld, and others
40. Esquire magazine's "sexiest woman alive" of 2004
41. Words of likelihood
43. Mailer of books
44. Introspective query
45. Nike rival
48. American Dialect Society's 2000 "Word of the Year"
49. Firefighting aid
50. James who sings the blues
51. "That's ____ blow!"
52. Two caplets, say
53. "What'll ____?"
54. A-Rod's first name
55. Barber's cry
57. Company that founded NBC
58. Chickadee relative



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RULES OF THE GAME

1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 2/10/05.

Of the 128 entrants, 122 were correct. The winners are:

1. Dorothy Lewis, *Poway*
2. George Wall, *Pasadena*
3. Sue Janisch, *Poway*
4. Irving L. Metzger, *San Diego*
5. J.S. Kemp, *Encinitas*

SENSUAL, CREATIVELY passionate, saturate the senses, romantic, deep sweet kissing, love nature, dining out. Male, 6'1", self-employed, loving, supportive, dancer, understand the goddess, 40s. (3/2) ☎34223

GOOD MAN, EASYGOING, sincere, tall, educated, nice looking, trim, fit, youngish 60s. Seeking warm, sweet, pretty, slim, fit, youthful, good woman for terrific twosome. (2/23) ☎34196

WRITER, TRAVELER, scientist, 33. Seeking partner for hiking, romance, spiritual growth, world travel. Creative, artistic, positive, energetic, intellectual ladies preferred. (2/23) ☎34198

HONEST BLACK MALE seeking honest female. Race not important. I'm 5'10", 170lbs., caregiver, 38, romantic, athletic. Looking for serious relationship. I have no kids, yet. (2/23) ☎34188

HAPPY, RETIRED BANKER and jazz musician looking for a cool, easygoing lady, 65+, for dates, fun and hugs. Call me, we will have a ball. (2/23) ☎34190

SEEKING A VOLUPTUOUS FEMALE for fun times, quiet times, love, romance, affection, intimacy. I'm a tall, white male, 53, financially/emotionally secure, very loving. (3/2) ☎34236

TALL, 55, RETIRED, financially secure, homeowner, booklover. Prefers 5'10"+, slender lady, nonsmoker for nature walks, exploring, laughter, stimulating conversations, classical music, old westerns, passion, spirituality. (3/2) ☎34248

SEEKING ADVENTUROUS, FIT partner for skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, desert and river. I'm successful, youthful, 47 years old. I play hard and work hard. (3/2) ☎34229

HAPPY HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL! I am 51, fit, neat, and live in Chula Vista. I like to have fun, have no baggage. Live alone with pets. (3/2) ☎34242

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, approximately 6', 180lbs., 47. Seeking slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 33-43, for balanced, long-term relationship. (2/23) ☎34208

I'M OUTTA HERE. Leaving for Trinity/Arcata area in 2 months more/less. I'm financially secure, have truck, love the road. Seeking companion, 25-45, nonsmoker, survivalist 66 Namvet. (2/23) ☎34211

TALL, SLIM, FIT, 52, father, degreed, fun, divorced, humorous, pleasant, not wealthy. Seeking trim, feminine lady, 42-52, North County, bright, nonsmoker, for walks, conversation, laughs. (2/23) ☎33983

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, pool, poker, acting and being myself. (3/2) ☎34235

NORTH COUNTY SENIOR seeks gracious, attractive lady for dining, dancing, movies, travel, etc, who appreciates a fun, active, considerate gentleman. (2/23) ☎34201

56 AND LOST SOMEWHERE in the mountains. Seeking emotionally secure and stable female. Lust for life isn't dead, desire to share it with someone. (2/23) ☎34187

HELP WANTED. Happy, energetic, loving person of the female persuasion, white, 45-49, slender, smart, nonsmoker for fun and more for good guy, 53. (3/2) ☎34228

LIFE IS ABOUT LOVE, miracles, celebration and hope. We'll share the miracle of life! Equality, respect, trust, inspiration, fidelity and adventure. White male, 6'1", 195lbs. (2/23) ☎34189

HISPANIC, 53 YEARS, 5'8", 155lbs., attractive, good shape, quiet, shy, nice personality, marriage minded, stable finances; likes desert, dining, movies. Seeking fair-skinned, petite lady. (3/2) ☎34255

39, 5'10", WHITE MALE. Seeking attractive single white female, 25-55. I enjoy movies, Starbucks, bookstores, dining out, sports, long drives, prefer unencumbered playful type. (2/23) ☎34213

WOW ENDOWED! HOLY COW! Lets party and have a great time. I'm a funny and open-minded man looking for someone to have fun with. (3/2) ☎34256

WANT LIFETIME CARING and contentment? Best ones are not all taken! Secure homeowner, youthful 77, nonsmoker, likes camping, outdoors, homelife. Let's enjoy our lives together. (2/23) ☎34217

OUR TIME TO ENJOY LIFE. Caucasian male, mid-60s, active, secure, attractive, divorced homeowner would like to meet Caucasian lady between 50-70. (3/2) ☎34253

SEEKING A BEST FRIEND to walk at the beach, nice dinners and fun. (3/2) ☎34230

STUBBORNLY PASSIONATE, fiercely funny, sexy, loving Renaissance woman craved by 27-year-old entrepreneur with the soul of a poet and brain of a businessman. (2/23) ☎34194

APPEALING TO MY BEAUTIFUL black goddess: this attractive, white male, professional, age 42, fit and trim awaits you with romance and respect! (2/23) ☎34210

HANDSOME, 54, African-American seeks sexy, white or Hispanic female for a serious relationship. Only serious women reply for love, happiness, romance. Nonsmoker and balanced. (2/23) ☎34182

BE MY VALENTINE. New to beautiful San Diego. Looking to explore the city with someone special. Half white/Spanish, 40, green eyes, smile will greet. (2/23) ☎34221

ENLIGHTENED, SAVVY, accomplished, artistic, attractive, devoted, good hearted soul. Seeking unjaded, educated, communicative, cultured, sensual, eclectic mate for final chapter. 58, 5'10", dark. No games. (3/2) ☎34250

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MATURE, KIND, CONSIDERATE man seeks same in a lady. I'm 39, 5'10", black/blue. Possible long-term relationship. (3/2) ☎34231

TEACHER, WORLD TRAVELER, caring, loving, secure, seeks woman, 35-54, for fun, romance, long-term relationship, economical adventurous world travel, backpacking, sailing, camping. Retired, 53, homeowner. (3/2) ☎34238

PARTNER FOR HAPPINESS, caring, sharing togetherness. Enjoy outdoors, ocean, wine, country, pine trees, camping, coffee, life. Relaxed, realistic, no drama. You're 50+. We're trim, nonsmokers. (3/2) ☎34227

POWAY, WHITE, HANDSOME gentleman, 55, 5'9", 173lbs., clean-shaven, gray/blue, well groomed. Qualities: romantic, loving, supportive, fun, intelligent, secure, to meet Poway woman, 40-63. (2/23) ☎34184

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) ☎34193

PHYSICALLY FIT, young looking 59, 6', caring, considerate, knows how to treat a lady. Let's share happy, adventurous times together. You'll be glad you called. (3/2) ☎34244

VIRTUE, QUALITY, SOMETIMES it takes a while to find someone special. Dynamic businessman seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romancing, possibly more. (2/23) ☎34192

CARING, FUN, FIT, romantic white male, 54, 5'6", 180lbs., seeks special lady for dinner, walks, camping, and quality time together. Bye for now. (3/2) ☎34234

GREAT CATCH! Down-to-earth Jewish male, 35, enjoys movies, hiking, cats, 80s music. Seeking honest, sincere woman for friendship and possible relationship. (2/23) ☎34212

INTELLIGENT? DOWN TO EARTH? Unconventional? Quick-witted? Competent? Personable? Attractive? Curvaceous? Conservative? Unorthodox? Democratic? Outdoorsy? Sean Connery look-alike, 61, wants to meet you! (3/2) ☎34241

