

This Is Crazy

Thank you for the informative article about the "search" for a new airport in San Diego ("Leavin' on a Jet Plane," February 24). What a waste of taxpayer money to look for a location. Our money is being spent to go to Japan to look at a floating airport. Our money is being spent to pay for expensive lunches and diners for the purpose of networking. We are buying advertising, public relations, and a lot of bull. The Navy gave San Diego a whole lot of land to expand the airport; instead, the city has parked 5000 cars on the property. The city gave about a million acres to a developer instead of expanding the airport. Now we are searching for a new airport. This is crazy. What in the world is going on here?

Gene France via e-mail

Stupidity Evidence

Once again Matt Potter has written an excellent feature article and once again also has exposed the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority for what it is ("Leavin' on a Jet Plane," February 24). What it is is a nonelected quasigovernmental body that is spending multimillions of the taxpayers' dollars trying to find a 3000acre site on which to build a new airport for San Diego that will cost multibillions of dollars of our taxes. With San Diego teetering on the ropes of bankruptcy, the state of California likewise, and the federal government even worse, they're trying to figure out how to spend billions of dollars no one has to build something the majority doesn't want.

Why is there so much evident stupidity and lack of understanding of flight needs and the political consequences of siting an airport? Well, let's look at the major players, the three members of the executive committee, a part-time

job that pays \$139,000 a year, with all expenses paid, state retirement pension, medical coverage, dental coverage, and various other perks. Political appointee number one, William D. Lynch, a San Diego businessman/philanthropist, is a Rancho Santa Fe multimillionaire. Lynch states in his application that he has no experience in aviation, no experience in aviation planning, and has no experience in administering large organizations or projects. Political appointee number two, Colonel Joseph Craver, is a former Air Force cargo plane driver and a political friend of and contributor to Mayor Dick Murphy. Political appointee number three, Xema Jacobson, is a union official appointed by Governor Gray Davis, who was fighting desperately to defeat the recall effort and in dire need of union money and endorsement. Ms. Jacobson has no experience whatsoever in airport siting, land use, or ground transportation, all experiences critically needed in order to make an intelligent decision on if or where to site an airport.

Lou Conde

Larry Little

Unforgiven

This is in reference to the article "When Your Love Is Locked Up" (February 10). To Jay Allen Sanford, you don't mention exactly what your girlfriend did. However, I remember. You're an idiot, and your girlfriend should be hung until death.

Jay Allen Sanford responds: The article clearly states what she did. Only a true idiot would want her "hung until death" for stealing a piece of jewelry back when she was

It Happened

15 years old.

I enjoyed the article "When Your Love Is Locked Up" (February 10). At first I thought the title referred to locked-up emotions, but as I read, I understood that the love of the author's life was incarcerated.

I thought of my nephew, who also is incarcerated. As a child he was a good kid. You have probably heard that before about people behind bars. It's probably true for each one. In general children are good. Look about! Just watch them.

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Hot town tonight Those increasingly frequent shutdowns at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station are starting to draw scrutiny from one of the nation's top independent nuclear industry watchdogs. Last week federal regulators said a cooling-water valve that was missing some parts forced the latest shutdown of the plant's Unit 2 on February 15. In November, two separate incidents involving electrical shorts and an alarm tripped by an electronic monitor also caused powerdowns at the plant, co-owned by Southern California Edison, San Diego Gas & Electric, and the



cities of Riverside and Anaheim. A year ago in January, what was described by an Edison spokesman as a "minor" leak in a cooling-water pipe also forced one reactor to be turned off for repairs and the inspection of the other for similar problems. Plant operators have insisted that none of the incidents are

connected and don't represent any kind of a threat to public safety, but the early '80s vintage of the facility, along with gaps in the plant's safety paperwork, is causing some to take a second look.

In a letter to the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission last week, nuclear safety engineer David Lochbaum of the Washington, D.C.-based Union of Concerned Scientists, charged that San Onofre's annual "emergency core cooling system performance" report, filed in December, was incomplete. Lochbaum's letter noted that the report, prepared by consultant Westinghouse Electric Company on behalf of the plant operators, contained an unusual disclaimer: "Neither Westinghouse Electric Company LLC nor any person acting on its behalf...makes any warranty or representation, express or implied including the warranties of fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability, with respect to the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of the information contained in this report..." That caused Lochbaum to observe, "I profess to being confused... Maybe the information is complete, maybe it is accurate, and maybe it is both complete and accurate. But Westinghouse clearly isn't representing that the information is complete and accurate..." Then Lochbaum added, "If information contained within this nonguaranteed report is later determined to be incomplete and/or inaccurate, is the licensee off the hook...because of this express statement that the report may lack 'usefulness'? In order to receive a timely written reply from the NRC on this matter, I hereby make the formal allegation that the [San Onofre] licensee failed to comply with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.9 by submitting the Westinghouse report with its express nonguarantee of completeness and accuracy."

Words from his sponsor Ex-New York Times correspondent turned public-TV documentarian **Hedrick Smith** parachuted into town last week to shoot his take on the long, controversial saga of soon-to-depart San Diego Unified School District chief Alan Bersin. Though Smith reassured those he interviewed that the show about the district's "reforms" under Bersin would be carefully balanced between Bersin backers and detractors, skeptical

anti-Bersinitas point to a description of the program on the website of the L.A.-based Broad Foundation. "The Foundation is one of a consortium of



funders supporting the production of a national primetime PBS documentary entitled 'Schools That Work' by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Hedrick Smith," the Broad site says. "The documentary will highlight school districts and models of reform that have demonstrated success at improving student

achievement and narrowing achievement gaps, including Houston, San Diego, and the former District 2 in New York City." In the summer of 2000, the Broad Foundation, run by billionaire Democrat developer Eli Broad, gave \$170,000 to two small East Coast liberal foundations that ended up contributing about the same amount of money to a nasty \$720,000 TV-ad campaign designed to defeat avid Bersin foe Frances Zimmerman in her school-board reelection race. The Broad Foundation later insisted it had nothing to do

with those contributions. In November 2002, Broad personally poured \$65,000 into last-minute hit pieces against school-board candidates and Bersin critics Jeff Lee and John de Beck. "I made an independent expenditure because I want to see the dramatic improvements in student



achievement continue in San Diego," Broad said in a statement at the time. Incumbent de Beck won; Lee lost. Last November, Broad again came through with \$45,000 for campaign attacks on Lee's wife Mitz Lee, who won her race on an overt promise to dump Bersin.

Long adieu Last week's departure of columnist Joseph Perkins as the Union-Tribune's voice of the Right is causing tongues to wag among some longtime staffers, who recall a



"He included [NBC Today show host] **Katie Couric** as a high-profile woman who decided to have a child without a husband, saying she was a bad role model," remembers ex-editorial writer **Alan Miller**. "When he included her in the mix, there was a revolt in the

Perkins column from 2001.

newsroom." The paper subsequently ran a note saying that Perkins's column "incorrectly stated that Today show host Katie Couric is a single mother by choice." The item went on to point out that Couric's husband, Jay Monahan, had died of cancer in 1998 at age 42.

- Matt Potter

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We Say Everything Is Wonderful

By Don Bauder

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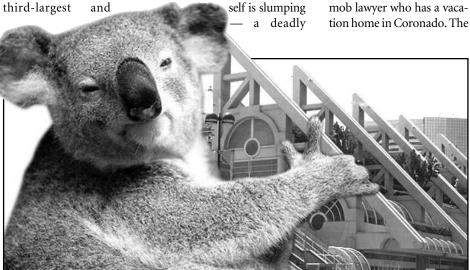
don't get cute with the statistics, as your convention center is now doing. If the road you're taking looks treacherous, reverse course. Yours truly, the Flying Dutchman."

Tourism is San Diego's

The local industry is doing very well, but in recent years it began concentrating too heavily on conventions and corporate meetings. Now convention centers are vastly overbuilt and the business it-

spend \$1.3 billion over the next five years to attract 5 million more tourists each year, bringing its total to 43 million visitors annually by year end 2009. Almost onethird of that sum, \$400 million, will be spent on upgrading Sin City's convention center. A flood of advertising will continue to tout Vegas as a wicked place with a racy past, says the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

That won't be difficult. For example, the chairman of the authority is Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, the former mob lawyer who has a vaca-



fastest-growing industry, reportedly generating almost \$6 billion in annual visitor spending, although that figure is concocted through the wonders of a multiplier, or ripple effect, that is sometimes considered statistical bloat. combination.

Last month, San Diego's tourist industry was rattled by a news item. "Vegas Plans to Stay Sexy and Naughty to Lure Tourists," blared the headline in CasinoMagazine.com. The news: Las Vegas plans to 2003 book, Of Rats and Men: Oscar Goodman's Life from continued on page 6

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I Warn People

By Joe Deegan

You can buy a "Brain Machine" at the online store O2Planet.com. According to the site's promotional material, the machine

uses light and sound to "induce a range of altered states of consciousness," "quickly achieve states of deep relaxation," "enhance creativity," and "improve focus and concentration." Retail price for the brain machine: \$199.95.

But most of O2Planet's business comes from sales of recreational oxygen products. If you own a health club, you can lease a four-station oxygen bar from the company for \$266.20 a month. After installation, charge customers a dollar a minute to inhale a "safe" mixture of pure oxygen and air. An "O₂ water cooler" costs \$1250 plus \$150 for

Vegas walk-in store and is the brainchild of former San Diegans Patte and Len Purcell. After some entrepreneurial success in San Diego television and tabloid publication, the Purcells fell on hard times. They came to town from Omaha in the early 1980s. By the end of the decade, they had fallen victim to a real estate frenzy that eventually undid them. The *Reader* chronicled their demise in a 1995 cover story.

It was a friend who convinced the Purcells in 1988 that real estate was the path to quick riches. At first, their decisions were promising

they found the "house of their dreams," a \$950,000 La Jolla property with views of the Pacific Ocean. American Savings gave them a \$1 million loan, and with help from Patte Purcell's brother Greg Albracht, the couple bought the house in January 1990. They lived in it for 20 months, despite making only one of its \$7829 mortgage payments. But the property was appreciating in the meantime. So the Purcells used its new \$1.8 million valuation as collateral to refinance the Del Mar condominium in June 1990.

Such were the habits of many borrowers and lenders in the heyday of the late-1980s San Diego real estate boom. Drive-by appraisals were not uncommon, and lenders paid little attention to income statements. But the federal government had been getting worried that things were getting out of hand. In

dream house up for sale. But the now-tougher borrowing conditions kept buyers away. The Purcells also had to provide detailed statements of income and assets on several loan applications.

U.S. Justice Department attorney Corey Smith eventually noticed numerous discrepancies in 13 of the Purcells' loan applications. One application listed their monthly income as \$15,000, while another said it was \$150,000.

Eventually, the Purcells filed for Chapter 11 bank-ruptcy and moved to Colorado. The banks repossessed all four of their properties. In September 1993, FBI agents found Patte and Len Purcell at his brother's home in Las Vegas and arrested them on charges of conspiracy, bank fraud, and false statements on loan applications. A federal jury convicted the Purcells a year later of making



Patte and Len Purcell, c. 1995

never have brought charges against her, she said, if she had been able to keep paying for her properties. She was especially astounded at the charge of conspiracy, noting that the Purcells' so-called "plan to defraud" led them not to riches but to bankruptcy.

Last week I phoned Purcell. With her small business selling to customers all over the country, she was not eager to say much about the San

it, she says the ruling declares that "business income statements on loan applications can only be considered estimates, not facts." As such, she believes, inaccuracies discovered later cannot be deemed lies

"How did you and your husband get back on your feet after San Diego?"

"We first worked detailing cars," she says of the time the courts allowed them to live in a halfway house for good behavior in prison. Then she got back into broadcasting work, doing a metaphysical radio show from Las Vegas for Talk America called *Quest for the Best.*

In 1998, the Purcells entered the recreational oxygen business with O2Planet and, several years later, a licensing company called the Oxygen Experience. By acquiring a license, a customer gets discounts on O2Planet products. "Licensees can then start their own oxygen business or sell products to nightclubs, salons, and even to individuals for their homes," says Purcell. "You can do anything you want to with them." An initial investment of \$10,000 is required to become licensed.

Take the Bliss Machine, for example, a unit that comes in dimensions of 9" by 9" by 9" or 9" by 14" by 14". O2Planet calls it an atmospheric conditioner for large spaces and says that it "uses vibrational cleansing to lift the energy fields of your space and being, while removing stress and blocked energy from your physical, emotional, and mental levels." The machine's retail prices range from \$4199 to \$9099, March 1990 to \$9099, but a licensee gets discounts of \$840 to \$1820.

Purcell describes a new of continued on page 8 w



shipping. O2Planet promises the cooler will produce "constant saturation." Unlike porous plastic bottles that can't contain oxygen molecules very long, it says "the...generator inside the cooler keeps saturating the water with oxygen."

O2Planet's online business operates out of its Las

enough. They bought two La Jolla condominiums at below-market value and fixed them up largely with their own labor. The results were gains in valuation of \$50,000 and \$68,000.

The Purcells used the paper gains as collateral to purchase a third condominium, this one in Del Mar. Then 1989, Congress passed the Financial Institutions Reform Recovery and Enforcement Act, which required lending institutions demand more evidence from clients that they could fulfill their credit obligations.

By this time, the Purcells' business ventures were floundering, and they put their the false loan statements and conspiracy to make them. They were sentenced to 37 months in federal prison.

Patte Purcell complained at the time that the government singled her out for the same thing thousands of other people were doing in the late-1980s real estate market. The government would Diego debacle. "I warn people now," she tells me, "to be very careful when you sit at loan officers' desks and quote them figures they copy onto an application you will sign."

Purcell also believes that a federal-court ruling subsequent to her case would have saved her from prosecution. Without being able to name



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"San Diego is the number-one U.S. destination for meetings, but when you are starving to death next to a

lion, you know who will get eaten," says La Jolla-based tourism guru Jerry Morrison. "We can't compete with Las Vegas. Any one of the bigger hotels has as much or more meeting space as we have in the convention cen-

ter. But most people can't stay in Vegas more than two days. You can't take your kids there. We have wholesome things — the zoo, Wild Animal Park, SeaWorld."

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San Diego also has an advantage that thrust it into the top national rankings in recent years: 68 percent of visitors drive here. After 9/11. air travel plunged. Tourist destinations that relied on airline travelers, such as San Francisco, took a pratfall. By 2003, San Diego had the fourth-largest travel market share in the U.S. This year, it's expected to fall to fifth place behind Orlando, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Chicago. Air travel is recovering. Morrison predicts San Diego's hotel-occupancy rate will inch up from 71.3 percent to 72.4 percent this year. As air and business travel recover, "many markets are outperforming San Diego," according to San Diego State's Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research.

San Diego tourism leaders will have to do some reading and some penance. The convention and meetings business is not going to be a bonanza. It's time to admit that the convention center addition has not been successful. A new study by the Brookings Institution concluded that the overall convention center marketplace is declining. In fact, attendance at the 200 largest trade shows is now back to 1993 levels.

Nonetheless, cities unwisely pour taxpayer money into new or expanded convention centers. Over the past ten years, public capital spending on convention centers has doubled to \$2.4 billion annually. Convention space has soared by 50 percent since 1990. In the past five years, 34 cities have expanded their convention centers. One is San Diego. "San Diego has historically done very well, but the expansion has not performed nearly at the level that it was purported to," says Heywood Sanders, author of the Brookings study and professor of public administration at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

San Diego's convention center business "will stay flat for a while," says Sanders. The center misleadingly counted Super Bowl rooms among its 2003 figures; even knocking them out, room nights dropped from 2003 to 2004, consistent with the industry nationwide. "I don't expect it to go much further down for San Diego, but I don't expect it to grow terri-

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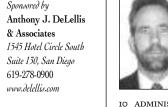
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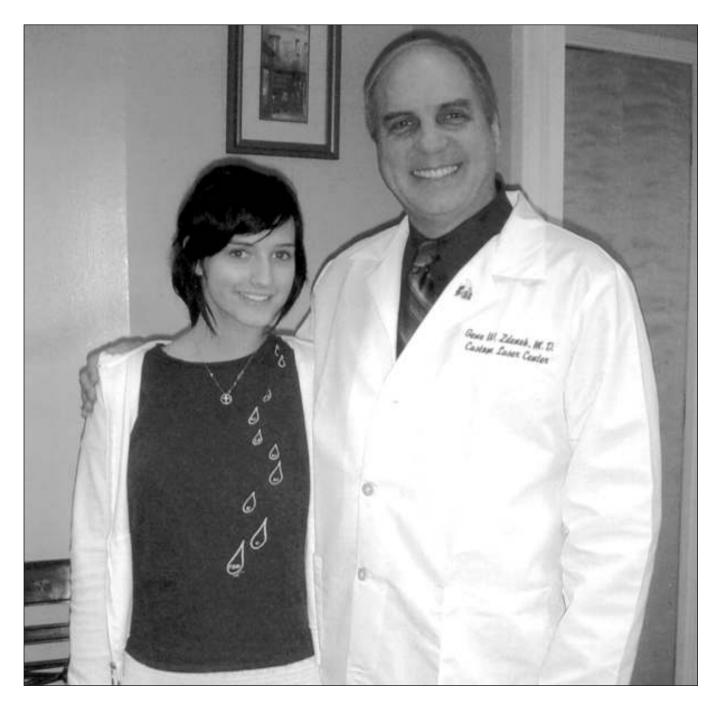


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Both Sanders and Morrison point to statistical bloat conjured up by the convention center. Room nights generated by the center are expected to grow by only 2 percent this year as convention attendance goes up only 4 percent. But the center claims

that the total economic impact will leap 11.6 percent, to more than \$1 billion, even though average hotel-room rates generated by conventions will rise only 2 percent. "They must have changed the way they calculate the impact," says Sanders. Morrison thinks they are diddling with the multiplier. The center won't say how it got that number.

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In particular, Sanders's study should be sobering: with the convention and meeting business turning vicious, transient occupancy taxes flowing from hotels near the convention center are not going to pay off the ballpark debt service anytime in the foreseeable future.

Can the Indian casinos offset Las Vegas competition? Not now. They would have to attract gamblers from Los Angeles and Orange County. In 2002, three casinos chipped in \$600,000 for a multimedia campaign to woo Orange County players. It fell flat. Tom DiZinno, chairman of the advertising agency DiZinno Thompson, believes North County casinos get 10 percent of their business from outside San Diego, and Barona in East County may get a slightly higher percentage than that. But generally, Los Angeles and Orange County gamblers go to Temecula, Cabazon, and Palm Springs, say marketers. Outsiders aren't coming here in big numbers. "Is it a significant impact? Not yet," says Robert A. Rausch, head of the hospitality center at San Diego

"It is still mostly a regional drive market," says Sal Giametta of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau. From an economic perspective, then, the Indian casinos, although they provide around 15,000 jobs and have certainly boosted the economic wellbeing of tribe members, are not a major net plus to the San Diego economy, because

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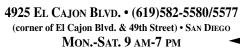
they are basically taking in money that would be spent elsewhere in the county. Economist Alan Gin thinks the Indian casinos may serve as an import substitution that is, keeping money that would go to Las Vegas in San Diego. But that's probably not a big number.