TALL, WHITE, HANDSOME MALE, 50, 6'2", 220lbs. Seeking nice-looking lady, 37-45, friendship, dating, bowling, jogging. All sports, movies, drinks, dancing. Please call. (2/23) ☎34207

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you! (3/2) ☎34233

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, FIT male, late 40s, 6', slender, confident, honest, romantic, fun loving. Enjoys travel, casinos, and boating. Seeking attractive, fit, slender, fun, professional lady. (2/23) ☎34199

VALENTINE BIRTHDAY BOY, seeks his long lost sweetheart. Seeking 30-46, caucasian/hispanic, attractive lady for friendship+ if chemistry is there. Interests: jazz, rock, metal, animals. (3/2) ☎34237

MISSION BAY HOMEOWNER. Caucasian widower, physically fit, well groomed, 68, 5'7", 165lbs. Seeking stable, affectionate lady under 65. Share companionship, good times while we can. (2/23) ☎34214

FEET ARE WONDERFUL. Fun-loving, spontaneous, cute, educated, healthy. Divorced, white, 44. Seeking lady who would enjoy foot massage and some pampering of your feet. (2/23) ☎34204

MUSIC-LOVING, NONSMOKING world traveling affluent widower, 80s. Seeking retired senior lady, 70s-80s, sincere, loving, sensual, available for friendship, companionship, social activities, travel, cruises together. (3/2) ☎34220

BE MY VALENTINE. 58, brown/blue, slender, 5'7", varied interests. Easygoing, loving and caring. Desire to share life and give TLC to special lady. (2/23) ☎34203

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6'3", white,

intelligent, 57, professional, handsome, respects women, honest. Seeks loving woman, 5'6"+, 45-55. Into movies, dining out, music-jazz, classical, travel. Possible long term. (3/2) ☎34259

FULFILLING LIFE PARTNER. Seeking spirited, interesting, genuine, playful, active, fit, good-looking, 25-40, for commitments, family. Me: energetic, loving, playful, tactile, holistic health, athletic, caring, appreciative. (2/23) ☎34215

TALL, BLOND MUSICIAN, 41. Seeking romance, long-term relationship, funny, witty, spontaneous, creative. Looking for that someone special. Let's connect! (2/23) ☎34202

WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks single white female, 40-55, slim/medium build, to share quiet times in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, moonlight and cuddling. (3/2) ☎34232

TALL, FIT, FUN, handsome, 43, blue eyes, good communicator, happy with life, sense of humor. Seeking slender, attractive soul mate, for dining, dancing, travel, relationship. (2/23) ☎34195

MOUNTAIN WOMAN WANTED. Attractive, black male, property owner, seeks large, attractive, white female, who loves nature, outdoors, mountains, and who's seeking a permanent passionate relationship. (3/2) ☎34243

GOOD LOOKING GUY, 56, nonsmoker, slender, healthy, grey/blue, mustache, Baja traveler, dining, dancing, romance, homeowner, dog lover. Seeking female for lifelong companion, friend, lover. (2/23) ☎34205

STILL KID AT HEART, reliable, casual, 45, 5'8", 165lbs. Outdoors, hiking, biking, new adventures, simple pleasures of like. You: ideas, attractive, one-to-one relationship. (3/2) ☎34225

EXECUTIVE, ENGINEER, MBA, 41, 6'3", 175lbs., slim, fit, well-dressed, handsome, Spanish descendant with accent, excellent manners, values, personality. Please be slim, fit. (2/23) ☎34197

TRAVEL PARTNER, SOUL MATE wanted who also likes theater, antiques and walking. 57, 5'9", 170lbs., nonsmoker, semi-retired professional with Pacific Beach view condo. Long relationship? (2/23) ☎34218

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OPEN MINDED WOMAN with positive vibration, 40s, wanted to explore and enjoy the mysteries of life, love and the universe. Must have sense of humor. (2/23) ☎34216

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TALL, LEAN, HANDSOME, sexy, romantic, bald, black male, 50, in search of vivacious, full-figured Caucasian lady to be my lover. No strings. Peggy Bundy? (2/23) ☎34191

OCEANSIDE GENTLEMAN, 52, 5'9", sincere, honest, kind, loyal, fun loving. Seeking North County woman; quality conversation, movies, walks, adventure, affection, theater, travel, sailing, sweet kisses. (3/2) ☎34251

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HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 60, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (2/23) ☎34183

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very affectionate, attractive, unencumbered professional, 41, 6'1", 215lbs., German-Irish, family oriented. Seeking attractive, intelligent, unencumbered white female, 24-35, possessing inner/outer beauty. (3/2) ☎34252

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun-loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoking. (3/2) ☎34245

BIG, STRONG, WHITE GUY looking for a woman to spoil. Would like someone who enjoys making the house comfortable. 6'2" friend, lover, shy, educated, multi-talented. (3/2) ☎34257

VERY ATTRACTIVE LADY wanted. First come, I serve. Tall, handsome, 49, entrepreneur, kind, romantic, funny, smart, wanting one lady, 25-48, to pamper, dine, have exciting time. Please be sexy, monogamous, truthful, kind, caring. Be very fashionable and ready for whatever God brings. (3/2) ☎34258

NICE GUY, 68, RETIRED, healthy, active, outdoorsy, no baggage. Like foreign films, desert, cruises; stable finance, east county. Looking for a nice lady. (2/3) ☎34222

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RENTALS

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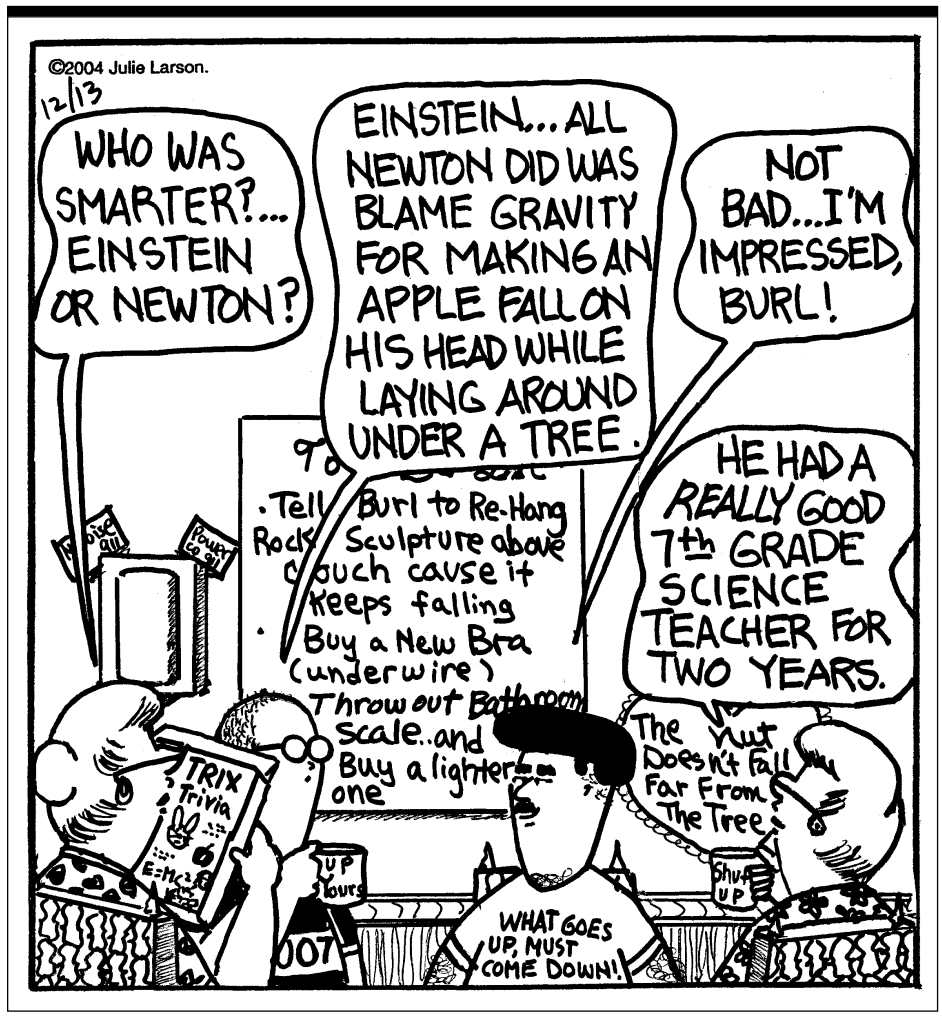