San Diego can't match Vegas for vulgarity or depravity. But the good news is that business travel is only 18 percent of the tourist business locally. The convention center's impact is 8 percent if you accept its figures, which you shouldn't. So there is still a big leisure market to enjoy wholesome things and a business market that gets sick of Vegas after two days. ■

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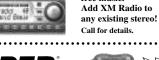
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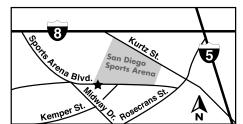
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The Road to Peoria

n the spring of 1903, Wyatt Earp was working as a special assistant to the Los Angeles Police Department and the Chicago Cubs were in town for spring training. The Cubs finished third in the National League that year.

Dan Holmes writes in Cooperstown: A History of Spring Training, "It's hard to pinpoint which team was the first to train in warm weather as a precursor to their season. There's a reference to the Chicago White Stockings stopping off in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1886, to 'boil out the alcoholic microbes.'

Professional baseball teams were playing in the South, prior to their regular season, since the 1860s, but they were usually on barnstorming tours rather than working out at a single location. Teams started warm (the Gulf Coast or Florida) and played their way back to cold (Pennsylvania, New York, or Massachusetts), arranging games against minor-league teams, colleges, and amateur clubs along the way.

From the start, baseball's spring-training sites have been up for auction. Owners, because of whim, convenience, ignorance, money, better facilities — and, at least once, friendship - have moved their teams' training sites. Follows are spring-training camp sites used by the Chicago Cubs since 1903: Santa Monica, Champaign (Illinois), New Orleans, Vicksburg, Hot Springs (Arkansas), Tampa, Pasadena, Catalina Island, Mesa (Arizona), Long Beach, Scottsdale (Arizona), and back to Mesa.

Although major-league baseball teams would not arrive in California until 1958, major-league spring-training camps were here early on. Besides the Cubs in 1903, the New York Giants opened camp in Los Angeles in 1907. The Chicago White Sox stopped by L.A. in 1908, then moved up to San Francisco for their 1909 and 1910 camps. The Boston Red Sox worked out at Redondo Beach in 1911. Other California entrants were the St. Louis Cardinals in Stockton in 1925, Pittsburgh Pirates in Paso Robles from 1924 through 1934, thereafter in San Bernardino and Hollywood. St. Louis Browns (now Baltimore Orioles) in Anaheim, San Bernardino, and Burbank; and the Detroit Tigers in Sacramento and Palo Alto.

A few teams left the country for spring training. Chicago White Sox practiced in Mexico City in 1907. The Philadelphia (Oakland) Athletics did the same in 1937. The New York Yankees tried Hamilton, Bermuda, in 1913. The Brooklyn Dodgers opened training camps in Havana in 1941, '42, '47, and in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, in '48. The New York Giants tried Havana in 1937, and the Pittsburgh Pirates were there in 1953.

People differ on exact dates; the earliest date I found records the Cactus League's inception as 1947, when the Cleveland Indians and New York Giants moved their spring operations to Arizona. They were joined by the Chicago Cubs in 1952, the Baltimore Orioles in 1954, and the Boston Red Sox in 1959.

There is a lot written about Arizona being better about "race relations" than Florida during this period. Jackie Robinson was the first black in major-league baseball, starting for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, later named Rookie of the Year. According to this theory, one of the Cactus League's best selling points was that black players, just coming into major-league baseball, would be hassled less in the West than in Florida.

Indeed, in 1947, the Detroit Tigers opened camp in Lakeland, Florida, and, like a lot of teams traveling to Florida for spring training, housed their white players in whites-only hotels. The Tigers used the New Florida Hotel; black players stayed in private homes.

But when it came to money and the chance to be a major-league baseball player, a trifling thing like segregation did not stand in the way. The Dodgers moved to Vero Beach, Florida, in 1949 and are still there today. The Tigers are still in Lakeland, Florida, and they continued housing white players in the New Florida Hotel

Many teams went back and forth from Arizona to Florida and Florida to Arizona. Between 1954 and 1959, the Baltimore Orioles moved from Arizona to Florida, back to Arizona, and then back to Florida. Other teams that have held spring-training camps in both Florida and Arizona include Houston Astros, Chicago Cubs, San Francisco Giants, Oakland A's, Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox, and New York Yankees.

It was always about money. Dan Holmes writes, "In 1888 Gus Schmelz (really), manager of the Red Stockings, wrote his tight-fisted owner Aaron Stern asking for permission to train his players down south. After Gus convinced Stern that the cost would be split between players and club and that any profits would also be shared, Stern agreed."

During the 1990s, 18 out of 30 majorleague teams moved or moved into new facilities. Usually on somebody else's dime. The Cactus League has 12 major-league teams now, producing, according to the Arizona Baseball Commission, \$250 million in annual revenue. Florida has a similar commission. Both commissions exist to bribe baseball teams in hopes they'll stay put. Success has been marginal. For cities and states, that is.

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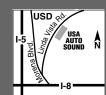


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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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"The seven deadliest words in churches are, 'It's the way we've always done it'," Pastor Ken Hensley remarked. Hensley recently returned to San Diego where he once served five years as pastor of Allied Gardens Church of Christ. Allied Gardens has since merged, becoming Zion View Church. Last year, the church decided to sell the building and fund two separate churches. Hensley returned to start one of these new churches.

Saturday, Hensley laid out a vision of this new church, LifePoint Christian Community. Fifteen people gathered in his home. Many in the room responded to online ads that targeted artists and musicians.

"We are attracting a number of people who

are disconnected believers or have had bad experiences with typical churches," said Hensley.

Pastor Hensley plans significant changes in his own Church of Christ roots. He has decided not to affiliate with the Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ teaches that musical instruments are not permissible in church services. Services at the Church of Christ are done a cappella. "The New Tes-

tament is silent when speaking about instruments used during service," said Hensley. "The Church of Christ's thinking was, there is no reference to music, therefore you should not do it. I've seen the power of music versus not having music. My desire is to be effective in reaching as many people as I can. I particularly have a heart for my generation — gen-x or postmoderns. I want to do everything possible to reach as many people as possible," Hensley stated.

"[LifePoint] will be doing cutting-edge stuff. Most churches don't know what to do with art. The nature of art is provocative; it raises questions," said Pastor Hensley. Hensley said art has an earthy, sensual aspect that most churches do not know how to handle. "I think churches want to control, and they can't control how art affects people."

Pastor Hensley plans on using live artists during the service. These artists will paint, draw, and sculpt. "I'd also like to use dance where it is appropriate. A liturgical dance that interprets the message in dance form," Hensley said. I asked Hensley about the moral lines he draws using art and artists. "Dancing can be immoral in certain cases and at certain times. The issue isn't movement; lust is the issue. Even with art [the church] has to be careful. You don't want to dumb down the art but you shouldn't seek to be sensational either.

This is where our culture is. Interactivity, music, and visuals are pervasive. Our culture is very artistic, and there was a time where the church was the leading edge of art."

Jonathan Meador led worship at Allied Gardens Church of Christ while Hensley was pastor. A dozen Church of Christ followers decided to join Hensley's new church. "A lot of people [from Church of Christ] wouldn't

agree with what we are doing," said Meador. Meador said a gradual awakening led him to realize musical instruments do not contradict biblical teaching.

Dee Murphy responded to an ad Hensley posted on craigslist.org. "I'm an artist. I want to be able to use my art to glorify God. Art has given me an outlet to worship God in a way that is visible to others," said Murphy. This year Murphy created a devotional calendar filled with her own drawings. She said she likes the idea of an increased level of involvement at a church. "I've attended the Rock church for one-and-a-half years. I've enjoyed it a lot but I've been searching for a new church," said Murphy. "I wanted to get involved at the Rock, but when I asked someone about getting my art in at the bookstore, they weren't very receptive." Murphy said part of her decision to move was the preaching at the Rock. "The Rock is kind of a beginner's church; it's very applicable to youth. But the sermons are not very meaty. Now I'm looking for substance."

Murphy likes Hensley's ideas of using the creative arts in service. She commented on a recent experience watching an interpretive dance at a local church. "I have never seen any-

one express themselves like this," said Murphy. "This was the closest I've ever been to crying at church.'

Vanja James is a local bartender and singer. Recently, James decided to leave a life filled with drugs and alcohol. "I was getting really sick. I lost my voice for two days, which was the end of the world for me." James began to read a Bible a friend gave her. She attended a church ser-



vice at the invitation of a friend. "I never felt like I needed these things. I always believed, but I hadn't surrendered myself," said James. "I grew up in a pseudo-Christian family. I guess you could call us Christians; we celebrated all the holidays.

James said she looks forward to a church that integrates music and the arts. James sees this church as a place for "people who want to cut back on the nightlife and are looking for something fun to go to. Artistic people need an environment where they can participate," said James. "A place where we can have art shows, classes, and community. I believe spirituality inspires a lot of art. I believe art and music can make people better." James continues to work on her musical career with her first performance at the Zombie Lounge on Easter. "I have one Jesus song. It's very chipper. The rest of my music is vague. I like to keep people's minds open when they listen. My songs aren't worship tunes," James remarked.

Pastor Hensley said that LifePoint will be rooted in the Bible. "We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God. I believe in absolute truth and the standards of right and wrong,' said Hensley.

I asked Hensley the question I ask each week — what happens after a person dies? "After death, a person who has a relationship with Jesus goes to heaven," responded Hensley. Hensley believes only people who have acknowledged they are sinners, confess their sin, and commit their life to Jesus will be saved. "People who do not know Jesus face a Christless eternity and are lost. They go to h-e-double toothpick and are separated from God. This adds to the urgency of what I do."