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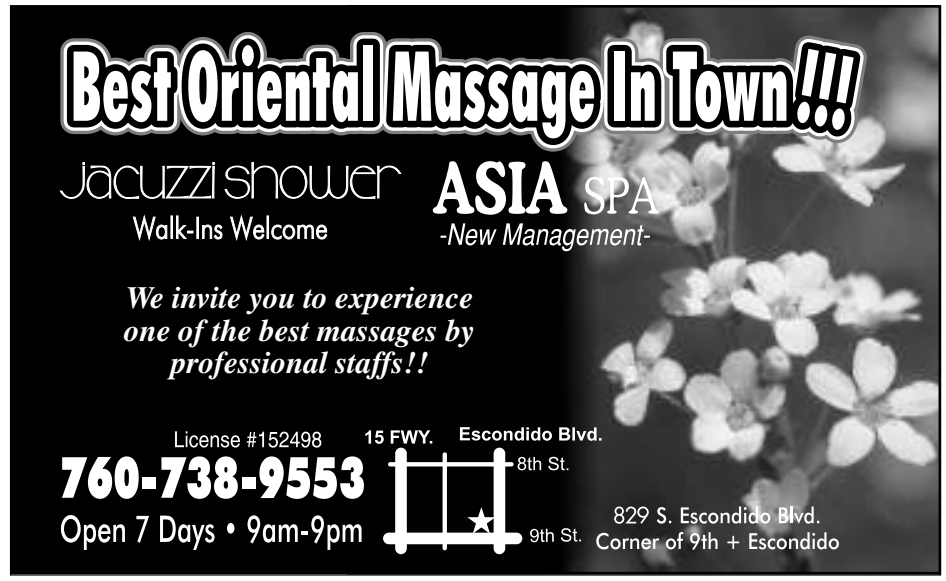

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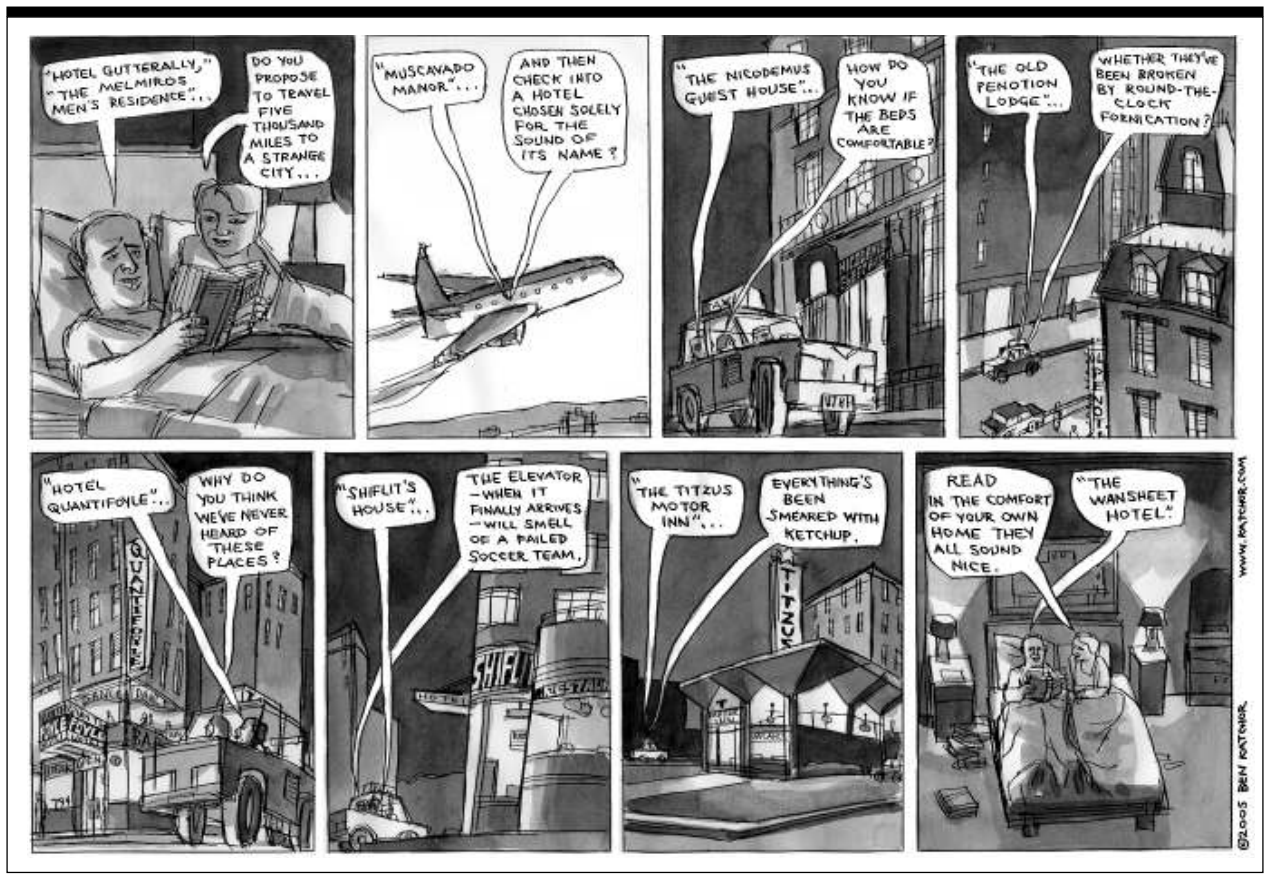

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CLAIREMONT. $1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Downstairs unit with attached garage. Off-street parking. 1204 Vega Street #1. kandrproperties.com, 858-490-1600.

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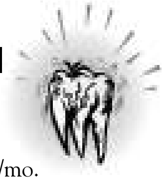

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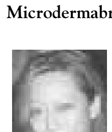
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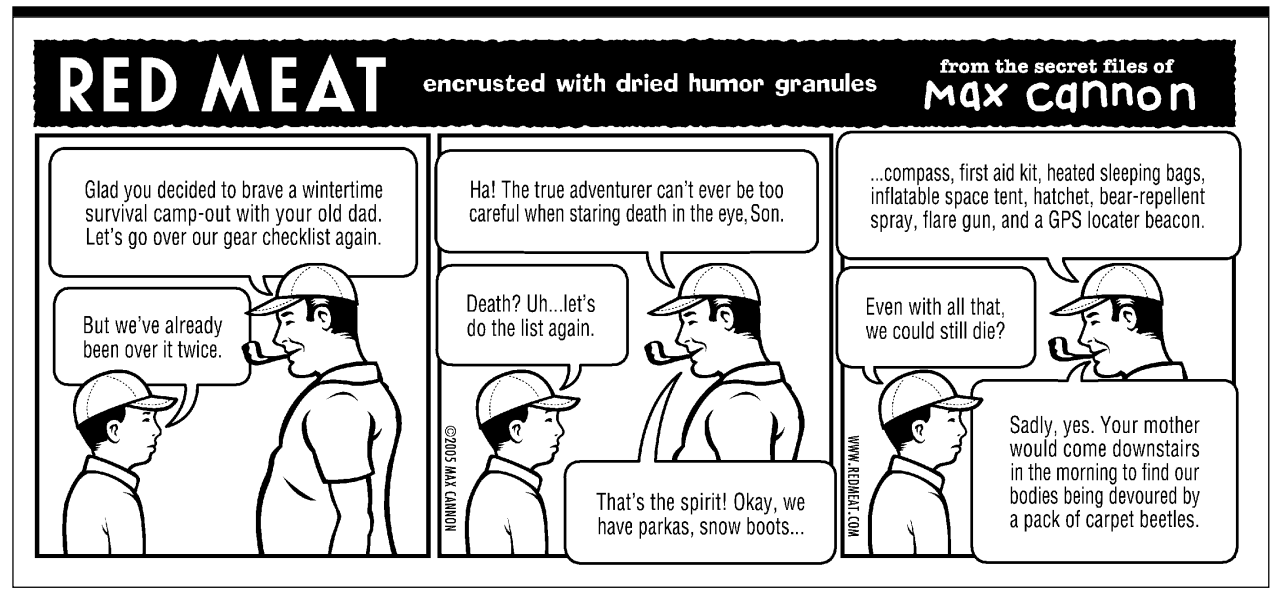

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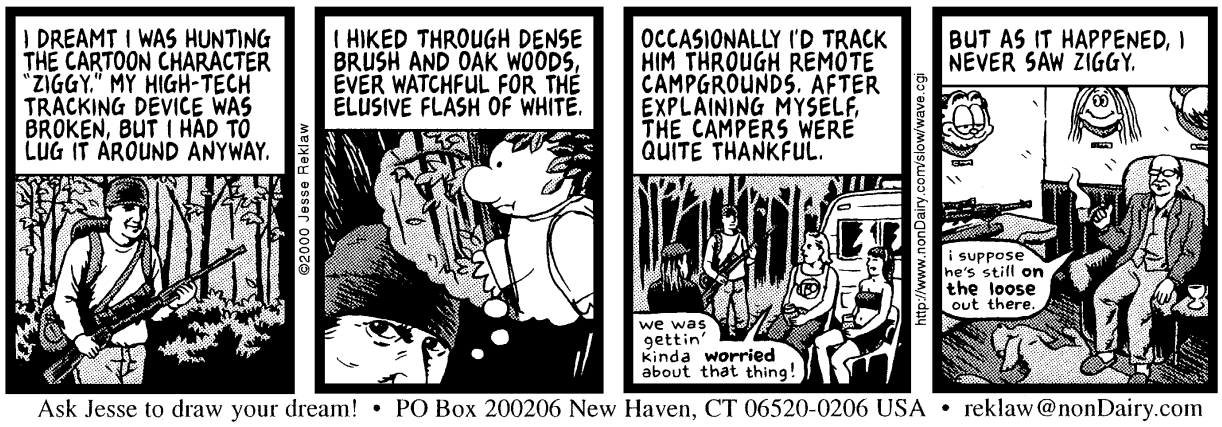

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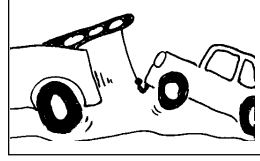

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KENSINGTON. $895-$850 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Very nice! Available now. 4118 Adams Avenue #3 and #4. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

KENSINGTON. $950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious upstairs unit. Dishwasher, air conditioning, in gated complex. Walk to local coffee shops and library. Available 3/1/05. 4101 Park Place #7. www.cethron.com; 619-295-1100.

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LA JOLLA. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo on Noble Drive. 1100 square feet. All appliances. Fireplace. Access to pool, spa, tennis. Lease $1800. 619-708-4342.

LA JOLLA. $1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 6051 La Jolla Hermosa. kandrproperties.com. 858-490-1600.

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LA JOLLA. Beautiful Coast Boulevard neighborhood, ocean views, walk to beach, quiet street. $1995, 2 bedroom, 2 bath with carport; $1095, studio, corner unit. No smoking/pets. 441 Ravina Street. Photos: http://home.san.rr.com/emiller. 619-602-4116.

LA JOLLA. $1195. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Just steps to the beautiful Wind 'n' Sea beaches! Fully gated, on-site laundry, dishwasher, ceiling fan and more! Great floor plan! 363 Playa Del Sur. 858-551-8786.www.msbrowar.com.

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LA JOLLA. $895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet Village living. First floor. Close to shops and beach. 7427 (back) Herschel. Available 3/8. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. In Village. $1745. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 2 parking. Gated entry. 7601 Eads. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209 or 858-699-3851.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. $2200. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Attached 2-car garage, washer/dryer, new kitchen appliances, granite countertops, fireplace. Close to all. 858-699-7940.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Open house Saturday, Sunday 12-3pm. Move-in specials, April 2005! Lease. 1, 2, 3 bedrooms. $700 deposit. Cat-friendly. Panoramic ocean, mountain views! Travertine marble floors. Granite countertops. Valet parking. Spa. Pool. Tennis. Fitness club. Towers at Costa Verde, 8775 Costa Verde Blvd. 1-888-300-8450. cveleasing@gardencommunities.com. www.sdreader.com/rent/2119.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $1650. Lucera. New, 2 master bedroom/bath, stainless steel, washer/dryer, refrigerator, granite, first floor, garage, pool, spa, tennis, gym, gated, 858-967-3697.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $2500. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. New appliances. New carpet/paint, washer/dryer. Patio, 2-carport, extra storage. Pool. Near golf, parks. Nonsmoking. 619-200-0598; 858-752-7307.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. Must see! Excellent location. 914 square foot 1 bedroom loft, 1.5 bath. Garage, washer/dryer, appliances, amenities. $1250/month. Open 2/19 and 2/20, 2pm-4pm, 6167 Caminito Baeza. 858-538-7899; 619-246-4899.

LA JOLLA/UTC. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, patio, washer/dryer, white and bright. Close to UCSD, freeways, shopping, entertainment. 858-449-1915.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo, 2-car garage. Bright 2 story corner unit, washer/dryer. Pool, recreation area, clubhouse, tennis. $1800/month. Mehrdad, 858-442-0330.

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LA MESA VILLAGE. Very nice 2 bedrooms. $950. Gated building. Parking, laundry area. Private patios. Air Conditioned. Extra storage areas. Available March 10th. 4513 Palm Avenue. 619-920-7650.

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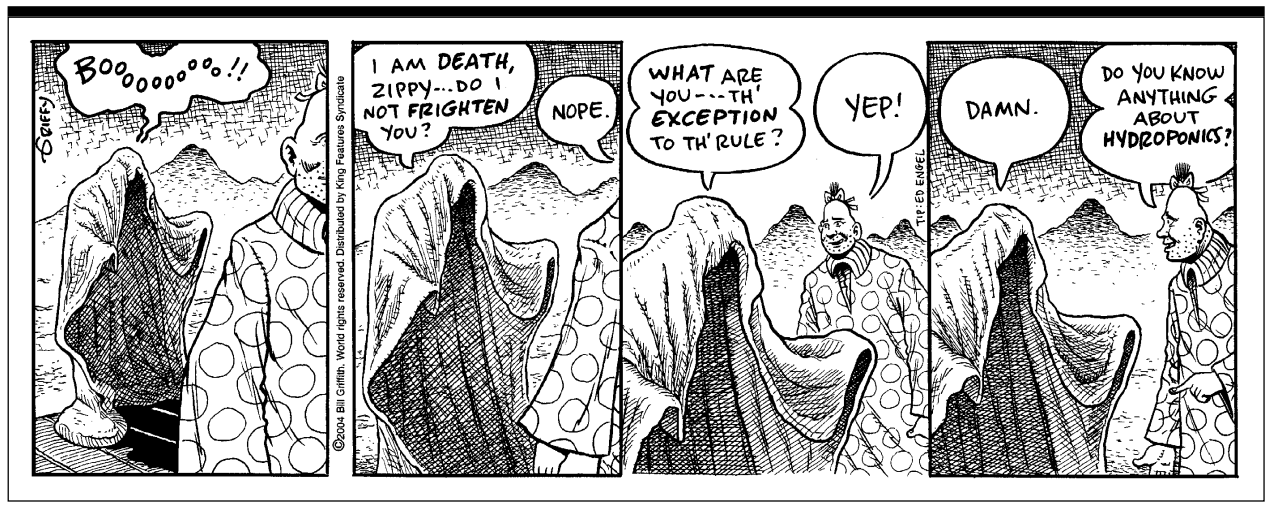