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Dear Saffron,

My eight-year-old niece, of whom I'm very fond, has gotten slightly plump lately. She's always been an athletic, muscle-y little kid and she doesn't look bad or fat — just a tad heftier than some of her peers. I have three girls, and their bodies change so much as they grow that at first I thought nothing of my niece's plumpness. My daughters, at various stages, have gotten a bit pudgy and then slimmed out of it as they matured. My niece's older brother (13) has taken to calling her "fatso" and "tubby." My sister (her mom) and her husband don't react to this name-calling. The other night I was alone with my niece for a minute and she asked me if the dress she was wearing made her look fat. She seemed ashamed and sad. I tried to reassure her that she looked great, because she did, and not fat but cute and charming. She didn't appear very convinced. I don't want to get my nephew in trouble, but I think he is hurting his sister with this teasing and I wonder if I should say something to my sister. These are not my kids, so maybe I should just butt out. I do feel for my niece, though, and know that sometimes we carry around scars from childhood insults for a long time.

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Dear Concerned,

Have a word with your nephew. There's no reason a 13-year-old should be nasty to his little sibling, regardless of what number comes up when she steps on the scale. He's old enough to be told nicely but firmly that these mean taunts are painful to his sister, are beneath him, and must stop. You expect much better of him. He needs to be a loving big brother and look out for his sister and consider her feelings, not pick on her and make her feel crummy about herself. You might gently probe to see if something's eating him that's causing him to use sis as a scapegoat. Then you can let your sister know you had a word with your nephew about being more protective, respectful, and generous toward his sister — in case she wants to follow up and reinforce the allimportant message that he needs to be kind.

Dear Saffron,

I wanted to add to the response already made about the letter from "Romeo" who was unnerved upon learning that a young woman he was dating sometimes slept with stuffed animals. As a 26-year-old female myself who still sleeps with a teddy bear, I think I can explain rather well why someone might wish to sleep with a stuffed animal. In my own case, I have been single for too much of my time, and when I am not, I seem to end up in long-distance relationships. Being without someone does indeed make me long for companionship. If that companionship is a nice soft fuzzy teddy bear to cuddle at night, then it works. If my partner does the same when we are apart, I have no objections. I would rather see him turn to cuddling a teddy bear and wishing it were me

than seek another person as a companion. Romeo likely has nothing to worry about. His girl just likely sleeps better with something or someone to cuddle.

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Dear Readers,

I've received several pleading requests on my voice mail to print a list of the bars that readers generously sent to this column months ago in response to a man who wrote in longing for local hangouts where people who are a little older (not in their 20s) could drink, listen to great music, and meet folks their own age. The letter writer was 46 and said he'd been unable to find cool bars that didn't exclusively cater to much younger patrons. I'm not going to reprint all the letters, as there were many, spread over a number of columns, and I can't vouch for whether these suggestions are current or accurate. I've provided as specific information as I've got — I don't know any more about locations, hours, etc., than appears here. That said, here's the list, in no particular hierarchical order. Happy sipping.

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Ma Kelly's birthday is next month, and, for once, we have a gift idea well in advance. Husband Patrick wants to send his mom marmalade. She's been a connoisseur of jams and marmalades since she was old enough to toast bread. Her breakfast is always the same: Irish breakfast tea, a soft-boiled egg in an eggcup, and bread or muffin with a fruity spread on it. Patrick is driven to find the best marmalades to send her.

So last week I hit the stores — Vons, Trader Joe's, Henry's, and the specialty store All Things Bright and British in La Mesa, snatching up whatever orange marmalade they sold. "Ooooo, gotta be a taste test," said the cashier at Vons, eyeing my cache of jars. She added, "I like to put cream cheese or ricotta cheese on the bread under the marmalade. It kind of cuts the bitterness. The dairy gives it a milder taste."

The saleslady at All Things helped me sift through her selection. "Some of these are made from Dundee, which is a name of an orange," she explained. "Others are made from Seville oranges, which are very popular oranges. We also sell the MaMade Prepared Seville Oranges [\$7.99 for 850 grams] so you can make your own marmalade. But you need to have loads of jars; it makes six pounds of marmalade," she laughed.

Six pounds of marmalade... what would I do with that much?

"Well, we use it, of course, on crumpets," she continued, "or toast or scones. People spread it on pancakes, and some use it as a marinade on their baked chicken."

I'm all for homemade, but six pounds was a bit much to send to Mom. So I headed home with a few more jars. Don't tell my mother-inlaw, but nobody in this Kelly home likes marmalade. So I invited over some taster replacements. My parents love the sweet concoction, as does chum Bernice and old friend Canisius. So we all got together and, over a spot of tea and some bread and scones, we started spreading.

Everyone hated our first sample, Vons California Style Sweet Orange Marmalade. (\$3.34 for 18 ounces) "Doesn't have a lot of orange bitterness," said Canisius.

"Just tastes like sugar, the kind of sweetness that shoots up into the brain," continued Bernice.

Tropical Orange Marmalade bombed as well (\$2.99 for 32 ounces). "It barely spreads on the scone," com-

spreads on the scone," coplained my mom. "Tastes like candied fruit you put in fruit cakes," grimaced Canisius.

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The tasting lookedgrim. Smuckers Simply 100%
Fruit, (\$2.99 for 10 ounces) and Knott's Berry Farm Pure Marmalade (\$3.89 for 16 ounces) tasted only slightly better and both separated into unwieldy chunks

ter, and both separated into unwieldy chunks when we tried to spread it.

Safeway Select Orange Marmalade (\$3.39 for 23 ounces) tasted like sweet and sour sauce. "This is bitter — the wrong kind of bitter," winced Canisius.

"It's not balanced," added Bernice, "a lot of sweet and a lot of bitter without that blended tests."

Bonne Maman Orange Marmalade (\$4.29 for 13 ounces) and King Kelly Orange Mar-

malade (\$3.65 for 18 ounces) both restored hope in the citrus preserve. "The Bonne Maman has a long finish; the flavor does not dissipate like these others that we have had," noticed Bernice.

"More of a pucker factor to it," joked Canisius.

"With a name like King Kelly, it better be good," jested Bernice. "Though the peel is thick, it's very tender, and I love the texture of it."

"A nice balance between bitter and sweet," said Mom.

"I'd buy this for the esthetically pleasing jar," I added, caressing the curve of the potbelly jar. "This will be the shape you'll be if you eat too much King Kelly," said Patrick, holding up the pearshaped jar.

The last two jars from Vons were Robertson's Scotch and Robertson's Original English Thick Cut (both \$4.69 for 12 ounces). The English Cut didn't pass bar. "A little overwhelming with the fat chunks of peel," Bernice said. "I can almost taste the peel in the sinuses," she added.

The Scotch variety fared better. "Very long thin peels," said Mom, "and it has a mild spice flavor in it."

We moved on to the two Henry's buys; St. Dalfour Orange Marmalade (\$2.99 for 10 ounces) and Cascadian Farm Sweet Orange Marmalade (\$3.29 for 10 ounces). Both were winners, though the Frenchmade St Dalfour received oos and ahs. "Not too

sweet, with a lot of grape-

fruit flavor," commented

No one at the table cared for the white jarred James Keiller & Son Dundee Orange Marmalade from Trader Joe's (\$3.29 for one pound). "Too grainy," was all Bernice would say about it.

Canisius.

Finally we dove into the jars from the All Things Bright and British Shoppe. The Robertson's Dundee Orange Marmalade (\$4.99 for one pound) carried an over-powering sweetness and was quickly dispensed into the losers pile.

"If you don't like marmalade, you'd like this one," said Canisius, licking a spoonful of Robertson's Golden Shredless (\$4.49 a pound). "I like a little substance in it; without the peels, it's not marmalade," grimaced Dad. "It tastes like sweet orange sugar."

The Duerr's Traditional Fine Cut Marmalade (\$3.99 for a pound) was forgettable, but the Crosse & Blackwell Orange Marmalade (\$4.99 for 12 ounces) was a winner. "A nice balance of sweet, orange, and bitter," remarked Bernice.

Old Time Irish Fine Cut Orange Marmalade (\$4.99 for a pound) was another favorite with its subtle orange flavor. "The Irish don't have orange trees, do they?" asked Dad, wolfing down his Derby Scone (\$4.19 for six scones at the British Shoppe).

With my tasters reaching marmalade-overload point, we opened the last two jars, both Frank Cooper's brand: Fine Cut Oxford Seville Orange Marmalade and Vintage Oxford Coarse Cut Seville Orange Marmalade (\$6.99 a pound). The Fine Cut was rated mediocre at best, and the Vintage Coarse Cut tasted excessively bitter. "It doesn't really taste like marmalade," noticed Mom.

"Tastes a bit like molasses," added Canisius. I guess we will be sending Ma Kelly a jar of King Kelly, St. Dalfour, Crosse & Blackwell, Cascadian Farm, Robertson's Scotch and the Old Time Irish marmalade.

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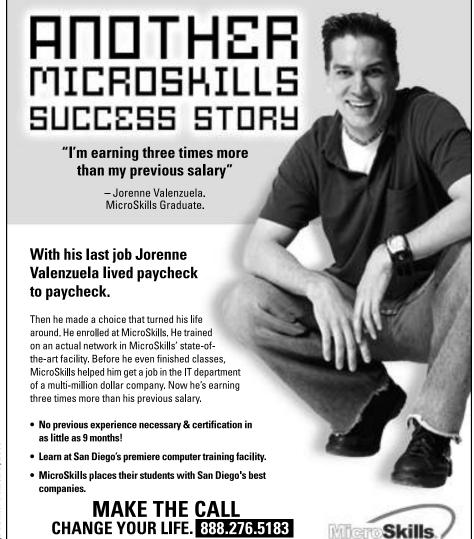
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

Is it the Matthew in your name or is it the Alice that describes who you are?