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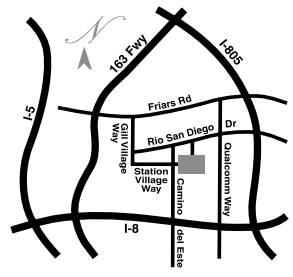

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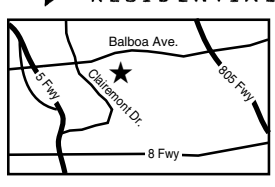

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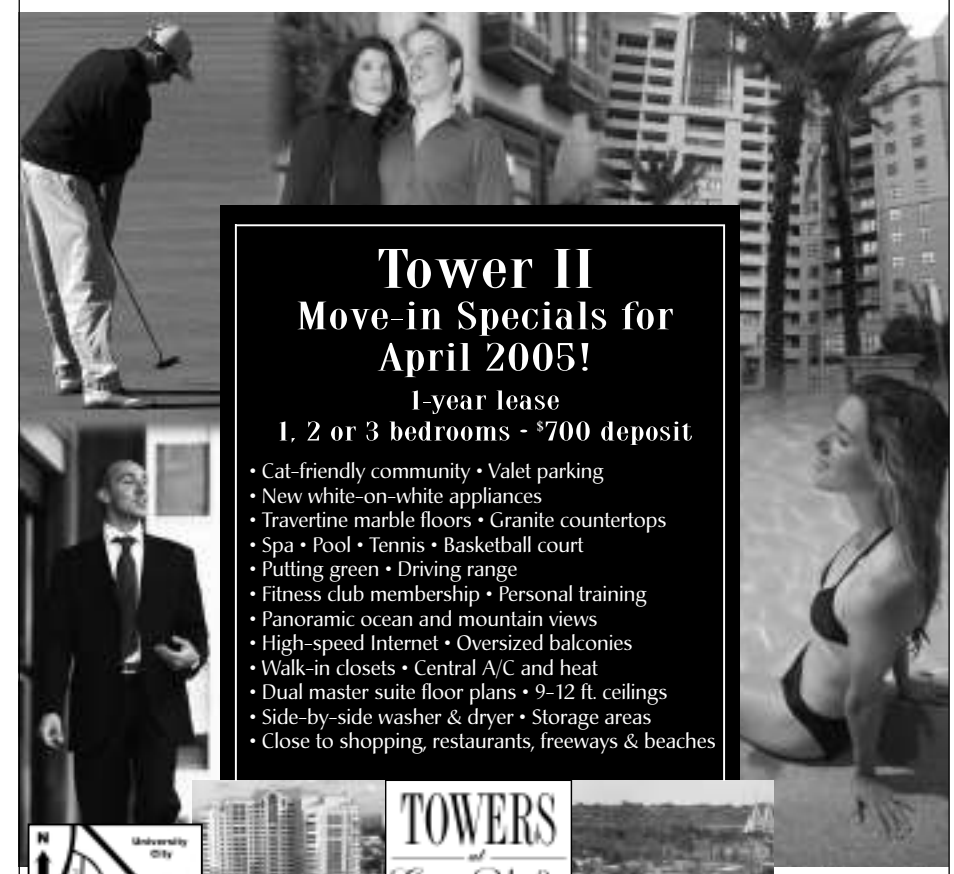

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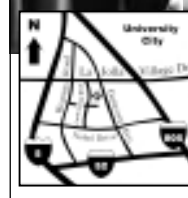

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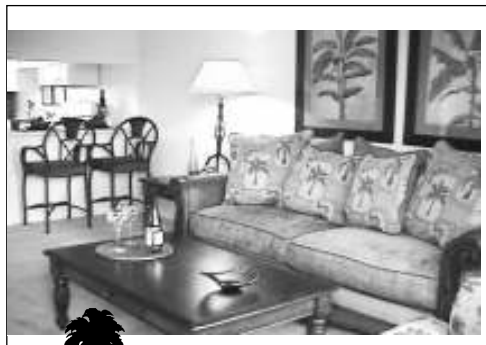

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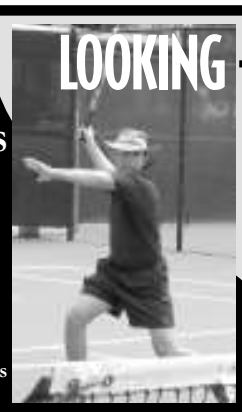

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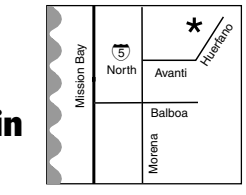

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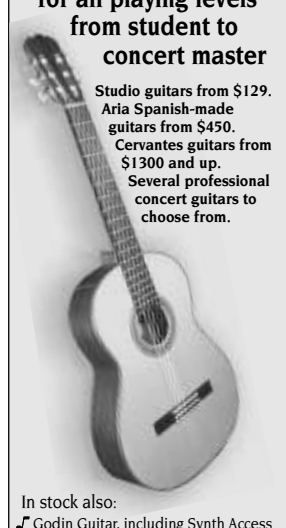
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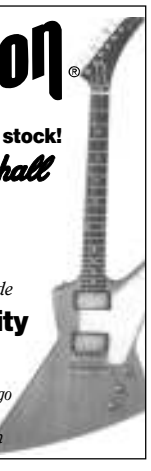

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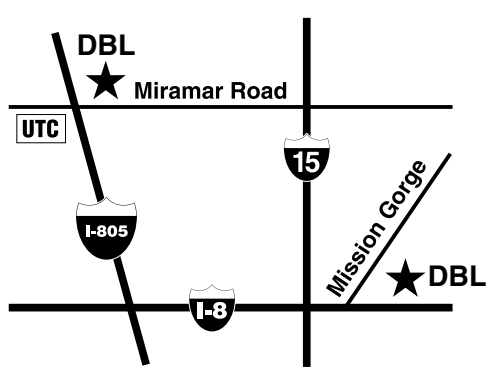

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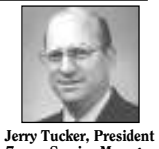

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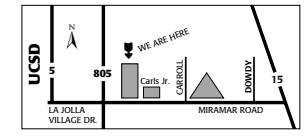

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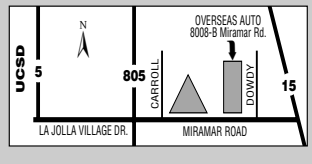

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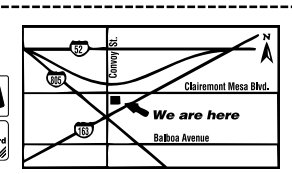

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LEAD STORY

— Harvard University this year hired a recent graduate as a full-time promoter and coordinator of social activities, apparently because so many at the school are too busy to relax. According to associate dean Judith Kidd, "The kids work very, very hard here. And they worked very, very hard...to get here. They arrived needing help having fun." (By contrast, two weeks later, a police raid in Durham, N.C., turned up 200 noisy Duke University students, many of them bikini-clad women, wrestling in a plastic pool of baby oil in the basement of a fraternity house, apparently inspired by a scene from the movie *Old School.)*

Recent Alarming Headlines

— (1) "Man Says Tight Jeans Caused Aggravated Assault Charge" (Sean Duvall, arrested for pulling a gun on police in Belle Vernon, Pa., said he was holding it only because it was impossible to stuff it in his pants; *USA Today,* December). (2) "Man Arrested for Dumping Dirt in a Forest" (Federal law prohibits unloading anything on federal land; Associated Press dispatch from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, November). (3) "Lawmakers Asked to Take Helm, Donate Sperm" (To relieve a shortage at Australian sperm banks, some younger state legislators were asked to become role models by giving; Associated Press dispatch, January).