A. Samuels

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It is not my name, dear reader, that best describes me. I would not be the first to observe that a rose by any other... Since we are but helpless, and ofttimes hapless, recipients of the whims of others who have the power to brand us before we see the light of day, must we forever answer for their excesses? I refuse. My advice to you, dear sir, is to curb your curiosity and refrain from wagers.

— STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, MATTHEW ALICE,

March 6, 1975



It was Yippies and commies and revolutionary mime troupes. It was antiwar activist David Harris inciting a crowd of thousands. It was the first major antidraft demonstration of the decade.

It began with a handbill. There was a picture of a blood-red-machine-gunner and a caption, "Say No to the Draft." Jorj Matiasz, a 27-year-old history student at UCSD, began posting the handbills around campus in January.... The students agreed to support a day of resistance to President Carter's call for draft registration.

— CITY LIGHTS: "DON'T ASK ME I DON'T GIVE A DAMN, NEXT STOP AFGHANISTAN,"

Mark Orwoll, March 6, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

"Okay, here's the deal. I need 40 ordinary animals for a theatrical gig in La Jolla Saturday. No costumes, no tricks, no gimmicks.

"Who?

"No, not Noah, wiseguy. Rosenthal. Rachel Rosenthal. Performance artist from L.A. Real famous. Been doing this stuff for years.

"Now listen, Mel. All these animals gotta do is stand in the wings and walk across the stage. Rosenthal provides the monologue, the film, and music. The show is about animal rights. It might make us better people and the world a better place.

"Okay, Mel, sure. I should have expected smart remarks from a guy who makes a living off chimps in dresses and chickens in sunglasses."

— "ANIMAL ATTRACTION," Linda Nevin, March 7, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Is there a trend toward self-memorialization among San Diego philanthropists? Here's a map of recently purchased commemorations by living benefactors:

- 1. St. Vincent de Paul Joan Kroc Center 1501 Imperial Avenue, downtown Cost to Kroc: \$3 million (1985)
- 2. Sefton Plaza

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El Prado entrance, Balboa Park

Cost to San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, of



Rachel Rosenth

which Tom Sefton is president: \$150,000 (1989)
3. John M. and Sally B. Thornton Rotunda
San Diego Museum of Art, Balboa Park
Cost to the Thorntons: (venture capitalists with
ownership in seven companies): \$1 million
(1988)

4–5. David C. Copley Bookstore, David C. Copley Gallery

Museum of Photographic Arts, Balboa Park Cost to Copley (son of Helen Copley): not made public (1983)

— CITY LIGHTS: "PLACING THE NAME,"

Thomas K. Arnold, March 8,1990

Ten Years Ago

As my father lies dying, he watches the Weather Channel. He reclines in a blue, overstuffed easy chair in the living room. He wears his natty black-and-gray plaid pajamas — his favorites. I rub bay rum into his shoulders and neck: he is, he says, afraid of "smelling like a patient."

When his breathing is not labored and he is lucid, my father likes to talk. I let my eyes drift to the Weather Channel. I consider the weather map: the light showers over Louisiana, the snow flurries over Montana. My father is adamant about this. "There's no bullshit," he says about the endless screens of daily highs and lows.

"Look," he says, waving a speckled finger at the TV. "Cleveland 34/48."

— AS SEEN ON TV: "CEILING UNLIMITED,"

Abe Opincar, March 2, 1995

Five Years Ago

When I was a kid, my mom said, "Go outside and play." We lived in Pine Valley in East County. Three hundred people lived in the valley. We knew them all. Our houses clustered along asphalt lanes and dirt roads that headed up into the Laguna Mountains. Creeks flowed out of the mountains and converged in a great meadow in the valley's center.

When my mom said, "Go out and play," she didn't mean, "Stay in the yard where I can see you." She meant, "Be home before it gets dark.

— KID STUFF: "MY YEAR 2000 PARANOID MOM VERSION
OF WANDERING," Anne Albright, March 2, 2000



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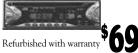


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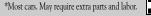
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WING MAN

by Josh Board

went to a party that was going on two weeks before the Super Bowl. The conference championship games were being played to determine who would make it to the big dance.

I walked in at the start of the second game and saw a pile of money on the counter. Before my sunglasses even came off, I asked how I could get into the pools. One guy said, "It's too late, buddy. We have a few different ones going, and one has all the squares filled up. The other we can't let you do, since the game already started."

I saw a couple carrying out a cooler and the guy said to me, "I remember you made fun of me at one of the Halloween parties you wrote about. You made a big issue about me spelling my name and mentioning that I wanted to be quoted in your story."

I said, "Well, do you have any quotes for this one?"

His wife said, "Don't say a fucking word, Russ!"

He picked up the cooler and walked out.

Paul Willemssen, who was throwing the party, said, "I think that's your quote right there."

Paul showed me where the Chinese food was, and I grabbed a big plate of beef broccoli. I



asked him how much it cost to have the food catered. He said. "Only \$150. Last year we had Mexican food, and that was more expensive."

A couple of guys were telling me I should write about Mike Berg. But when I looked for him, they said, "Oh, he left already. But write that he's a wedding singer. He hates that."

I found out he is engaged to KGB DJ Shelly Dunn. And when I asked about him singing

Top: Paul Willemssen; bottom left: watching the game, Wayne Bird on right; few people had cigarettes. When

one song came on during the game, a blonde woman said. "Oh, we saw Eddie Money last night at the Belly Up." Another person said, "That dude is still alive?" And yet another broke

rehab."

I met a guy who owned his own plumbing company. He was talking about firing somebody. "I didn't fire him Friday. I wanted his ass to show up on Monday at 6:00 a.m. I'll fire him then." A few people laughed. I asked him if it's hard firing employees. He said, "Well, with this guy, it will be. I really like him. He's a good kid. But I asked him to do this one job, and he didn't do it right. I got fed up and just said, 'Okay, put the piping in any way you want.' I gave him a few chances."

bottom right: Deidre Halsey on right

I met a guy named Wayne Bird, who had some great sto-

ries. There were times he was talking so fast. I had a hard time following him. The more he drank, the harder it got to understand. He seemed really into the games, so I asked if he ever bet on them. He said, "Oh yeah, I enjoy betting. I once bet \$1500 on a Super Bowl with a friend from San Francisco. It's when the Chargers played." I said, "I hope he gave you a lot of points, because the 49ers were heavily favored in that."

He continued, "No. I was just so sure the Chargers would give them a good game, and he was being so arrogant about his team. I wanted to shut him up."

I met a woman who surprised me with how much she knew about football. Her name was Deidre, and she said, "My uncle was Jack Lambert, so we learned a lot about the sport."

I said, "That linebacker from the Steelers? The one without teeth?"

Another lady said, "That's a rude thing to say."

I had to explain that when I got Sports Illustrated as a kid, Lambert was once on the cover. He was smiling but looked scary with his two front teeth missing.

Deidre didn't mind me saving that. She said, "We used to watch all his games. He sent us all the jerseys. It was a lot of

"With all that money, you should light a cigar with one of those bills."

at weddings, someone else said, "He is a mobile DJ, and we give him a hard time about that."

There was a couple sitting outside watching one of the games. Usually the back yard is filled with smokers, but only a

out singing, "I've got two tickets to paradise / Pack your bags, we'll leave tonight."

She said, "Somebody held up one of his albums and he said. 'That's an old photo of me. That was taken before my second







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fun."

Her husband Scott Halsev came over. He is about 6'3" — a foot taller than Deidre. They looked cute together. And I was informed he had a famous uncle also: His great-uncle was Admiral Halsey. I had heard the name in regard to World War II but didn't know much about him. (Why didn't I pay more attention in school?) Scott told me all about his great-uncle and how they called him "Bull" Halsey, because he was bullheaded and did things his own way. Some of the things he did cost lives, but he won his battles as a fleet commander. Scott told me there was a ship named after him, and I said, "Also a song."

I asked him what his uncle thought of Paul McCartney's song "Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey." Scott said, "When the song came out he heard about it. He said he never actually heard it, though."

Scott is going to be stationed in Japan for three years. It made me think of the friends I had in elementary school who had parents stationed at Miramar. They would be in our school for a few years and then they'd have to move.

At one point during the game, Paul was handed \$150. It was the second pot he had won in the betting pools. Someone said, "This is fixed!" Paul laughed and pulled out a cigar. I lit mine and then said, "With all that money, you should light a cigar with one of those bills." Paul surprised me by saying, "That's a good idea."

He took a 20 and folded it. I said, "Why not use a single?" So Paul instead took a single dollar bill and lit it with his lighter. He then lit his cigar. And as he stood there with the bill on fire, I was surprised the flame hadn't burned more, I said, "You should put it out now. You can still use it." My mom would be so proud of me for saying that. When Paul blew out the flame, someone came over saying, "If 75 percent of the bill is intact,

banks have to take it. You can still use that."

He handed it to me and said, "Here. It's a souvenir."

Another guy came over to the cooler we were standing at and said, "I'm taking another beer." Paul said, "Have a beer. Why not? They're free," which is a Belushi line from Animal House

The Super Bowl party I went to two weeks later was in Philadelphia. (Hahaha — just by writing that, my trip is now a tax write-off.)

Since the Eagles were in the Super Bowl, the entire town was excited. There were banners on every window and flags flying from car antennas. The strangest sight was from the window of the place I was staying. It was near a cemetery, and a funeral procession went by. As I brushed my teeth. watching the scene from the window, I wondered about the person who had passed away (and thinking about a friend from high school, Trish Ordonez, who recently died from lung cancer). As

the cars slowly passed by, with snow covering the ground and some of the headstones, I saw one car had an Eagles banner blowing in the breeze.