Alcohol Blues

— Among recent troubling news: After Rafer Wilson crashed into a parked car in Sydney, Australia, his blood-alcohol content (according to evidence at his trial in December) was tested at .462, nine times the legal presumption of impairment. ... Three weeks later, in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, doctors said a 67-year-old man had produced a blood-alcohol reading of .914, which supposedly stood up through four retests. ... Gary W. Rodgers was arrested in November in Lexington, Ky., and according to the county's offender database, it was his 96th arrest for public drunkenness in 2004.

Great Art!

— In December, outgoing San Francisco Board of Supervisors president Matt Gonzalez turned over his city hall office to graffiti artist Barry McGee, who spraypainted the walls orange with various designs and the message "Smash the State" as Gonzalez's tribute to street art. Mayor Gavin Newsom, a political opponent of Gonzalez, has been a vocal critic of street graffiti. Gonzalez promised that before he left office he would restore the walls to their previous color.

— A survey of 500 British arts experts named as the most influential work of modern art (beating out two works by Picasso) Marcel Duchamp's 1917 *Fountain,* which is a white porcelain urinal. Duchamp was a central figure in the movement to present ordinary objects as art.

— In November at the Tate Britain gallery, sculptor Antony Gormley presented *Bed,* a pile of 8000 slices of bread arranged to resemble a large mattress. From the "bed," Gormley had first eaten an amount that represented the volume of his body. Apparently, Gormley did not devour the bread so much as chew it and then remove it and form different-shaped pieces, which he then dried out, chemically preserved, and displayed. The Tate Britain was so thrilled with the installation that it became the centerpiece in a room devoted to Gormley's lifetime body of work.

Government in Action

— The *Las Vegas Sun* reported in January that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency has begun phasing in an underpublicized policy of ending all walk-in traffic. Eventually, all immigration offices, to improve efficiency, will do business only by appointments made over the Internet (even though many immigration clients, most notably migrant workers, do not have convenient Internet access).

— For five years the New Mexico government has accepted Viola Trevino's child-support claims against Steve Barreras (who objected to the claim because he's had a vasectomy). Finally, a court in Albuquerque ruled in December that the child never existed. The judge concluded that Trevino had lied numerous times and had forged DNA evidence, birth certificates, and other documents and that Barreras had been unjustly forced to pay $20,000 in support, even though Trevino had never publicly produced the child. In December, having run out of excuses, Trevino borrowed a little girl from a stranger on the street and took her into the courtroom to "be" her and Barreras's daughter (but the stranger followed Trevino inside and exposed the ruse). Gov. Bill Richardson subsequently ordered an investigation as to how so many state officials had been hoaxed for so long.

People Different From Us

— In January, Rev. Clarence June Love, 83, pastor of the Assemblies of Jesus church in Bristol, Tenn., ejected sisters Reba Storey, 46, and Mary Steele, 64, from a service, rebuking them as possessed by demons because they were wearing blue jeans (Pentecostals believe that women should not wear pants). Said Storey, "I'm glad I serve a God who can work through my pants." The sisters were trying to visit with their 88-year-old mother, who allegedly was being kept away from them by a third sister, who is also Rev. Love's girlfriend. A few days later, a local judge urged the family to work things out.

Least Competent Criminals

— In Vancouver, Wash., in January, Cuitlahvac Renteria-Martinez, 26, was arrested for jumping into an idling 18-wheeler and taking off. However, the rig had a global positioning system that made it easy to track. Renteria-Martinez was quickly arrested. He later admitted to police that he had taken a swig out of what he thought was the driver's coffee cup but learned too late that it was actually the driver's tobacco spit-cup.

Recurring Themes

— "News of the Weird" recently mentioned the Sinulator, a vibrating device operated over the Internet that permits thrusting movements (typically by a male) at one computer to be mimicked by an insertable wand (typically for use by a female) at another computer. For less excitable people, researchers at Carnegie Mellon University recently developed The Hug, which allows one user (perhaps a grandparent) to squeeze a velour-covered, human-shaped pillow connected to a wireless phone and have that squeeze received (perhaps by a faraway grandchild) on his or her own human-shaped pillow. The pillow will also speak in the sender's voice and warm itself up appropriately.

Readers' Choice

— Management consultant William Fried, who is a popular motivational speaker in public schools in the San Francisco area, probably wore out his welcome in January at the Q&A session following his "Secret of a Happy Life" presentation at Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School in Palo Alto. Asked why he had included "exotic dancing" on his list of attractive careers for girls, Fried said the pay was great: $250,000 a year or more, depending on a woman's chest size. "For every two inches up there," he told the class, "you should get another $50,000 on your salary."

Undignified Deaths

— A 34-year-old man performing a field sobriety test for a police officer alongside Route 130 in Bordentown, N.J., was killed when a tractor-trailer driver (who police said had probably been drinking) lost control and smashed into him (December). The officer jumped out of the way in time. ... A 40-year-old New York City man was killed when, inebriated, he fell and broke a fish tank, fatally slashing an artery; he had recently purchased the tank to help his girlfriend's kids learn responsibility (December). ... A 47-year-old man was crushed to death in Albany, Ga., when the tree he was cutting down fell on top of him (December).

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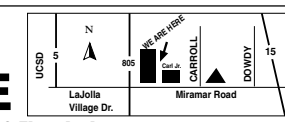

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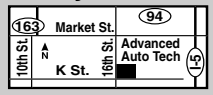

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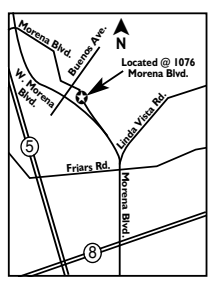

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THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL

Location: [2900] McGraw Street, Mission Bay
Time/Date: 9:30 p.m. on 1/28/05

Officer's Investigation: Diana C. stated she and her husband Jim had been friends with the suspect, Mark R., and his girlfriend Lori B. several years ago. The two couples had a falling out and had not been in contact with each other for about 4 years. Then on Friday, 1-21-05, Jim and Diana ran into Mark at "In Cahoots." Jim and Diana frequent "In Cahoots" every week and were surprised to see Mark there. Mark told them, "Don't worry, I'm not stalking you."

Diana stated when she returned home from work on Friday, 1-28-05, her son Brandon (18 yrs) handed her a note. Diana assured me that it had been left at their residence. It reads:

"Jim & Diana, Can you give me a call when you get a chance? I would like to talk to you both in an effort to resolve my issues with you. I need to find peace inside myself in order for me to move on with my life."

Jim and Diana decided to call Mark and let him vent. [Mark] told them he had a lot of hate and resentment. Mark was still angry about the breakup of his relationship with Lori B. [He] stated he was angry because Diana and Jim hadn't taken his side and stood up for him during his breakup. He was upset about an incident in which he had asked Diana to accompany him to the Comedy Store in La Jolla without her husband. Diana had told him she didn't feel comfortable doing that. Mark has dwelt on the incident ever since.

After hearing this, Diana and Jim wanted to end the call, and Mark told them when he goes, he's going to take Diana with him and that he was going to ruin their lives. Diana called Lori and spoke to her. Lori [said] that Mark had been threatening other past friends of theirs. She also [said] that Mark had been "doing speed," had been recently fired from his job, and had declared bankruptcy.

Diana is frightened and believes Mark is unstable and desperate. She feels he will carry out his threat...she will be trying to obtain a restraining order against him.

BATTERY

Location: 2400 Pacific Highway, Middletown
Time/Date: 1:20 a.m. on 1/26/05

Officer's Investigation: I arrived and was contacted by B.H. who was bleeding from his nose. I saw that he also had a torn front shirt pocket. H. refused paramedics and told me what happened.

H. had driven his cab tonight and parked in front of the strip club [Pure Platinum] looking for a fare. He saw two other vehicles. One was another cab, and the other vehicle was a large Ford van that had a sticker: "Associated Transportation Services" in the window, and also had a "TCP" sticker on the rear.