I remember
sportscaster Ted Leitner
often talking about how
crazy the fans in Philly were.
And Sports Illustrated
recently reminded everyone
that they once booed Santa
Claus when he came to a
December game.

After hearing countless locals talk about the "Wing Bowl." I had to ask what that was about. I was told it was a 13-vear tradition in which people compete to see who can eat the most chicken wings. I figured I'd go check this event out, but when I got there, the police were arresting people. Some fans were fighting in the parking lot, complaining about not being let in. One police officer said, "There were 500 people lined up at 3:00 in the morning. This is crazy. We ended up turning away thousands of people before the event even

started. Just to watch people eat."

One cop was injured and taken away by ambulance. I told another person who was mad he didn't make it in how I read on the airplane about a man who ate four 32-ounce jars of mayonnaise to win a contest. He said. "That's gross."

I agreed but found it just as gross when I saw the highlights of this event on the news. A giant fat guy with dirty blond hair tied with a tiny Asian woman named Sonia "Black Widow" Thomas. She won last year. They each ate 157 wings in the allotted time, so they had a two-minute "overtime." The guy ate 5 more wings to win a car and dethrone the champ.

My friend who lives in Philly suggested we go to a sports bar. That sounded great. A few of the places he called were charging \$100 a person. We finally found a big place called Jillian's. They only charged \$45 a person. And when we got there, this huge arcade/pool

hall/burger joint was filled. A person at the door was telling fans, "You can pay \$10, but that means you are standing and don't have a table." They were gladly

I wondered why they didn't just watch the game at home or at another party. Every street seemed to have a party going on. As we drove through residential areas, we were amazed by all the Eagles decorations. One family was even out front holding signs as cars drove by.

When we went down one road, near a park, a deer ran out onto the road. My friend slammed on his brakes, and we stopped inches from the deer, which just stood there looking at us. Just then, another deer slammed into my side of the car. I jumped, looked over, and saw its face against the window as it then ran around the car.

There were green jerseys everywhere. One guy told me, "We were going to have a party, but my wife

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said it would be too much trouble. We would've made green Jell-O shots, I call those 'lime disease treats.' And I would've tried to talk my wife into recreating that scene from Monday Night Football where Terrell Owens is in the locker room and that chick dropped the towel. She'd never go for that, though." His wife just kept punching his arm, telling him to shut up. She finally said, "Why you makin' a fool of yourself to this reporter guy?"

Just like the previous party, women were trying to keep their men from giving me valuable quotes.

The energy of the room was amazing. I've been to

rock concerts that weren't as loud. Unfortunately, when the Eagles lost, the place got quiet. Some people shouted things at the screen, as if the players and coaches could hear them. Others threw crumpled-up papers.

We walked outside and saw 30 police officers. Nobody could figure out what they were doing. Sometimes you hear of teams winning and everyone riots. The officers didn't seem to be having any problems.

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Love: It's What's for Dinner

by Barbarella

There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness.

- Friedrich Nietzsche

re you sure you don't need any help in there?"
David asked when he heard me grunting.

"Nope! I got it!" I called back. He was not allowed in the kitchen tonight. I'd cooked for him only once before, and he often pokes fun at me for my belief that microwaving hot dogs is on par with baking a soufflé. As a special

Cooking for David is like dancing for Fred Astaire, and however it translates to the kitchen, I have two left feet.

gift for the man I love, in honor of St. Valentine, I would dirty my hands to make a meal that would delight his taste buds and replace his memory of microwaved wieners. I'd only come up with the idea to cook for him a week before. Desperate to find the right dish in so short a time, I turned to my friend Renee, who offered a recipe she thought I could handle.

Now, alone and surrounded by foreign tools and

ingredients, I worried that I might have bitten off more than I could cook as I chanted under my breath, "It's the thought that counts, it's the thought that counts." Cooking for David is like dancing for Fred Astaire, and however it translates to the kitchen, I have two left feet. This is crazy, I thought, trying not to gag as I removed raw chicken from its packaging. I must really love this guy. Rather than imagining germs burrowing into my skin, I thought of how I'd spent this day in the past.

I lost my virginity on Valentine's Day. I was 19 and worked in a call center, supervising the night shift. He answered calls in a cubicle, ignorant of my right to a white wedding. Later that night, he tenderly brushed my hair. I hardly knew him — some tall, punk kid who lived with a bunch of guys in a house near San Diego State. The calendar date was not lost on me, and I imagined we were in love, that we cared for each other. The evening was magical, even if it was half fantasy.

One year I celebrated February 14 by purchasing new tires for my car. While the boys at Sears attached and aligned, I walked over to the mall and selected a sexy red and black bra, candles, and chocolates. That night, I danced around my apartment in my new lingerie by candlelight, pausing only to sip red wine or discover what was inside another nugget from the heart-shaped box. *People are really missing out*, I thought. *There's something to be said for geeking out in style*.

David and I had only been seeing each other for four months when we celebrated our first Valentine's Day together. He took me to a fancy restaurant, and I was nervous. Wearing a bright red bustier and uncomfortable shoes, I discovered French food for the first time and have yet to acquire a taste for it.

I knew I'd enjoy this meal I was making, because the main ingredients were chicken and pasta. But despite my short shopping list, I'd spent an hour in the grocery store. Usually when I shop (once every few months), I know exactly what I'm getting — beverages, granola bars, frozen dinners, toiletries. This was different. I had to select vegetables, cheese, and meat — *fresh foods*. There are so many brands of cheese, so many kinds of meat, I found myself

frozen in front of the zucchini. How can you tell which one is the *right* one? Are they supposed to be soft or firm? Do all those nicks in the skin matter?

I called my sister Heather, who learned to cook from her husband. I pushed my cart with one hand as I clutched my cell phone — my lifeline to the right products — with my other hand. I'm sure my awkward weaving annoyed everyone in the store (except perhaps for the guy who waltzed up and down the aisles and sang about love).

After I had everything I needed (David had confirmed our possession of butter, oil, salt, etc.), I lingered by the flowers. The roses were beautiful. In all the years I worked in an office, David was the only man who ever brought flowers for my desk. With our work and travel during the past several months, a long time had passed since fresh flowers gussied up our home.

I seized a bundle of variegated reds, tried not to choke on the price, and proceeded to the checkout lines. As I unloaded my cart, I recognized an alien sensation — I wanted people to see what I was buying. Purchases can reveal much about a person. Mine usually advertise that I can't (or am too lazy to) cook and that my tastes are limited to four varieties of Lean Cuisine. Summation: impatient, domestically challenged woman at whom we should furrow brows and shake heads in sympathy.

I hesitated as long as possible until an acceptable number of people queued behind



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me. I slowly placed fresh vegetables, chicken, cheese, herbs. and such onto the conveyer belt. Summation: healthy, culinary genius of a woman, we wish she'd invite us over to sample that tasty meal, and look at those roses! He or she (this is Hillcrest) is a lucky person.

I was ecstatic to see my

friends Mike and Damon hanging around when I pulled up outside my home. Two reasons existed for my ecstasy: Mike and Damon would help me carry my selections upstairs, and while so doing, they would also see what a wonderful woman I am. (Look at those roses! Are these fresh vegetables? Isn't she wonderful?) "Turn around, don't look!" I called as my posse and I walked in the door. David put his hands up in the air and faced the wall in the front room, where he had been working on his photographs. I thanked the boys and reported to the kitchen. And stood there. For a while.

I managed to wash some dishes with an old

sponge (again, struggling to ignore the bacteria infesting and probably entering my body). I read the recipe, searched for utensils, and began to cook. I pounded the chicken between wax paper, breaded it, put tomato-basil feta on each fillet, and folded over these fillets. When the chicken went in the oven, I set to work on a recipe Heather had given me for a side dish of orecchiette pasta, garlic, Parmesan, and sautéed

I've heard the hardest part of preparing a meal is to orchestrate simultaneous completion, so that everything is served at the same time. Despite my inexperience, as if by divine intervention, the pasta and zucchini-Parmesan sauce were mixed together within two minutes of when the chicken was due from the oven. Voilà! Perfect. though unplanned, timing. David's trained nose followed the saliva-inducing smells, and he chose a white wine to go with dinner. I showed David his roses, and he fetched the tulips he'd

gotten for my desk. We exchanged cards, each of them funny and flirtatious. Then he tasted my food, and the moment he looked at me and said, "Wow, this is delicious," I felt myself wanting to cook for him every night.

I left him alone for a moment while I prepared dessert — heart-shaped strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and Häagen-Däzs ice cream on individual angel-food cakes. For this, David produced from the cupboard a raspberry wine we acquired on a trip to Vermont

My father often tells people something he learned from his Church of What's Happening Now: "You are where you are right now because of a series of choices you have made in your life." This quote ran through my mind as I savored the sweets and the company of my Valentine and thought to myself, You've chosen wisely.**■**

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Age GAP



Dan and Chris

WHILE THE DEBATE OVER GAY MARRIAGE ROILS THE COUNTRY AND INTERRACIAL COUPLES continue to be stigmatized in many communities, the true frontier of romantic transgression can be found in relationships between people of vastly different ages. Has our perception of such "age gap" couples really evolved beyond the lurid corruption of Mrs. Robinson or the absurdist comedy of *Harold and Maude*? Perhaps this state of affairs is about to change at a time when childbearing is not a prerequisite for marital bliss. More couples are experimenting with relationships that dive boldly into the generation gap.