H. said that he heard the "valet" from the strip club ask, "Who's next up in line?" He thought this was wrong because the suspect did not have the legal right to pick up fares in this manner. H. told me he is a member of the Taxi Driver's Association, and knows what is allowed and what isn't. H. said he walked up and contacted the driver of the van...to tell him that he wasn't supposed to be in line picking up fares, and that he wasn't a taxi. H. said that the driver was rude to him and uncooperative, yelling "fuck your taxi association."

H. said that when he got back to his cab he turned and saw the driver [of the van] had followed him back. H. said the man started to punch him, hitting him with a fist in the left side of his head and nose. He said that the man grabbed and ripped his front shirt pocket, spilling all his money out onto the street.

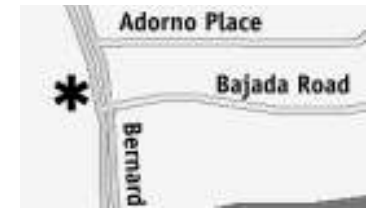
STABBING

Location: Northwest corner of Leucadia Boulevard and Hygeia, Encinitas
Time/Date: 1:15 a.m. on 1/30/05

Incident: A large party was in progress. An uninvited group from Carlsbad arrived. Tempers flared and two of the attendees were stabbed by the Carlsbad contingent. Deputies were summoned by a 911 call placed by a neighbor. Upon the arrival of the deputies, the crowd was estimated at 80-100 people. Three people implicated in the stabbings were pointed out by friends of the victims. All three, two who are age 19 and one who is 20, were taken into custody.

STABBING

Location: 17120 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo
Time/Date: 9:47 p.m. on 1/26/05



Incident: The victim, 26, and his friend "Richard" drove together from Escondido to Rancho Bernardo to meet with the victim's girlfriend and his six-year-old son. The victim got into the girlfriend's vehicle while the son got into the car with suspect "Richard." The victim drove off to talk with the girlfriend with "Richard" following. At some point the suspect started to honk his horn and the victim got angry, stopped his car, got out and confronted the suspect. A fight broke out between the two men. The suspect pulled out a knife, stabbed the victim in the back and fled on foot. The victim staggered into the Stir Fresh Mongolian Grill, where an employee called the police. The victim was uncooperative with responding officers and refused to give any information about the suspect, except to say they had lived in a halfway house together.

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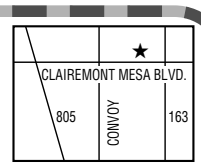

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Big Tora

- OWNER: RON ARGO
- CAR: 1988 MAZDA 929
- BOUGHT: MARCH 2001 FROM THE DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO SALVATION ARMY THRIFT STORE
- PRICE: $5000
- MILEAGE: 120,000

Ron Argo is proud of his Mazda. "I bought this thing from the Salvation Army," he tells me. "Big Tora was the license plate. I figured it was some World War II vet that owned the car. And since the paperwork came with it, I looked him up. Sure enough, he was a World War II vet. His wife was Japanese. I tried to keep the license [plate]. I thought Big Tora fit a luxury car. But they wouldn't let me keep it."

"A Mazda luxury car?" I ask.

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"We bought it in March 2001, and a few months earlier we bought a truck, a 1999 Ford Ranger. Mary, my wife, she's a home health care physical therapist. She goes all around town. Some people she works with said, 'Nice truck, but how long before your husband takes it over?' She said, 'It's my truck. My husband doesn't get it.' So then, a few months later, she started driving the Mazda, and the people who had made comments before got a kick out of that. They accused me of taking over the truck, but actually what I did was buy a car that was so comfortable, she would let me take over the truck.

"I was doing her a favor. A truck isn't something to be driving all over town 40 or 50,000 miles a year. It's a truck, for doing truck stuff. That's what we use it for now. And the Mazda kept her comfortable with all that driving."

"Does the Salvation Army advertise?" I ask.

"Sometimes, but I was just prowling around the Salvation Army downtown. I go to thrift stores and I buy furniture, golf clubs, books. And I saw this Mazda, and it only had 70,000 miles on it. The paint job was fine. That retired-guy blue, which made me feel retired, which puts less pressure on me than being a self-employed writer does.

"But I'll never buy another car that's sat around for a long time. I was looking through files to see how much I've put into the Mazda, and it comes out that I've put in just over a ton of money. Not because it's a bad car. But I bought it when it was 13 years old and it had 70,000 miles on it. That's only about 5000 a year, or else it sat for a long time.

"It hadn't been at the Salvation Army too long, but I suspect that donated cars tend to have been sitting around. Who knows how long it was sitting in Big Tora's garage? But I know that all the gaskets got brittle. I had to replace the head gasket. I had to replace seals all around. And the hoses were brittle too.

"From now on, I'm going to find out if any car I'm going to buy has been sitting around for a long time."

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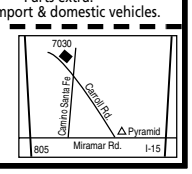

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PLYMOUTH VOYAGER, 1988, low mileage, am/fm stereo cassette, power everything, tinted windows, luggage rack, 7 passenger, $1700. 619-449-9047.

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PONTIAC FIREBIRD FORMULA, 1993, V-8, 6 speed, Hypertech chip, all options, red with gray leather, blown head gasket, $2500/best. 619-749-2110.

PONTIAC SUNFIRE SE, 2002. Red, 4 door, rear spoiler, ABS, CD player, automatic, 39,000 miles, $6900/firm. Moving, must sell. Downtown, 619-316-9090.

PONTIAC SUNFIRE, convertible. Blue/black top. Great running, excellent condition, serviced regularly, loaded, excellent quad for economy. Must see and drive. Price reduced, $3295. 858-484-0716.

RANGE ROVER, 1998, 4.6 HSE, automatic, very luxurious, heated leather seats, moonroof, excellent condition, 98K miles, clean title, below Blue Book, only $13,500. 858-366-2953.

SAAB 900 TURBO, 1987, solid body and interior, leather, power windows and sunroof, runs well, bad transmission, fix or part, salvaged title, must sell, $800/best. 619-795-6500.

SAAB 900 TURBO, 1996. Special wheels and tires. All options, excellent condition, heated seats, moonroof, $5200. Call 858-794-4844.

SATURN SC2, 1997, automatic, 83K miles, good condition, gold, cloth interior, new brake job and battery. Original owner. All maintenance done at dealer. Kelley Blue Book, $4085, will sell for $3800. 619-929-4487; 619-656-2204.

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SUBARU LEGACY OUTBACK, 1995. All wheel drive wagon, 98,900 miles, green, 5-speed manual, ABS, air conditioning, tilt, cruise, power windows, mirror, locks, stereo, $5200. 858-451-0275.

TOYOTA 4 RUNNER, 1996. 2 wheel drive, new tires, upgraded stereo, dark green, privacy glass, air conditioning, air bags, 4 cylinder, 173K miles, $5200/best. 619-804-4450.

TOYOTA AVALON XLS, 1998. V6, leather, moonroof, CD, excellent condition, 106,000 miles. $7999. Vin#235225. Financing OAC, trades welcome, credit cards OK. Cars For Less! Miramar. 619-207-9879; 619-992-0474. www.CarsForLessInc.com.

TOYOTA AVALON, 1996. Flawless condition. 100,000 miles. Every power option. All records. Runs/looks near new. $6800. Linda Vista. 858-874-5852.

TOYOTA CAMRY LE, 1999, sedan, gold beige, good condition, new Michelin tires, alarm, CD and cassette, regular maintenance, 78K miles, $8200. Chuck or Joanna, 619-297-9974.

TOYOTA CAMRY LE, 2000, 4 cylinder, sailfin blue, pearl/oak, 103K miles, excellent condition, new tires, brake pads, rotors, timing belt, etc., original owner, $7350. 619-445-4435.

TOYOTA CAMRY LE 1988 wagon, automatic, AC, tilt, cruise. 61,000/new motor; 233,000/odometer. Current DMV until June 2005. Lost parking spot. Firm price. $1475. Scott, 619-226-6754.