I spoke to several couples who have braved the disdain and dismay of family and friends: "What, you can't find someone your own age?" they'll ask. "When you're 70 she'll be 90!" they'll proclaim. But some vigorous 50-year-olds with youthful outlooks feel that people their own age have become too settled in their ways. On the other end of the spectrum, many young people find that the romantic prospects among their peers are painfully immature. Despite the stares and giggles and whispers they endure, these couples know that love should be welcomed wherever it is found. As many of them told me, "Age is just a number."

DAN, 44 CHRIS, 21

Q: *How long have you been together?* CHRIS: About two months.

Q: How did you meet?

DAN: Initially, we worked together. Then I got a better job and left. We were in two different sections of the same business: I'm a pharmacist and she's a pharmacy tech. Even though we could see each other across the room, we didn't really work closely. Occasionally, she'd ask me a question about a medication or something, and then, you know — "Oh, how was your weekend, by the way?" "Oh, it was good." "What did you do?" That type of thing. Real casual.

- Q: So when did it switch over from a casual thing to one or both of you admitting that you wanted to go out? And who did it?
 - C: We texted each other every day.
- D: Yeah, we started texting, and she would ask me questions about her relationship. I guess because I had a little more experience [with dating], I would help her out like trying to figure out what her boyfriend at the time might be thinking. I gave her a guy's point of view on stuff. As far as when we made the decision to date, it's hard to say. We went to the desert and had a really nice time together, we went riding, but that was as friends.
- C: We didn't make [a] decision it kind of just fell in that way.
- Q: Somebody has to take that chance of ruining the friendship by going one step further.

D: Actually, I approached her. I told her that I had feelings for her [that went] beyond friendship. I told her that she would have to come to me and let me know that she felt the same way before we could make [a] decision.

And probably within a week, she came to me and said, "I think I have the same kind of feelings, we should talk." So we went out on more of a date kind of thing and decided that we really wanted to see each other as more than friends.

Q: Chris, what were you thinking during that week that you considered whether you had feelings for Dan?

C: How I was going to break up with my boyfriend because I had found a man that was going to treat me right. Guys my age are just little boys. I don't want that.

Q: A common thread in my interviews with age-gap couples is that they find people their own age unsuitable for one reason or another. What was your attitude toward such couples before you were one yourself? Starting with you, Dan.

D: Never really thought much about it.

Q: Honestly?

D: I mean, if I saw a couple like us walking, I would kind of look at them and smile to myself and say, "That's kind of cute."

Q: How did your family react?

D: Not positive or negative, they were more concerned with my happiness, ultimately. They know that I'm really young at heart. I still go out and ride motorcycles and do stuff that most 20-year-olds are afraid to do. I literally will jump my bike like an X Gamer and not think twice about the danger. Although my soon-to-be-ex-wife is pretty gutsy, too, for a 39-year-old. I still feel like I'm in my 20s — I like to go out and dance and have fun. That's probably why we clicked. She probably thought I was younger than I was.

C: Yeah, I did.

D: Obviously, I'm not 20, but I certainly feel that way.

Q: Okay — Chris, same question.

C: My family and friends' reaction was, "You don't need to be with a guy that old." And I told them, "You know what? It's the way I feel. If I love someone, there's nothing I can do about it." They're kind of dealing with it now.

Q: Can you bring Dan to your parents' house?

C: They would not approve. They don't want him over there.

Q: So "dealing with it" doesn't mean that the fight's over?

C: No.

D: I've tried to be real understanding. I don't want to cause a rift of any kind. But I do

talk to them on the phone sometimes. Her mom is very nice, I understand where they're coming from — I mean, they're not much older than I am.

C: I'm giving them some cool-down time while they get used to it. Mom has said, "Be careful" and "What are you thinking?" — [that] kind of stuff. My dad has just gotten back from a trip to the Philippines; he's only been back a couple of weeks, so he doesn't really know much [about the relationship] yet.

Q: How long have you lived away from home?

C: I've been staying here with Dan for the last two weeks.

Q: So technically you're not living together?

C: Well, I'm always here. I'm barely ever home.

Q: Sounds as if you have an uneasy truce.

D: An uneasy truce is a good description. They don't know everything about her day-to-day life. They realize she's an adult, so she's got her own space. She does go back home several times a week. But her mom hasn't been too nosy

Q: Is she Filipino?

D: She's half French, half Filipino.

Q: Do they have a different attitude toward this kind of thing?

C: Filipinos are very strict. They want couples to stay within their culture and age [group].

D: So there's two barriers. But culturally speaking, she's an average person. I mean, she was born here and she doesn't really have to abide by the Filipino rules.

Q: How did your friends react, Chris?

C: They were, like, "You like the guy, go for it."

Q: And yours, Dan?

D: The guys are pretty casual about it, but the girls are kind of shocked. Everybody's nice enough, because Chris is so sweet, but my exwife looked at me and her exact words were that I was a pedophile. Chris does look like she's 15 or 16, but she's not [that young] mentally. She's got a lot of life experience for someone in their twenties. I could never look at a child and have the feelings that I have for her. I was a perfect gentleman, and we discussed things. It's not like I approached some kid in a schoolyard, which is what went through my head when [my ex-wife] called me a pedophile — that really hurt.

Q: Have strangers said, "You have a lovely daughter," or asked, "Is that your daughter?"

D: Yes, my boss. He came into the office one day, and I had her picture up on the desk, and he said, "Oh, is that your daughter?" We get interesting reactions. When we started being close in public, we were more comfortable with her holding my arm rather than holding my hand.

C: One time someone said, "Gee, he's holding his daughter's hand."

D: There's been other times where they'll give me a dirty look. We were at the Padres game, and she was sitting on my lap some of the time. There were two couples on either side of us. One couple's reaction was not so good, but with the

other couple, the girl was kind of smiling at me. After the game was over, I leaned over and said, "Age is nothing but a number." And she said, "My boyfriend is much older than me." She was smiling because she understood. She was looking and appreciating the relationship rather than judging.

Q: Are there any differences having to do with age that are particularly noticeable?

C: Now you're going to make me think.
[Laughs.] I can't think of any.

D: Really, we don't have a lot. I stay pretty current on music and movies and such. I mean, I don't try and walk and talk like I'm 20. That's ridiculous. But I do connect on a much

younger level. Chris is only 21, so there are some things she hasn't experienced yet. But that's not a bad thing. It's more of an openness to learn new things, an innocence. Actually, it's quite attractive.

Q: So what is it about people your age that makes them unsuitable as romantic partners?

C: They act too immature. I don't need that in my life. And they're all into drama.

Q: Have you played "When I'm x-age, you'll be y"?

D: Of course. I was graduating San Diego State with my first degree when she was born. So, yes, we've played that game.

Q: What do you take from those conversations? Live for today? Don't think about it? Men age better than women?

D: I've been the one to say things like, "I'm going to be having arthritis by the time you're getting to the peak of your youthfulness.' And she says, "Oh, come on, it's not going to be like that. You're too young and vital." So I just tell myself, to hell with it, I'll live for the moment. I think about it more than she does, but as long as I'm enjoying myself now and we're having a nice relationship and she's sweet to me, what more do I need? If one day she decides that she wants a younger man, I'll deal with it then. For now, I'm happy. I'm not sweating it too much.

Q: That leads to my next question. Does the age difference spice up your physical relationship? D: Yes.

Q: The taboo —

D: Absolutely. And she reminds me of when I was younger and more into the fun, devil-maycare kind of naughtiness. So yes, it is attractive to me, absolutely.

Q: *And you, Chris?*C: I don't know. Not so much for me.

D: You don't see it as a taboo kind of thing?

C: No, just as a relationship.

Q: Would you do it again?

D: It's an individual case. It's not about repeating a pattern or anything like that. I love her. The person could be older than me, or they could be younger than me. Would I make the effort if I thought that I felt something for someone who was much younger? Certainly. I wouldn't turn away from it just because of age.

[Chris and I] just happen to connect. Had we not made that effort to be friends, I probably would never have considered [starting] a relationship with her.

Q: Is it harder than you thought it was going to be?

D: Sometimes. For instance, we went to Mother's Day with my family yesterday, and for a while there I was uncomfortable, and I know Chris was [too].

C: Oh, yes.

D: She was having a good time, but I could tell when she looked at me sometimes that she was uncomfortable. Part of that had to do with the fact that my soon-to-be ex-wife is so close to my family. And her best friend in the world is my sister-in-law, who was hosting the party. So, there are times when it is very difficult. But the













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times that it's not outweigh those.

Q: Do you have any advice or thoughts for someone reading this who is in a relationship like yours or considering one or afraid of getting involved in one?

D: Well, the first thing my dad said when I told him was, "You know what, if you're happy, age is just a number." Love is love, wherever you find it. Don't be afraid of it.

FRANCES, 53 **MIKE, 19**

Q: How did you meet?

MIKE: We've known each other for a little less than ten years — [Fran used to live down the street from me. Two years ago, we reconnected at a Mail Boxes Etc. I was just sitting out there reading and I said, "Hey, Frances, I remember you." We had seen each other around for eight years but never really got to have any sort of deep relationship. We just hit it off after that.

FRANCES: It's interesting for me, because I've never gone seeking a relationship. At the time [we met], I thought that I was going to be happily single for the rest of my life. Most of the men [I've dated] have literally come to me, and Mike was one of those who definitely came to my call.

Q: Did you guys exchange phone numbers or anything to make sure that you'd meet again, or was that left to chance?

F: We may see that differently. For me, that first encounter was an immediate lock-in. All of a sudden it was this intense connection. We spoke half an hour nonstop. Then we walked back to my house, which is just down the street. I told him, "Anytime you want to, come by." I was not in a place to think of someone romantically at the time. He's a very

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www.sduis.edu 800.234.7041 5703 Oberlin Drive, Ste. 208, San Diego young man, so I was looking at him more as a mentor [would], the older woman who can, you know, disseminate advice. Boy, was I wrong. He's the one that showed me. So it was very easy.