TOYOTA CAMRY LE, 2004. Was $18,995, now $16,488. Vin-885825. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

TOYOTA COROLLA LE, 2004, sunroof. Was $19,995, now $14,888. Vin-Z277302. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

TOYOTA COROLLA LE, 2004. Was $18,995, now $14,888. Vin-Z229229. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

TOYOTA HIGHLANDER 4X4 Limited, 2004. Was $28,995, now $26,888. Vin-940021161. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

TOYOTA MATRIX XRS, 2003. Sporty car from the factory, lots of TRD and aftermarket accessories. 6 year/75,000 mile warranty. Must sell soon. $16,000. 619-867-1390.

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TOYOTA RAV4, 2002. Was $19,995, now $16,888. Vin-009358. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

TOYOTA SIENNA XLS, top line, leather, CD, dual sliding doors, rear air. $9999. Vin#007859. Financing OAC, trades welcome, credit cards OK. Cars For Less! Miramar. 619-207-9879; 619-992-0474. www.CarsForLessInc.com.

TOYOTA SOLARA, 2000. Was $15,995, now $13,888. Vin-XC391521. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

TOYOTA TACOMA PICKUP, 1999. Regular cab, 5-speed, 4-cylinder, 2-wheel drive, white, am/fm. Warranty! $7995. Stk#669, vin#526600. Miramar Trucks, 8650 Miramar Road. 858-408-2277. www.miramartrucks.com.

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VW BEETLE, 1999, green, 50K miles, 5-speed standard, fully loaded, 6-disc CD changer, custom upholstery, great condition, $8500. 619-223-6623.

VW JETTA GLS, 1999. Automatic, all power, air conditioning, CD changer, side airbags, alarm, tint, new tires, excellent, 113,000 miles. $6950. High Winds Auto, 858-560-0571. www.highwindsauto.com.

VW JETTA, 2001. Was $14,995, now $10,888. Vin-M150929. Kearny Mesa Scion, 858-499-8779.

VW PASSAT, 1999, sedan 1.8T, automatic, black with tinted windows, 6-disc changer, tape player, sunroof, well maintained. $8000/best. 760-208-0229.

VW PASSAT, 2000, sedan, 5-speed manual, white/tan interior, 75,500 miles, CD, new tires, new brakes. Great shape. $10,600, bike racks add $400. pierce_diane@yahoo.com, 619-807-3810.

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"For what?"

"Because, she's gonna give me something."

"What?"

"What do you think?"

"Oh. Well, we better get this truck back together. Hand me the half-inch socket."

"I've gotta get outta here," Isaac said. "This place is killing me."

"What are you gonna do?"

"I'm going to go to Hollywood. The damn heat is killing me here."

"Then help me get this radiator out. Grab down there and pull it up. Water and antifreeze are going to come out and splash all over, but that's the way it goes."

"Angie's going to hook me up. Good Lord, that smells rotten."

"It is rotten. Your radiator's rotten, and the antifreeze stinks. Hand me my beer."

Isaac and Joe swallowed from their beer cans and regarded the hole where the radiator had been.

"I've been thinking of moving to San Diego," Joe tells him.

"What's in San Diego?"

"What's in Hollywood?"

"Hollywood has everything. I can't be in these little plays around here, it's embarrassing. I need to be on a TV show. What am I going to do, stay here and take another bit part in *Annie* or *Sweeney Todd?* I need to get down there, audition, work, push myself. Swimming pools and movie stars, Joe. Swimming pools and movie stars."

"We could have our own TV show. 'Live from Isaac's Ford, it's the Isaac and Joe Show!' We could have guests, like Mr. T and Vanilla Ice — anybody who sucks now. We'll be the exact opposite of all the other shows.

"Hey, pick that end up and we'll drop it in. Hang on...get the beer cans out of the way."

It's hot and the brown rust from the radiator stains the boys' hands. The rust gets on their jeans and on their shirts and all over the fenders of the truck. They wipe the sweat from their foreheads and noses. Rust smears in wet muddy streaks across their faces.

"Bring that hose over here and we'll fill this up."

"What's in San Diego?"

"What isn't? There are jobs there, just like here. Am I going to work at Save-Mart here the rest of my life? See if it starts, and we'll check for leaks. Wait, move that beer." Isaac starts the truck and the two peer in.

"Looks good, now you can go to Angie's and bring me back some," Joe says laughing.

"Damn, it's hot. I'm going to Hollywood."

"I'll come up to see you from San Diego."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

JUDGE JOE BROWN

KUSI 9, 5:00 P.M.

I'm going to start calling my bathroom "my chamber." I already wear a gown and powdered wig all day. I bang a meat tenderizer on the closest table when I'm not getting enough attention, so it'll be an easy transition for my roommates. Openings for the position of bailiff will be posted to *sdreader.com* some time in June.

SURVIVOR: PALAU

CBS 8, 8:00 P.M.

One word: prison. You want to see human nature boiled down to its base constituents? Take 20 greedy, backbiting fame-whores and drop them into Folsom with only a nacho and a nine-volt battery to aid them on their "journey." Ratings would soar, and the contestant pool for reality programming would dwindle to acceptable levels.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

JERRY SPRINGER

KUSI 9, 4:00 P.M.

This is it, folks. This is your culture. 7-Eleven and Ron Jeremy took their place among the Parthenon and Mona Lisa the minute Andy Warhol put brush to canvas and painted his first Coke bottle. Jerry Springer will be recognized as a genius, only 60 years after his death. You were here at the dawn.

Gastineau Girls

GASTINEAU GIRLS

ETV 49, 9:00 P.M.

If the qualifications for being a television celebrity only require that one sleep with a football player, then my friend Glitter Bear Gary is eligible ten times over. I'd love to be so rich and famous that proximity to my hanglow confers instant star status.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (1990)

WB 5, 3:30 P.M.

During my time onboard a sub we visited the island nation of Singapore. In a drunken coniption I threw a vodka bottle into a swimming pool and had to pay to have it refilled. After having just recovered from the incident in which a teenager was caned for writing graffiti, the Singapore government took it easy on me and only had me banished for life.

ZOOLANDER (2001)

TBS 33, 8:00 P.M.

This is the sole reason I have a "no Ben Stiller movies" policy. The very few times I've been convinced to break it, I have been disappointed in the movie, disappointed in Ben, but mostly disappointed in myself. The tragedy — horror, the horror — is that many see him as an eminent comedic talent but only know his father from *King of Queens.*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

MTV CRIBS

MTV 30, 6:45 P.M.

The doorbell in my truck doesn't shut off. I try to think of it as the atonal, rhythmic performance of an accompanist to whatever song is on the radio. I never succeed in fooling myself and end up slamming the door, punching the steering column, and swerving into other lanes while careening down the 8 East. The only thing that irritates me more is MTV.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED'S

40TH ANNIVERSARY SWIMSUIT SPECIAL

SPIKE 45, 7:00 P.M.

I don't really think of these women as sexual anymore. I did when I was a kid, but now the imperfections of a woman are what attract me to her initially: a big nose, pudgy hips, clunky glasses. I'd rather see the ropey hound sitting at the end seat of the bar strap up in a bikini than the polished, symmetrical, and luminous *SI* woman. Actually, seeing any woman in a bikini would be a profound turn of events for me.

JACKASS

MTV2 62, 9:30 P.M.

In my fear of prosecution I shunned the video camera when I was in high school. If I had the foresight to capture my mischief on handicam it would be my ass you see doing gainers off of bridges and lighting Volkswagens on fire for that sweaty wad of MTV cash. Idiocy just wasn't as profitable then as it is now.

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SHOPNBC 67, 9:00 P.M.

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FLOOR JACK, huge, Blackhawk brand, super heavy duty, diesel truck type, $300. 619-584-1945.

WANTED. Camper shell, lightweight, higher than cab, with swingout doors, for 1998 Toyota Tacoma extended cab bed, 57.9"Wx75.5"L. 858-273-9042.

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