The real connection was that he plays the didgeridoo, a native Australian instrument. I've done a lot of workshops with people using different native instruments, so we began talking about the didgeridoo. He would come over and I would do guided meditation while he accompanied me. It was absolutely amazing, because we never had to plan it — this was the magic for me — we both knew when to come in, when to get softer, and when to get louder. It was just absolute harmony between the two of us.

Q: What was your family's reaction?

M: Haven't had a family reaction on my side of things. I can only anticipate their viewing our relationship as slightly queer, maybe even inappropriate and unacceptable. For the moment, they don't know — that's easier on me and easier on our relationship.

F: It's been very difficult for me to come to terms with having a relationship with a younger man. I realized that I had prejudices against older and younger couples, [especially] older man/younger woman. I never saw myself in the role of older woman with a younger man. I've had a real challenge coming to terms with allowing the relationship in the first place, and then allowing other people to know about it. My daughter is the same age as Mike. In fact, a little

bit older — she's 20. And of course they knew each other a little from when they were growing up. I was very reluctant to tell my daughter [about it]. No matter how I said it, it was going to come out rather tawdry.

But then I gradually leaked it to my close friends, and they would say, "Oh, way to go, Frances!" They immediately thought it was sexual, of course, as if that was the only reason we were together. At first I let them think that, because the sex is good, but then I realized I was really dishonoring the relationship, [which] is a very sacred, spiritual connection. So, having tested the water with my friends and eventually coming to a place within myself where I was accepting of our relationship, I then gently let my daughter know

[what was happening]. Luckily, she's out of the country. In a way, it was wonderful that she was so far away and had to deal with it on her own terms.

M: She couldn't scream loud enough for us to hear in the USA.

F: The marvelous thing is that she is accepting of it. I believe she knows enough of my values, so she accepts my judgment.

M: I have a few other friends my age that know, and they're accepting it. I tend to attract people to me that are more open.

Q: Friends are chosen; family is bequeathed.

M: Thank God my mother is older than Fran here.

F: Only by a couple years.

Q: What intrigues me is that you were initially prejudiced against age-gap couples — if you saw a couple like you, you would think, "What's up with this? Can't he get along with someone his own age?" or "She ensnared him."

F: Dirty old woman, yeah, yeah. What is interesting is that Mike's therapist is totally supportive of [the relationship].

Q: Interesting. Mike, what were your attitudes toward age-gap couples prior to being part of one?

M: I don't think that I viewed it in any negative way. I may not even have had an opinion, because I hadn't been around too many people who had large age gaps.

Q: Who crossed over the line of acceptable friend behavior?

M: Me. I did. F: No way. M: Oh, yeah, baby, I

F: [I meant that] there was no way I was

going to do that. I was keeping a very strong boundary around what I thought was the correct thing to do with a younger person. I have a beautiful story to tell. Can I tell? Can I tell?

M: Yeah, sure.

F: We'd known each other for a couple of months. One day we went for a walk on the beach in Del Mar and we brought the didgeridoo. The sun was going down, and we sat on the sand. A lot of young children would come up and listen to it — "What's that? What's doing it?"— and of course one of them said, "Is that your son?" Eventually, the children went away. We were sitting there next to each other, and [Mike] said, "Scoot over there and face me." So we faced each other, and he put the didgeridoo between us and placed it



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on my, ummm...

M: I put it right on her groin.

F: And he began to play the didgeridoo. And the vibration and the energy was coming right at me and right through me. And I'm going, "Oh, I kind of feel that. Oh, this is nice." And I realized that what he was doing was making love with me through the didgeridoo. When he stopped, I was alternating between being very embarrassed and feeling really affirmed and sensual with the whole thing. Finally, he said, "Did you like that?" And I'm going, "Yeah, I think so."

M: Yeah — [laughs] — she's about to orgasm.

F: I said, "Did you know what you were doing?" And he said, "Yes. What did you think I was doing?" And I said,

"I felt that you were making love to me through the didgeridoo." And he said, "I was." And I immediately went into all my stuff: "Don't you see I'm old? I'm fat. I'm wrinkled. You know, I'm old enough to be your mother." I'm of course paraphrasing, but he said, "I see your age. I see your wrinkles. And I see you." Well, that to me was the most perfect moment — the perfect words I had waited to hear all my life, especially from a man. When I was younger, I was relatively attractive. I was a trophy girlfriend in the relationships I'd had. Over the years I've wanted someone, a mate, to see me as a person, without all the superficial stuff. Basically, Mike was saying, "I see who you really are." I felt that this was someone that I had waited for for a long time.

M: After I played the didgeridoo to you in that way, and after we had gone through the "you're old" thing, we talked about the prospect of having a relationship, a very unusual relationship. And the possibility of it actually becoming sexual.

Q: Had Fran given you any hints earlier that she wanted to be more than friends?

M: No. Nothing. Even after it did become sexual, it took her a little bit of time to really want to show me her affection. It was still uncomfortable for her. For whatever reason it wasn't hard for me. So I was the one making most of the contact. This has been a process of becoming comfortable with what we have and learning to appreciate it and see it for what it is, which is not a purely sexually

based relationship. Hey, I'm not saying the sex isn't great. It's great. But first and foremost it's an emotional relationship.

Q: I would think that the emotional relationship is the precursor to sustainable good sex.

M: Yes.

Q: I've heard all this "magic is over" stuff from people who have been together for a while. The emotional part must have been missing.

F: That is something I feel so strongly about. That emotional connection dissipates in so many couples. And if you don't keep that, the relationship isn't going to go anywhere.

Q: How has the "when I'm 50, you'll be 85" game gone?

F: For the most part, this relationship is about living in the moment. If there is anything I've wanted to learn my

whole life, it is how to be fully present. It's been more difficult for me than it has been for Mike not to put expectations or limitations on our relationship. Of course, there is that part of me that really would like to ride off into the sunset and live happily ever after; [I'd] love to have the security of knowing that Mike's going to be around in ten years. Especially since I will be on the decline, shall we say. However, spending a lot of time in that [mindset] really robs us of the beauty and the magic of the

Q: It's tempting to say to oneself, "This can't go on forever, I'm stopping now so I won't be in pain in 20 years."

relationship.

F: Yeah, that's what I've done. That's the place my head goes. How do you deal with it when

I get that way, Mike?

M: I remind us of the beauty [of] our relationship. And how much it brings to both of us right now. I know that I really have served that function a lot. And I think that she knows that when I look at her and say, "You know, I love what we have and I don't even want to worry about 10 or 15 years from now," I think she really feels that I do love what we have.

F: Yes, he does. He holds the vision for the relationship. It's just my insecurity? [I'll] think maybe I should cut this relationship off now instead of waiting, because it will hurt so much more [later on]. Well, you know, it's going to hurt no matter what. A friend of mine did say, "What happens when he leaves you?" And I thought, well, I could marry someone my own age, and he could have a heart attack. That's leaving me too, you know.

Q: Has she ever pointed out someone more your age and said, "You should be with her instead of me"?

M: There have been times when she has said. "You know, you should probably be with some young, beautiful, perkybreasted, sexy thing."

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Going through school, I realized that the type of person she was describing was normally the type of person who has the least amount to offer me. I want someone with content. I want someone with depth and creativity, someone who is very mature. You don't get a lot of those things with people my age. People my age like to party and have a good time and keep [everything] on the surface. If I want a very intimate relationship, I'm going to have to have it with Fran. Fran is the one for me. That's just the way it is. And she really knows that I feel that way and that I feel that way very strongly...

I have found older people's bodies to be more expressive. Their bodies exhibit more emotion, exhibit more maturity and wisdom. I find that very attractive.

Q: That leads to my next question. Do the age difference and the taboo add to the sexual charge in your attraction?

F: For me it does, yeah. I don't know if it does for him.

M: Not for me. If I were her age and I was making love with some 19-year-old chick, yeah, I could definitely see that... But then again, she's the first person I've ever made love with, so I wouldn't know what I would be comparing it to. Maybe there is that kick and I just don't know it.

Q: What are your complementary differences, perhaps borne out of the age difference?

M: Well, there are times when she displays a certain amount of impatience in situations where I am very patient. I can really help us to be patient and wait for the right time to do something, for instance. And on the other side of things — help me out here...

Q: The other side of

that could be that sometimes when you might not be spontaneous, she would draw that out of you. Is that the case?

F: Yes. I appreciate his ability to really be centered in himself — I tend to be more reactive. So that is one complementary difference. Another is that the days of [women] being the homemaker and cooking and all of that stuff are over. That's not something that I find enjoyable anymore. Mike loves to cook — it's so wonderful to be able to have someone else cook the meal while I sit here waiting for it. [Laughs.] It's kind of a role reversal.

M: I do the cooking and the gardening, and she takes out the garbage.

Q: Has anyone ever said, "Is that your son?" M: Yep, heard that.

F: We went to church one day, and there was a guy there

that I had known for years and years. He had never seen me with anyone in particular; it was unusual for me to be with someone. Then he came over and said, "Is that your son?" I said, "Could be, but he's my lover." To see the expression on this guy — the conversation stopped, there was nowhere to go with that. [Laughs.] I like

M: Every now and again when we go into a store, someone may say, "Oh, is that your son?" And it's most likely because they can sense a strong connection between us and they want to clarify [what it is]. Normally people wouldn't just go ahead and ask, "Hey, is that your son?" They would either assume it or it wouldn't be interesting to them. When I was younger and I would go into stores with my mother, no one ever asked her, "Is that your

son?" But it happens with Fran a lot.

F: They can see the bond.

Q: A common thread that I see in age-gap couples is that the older of the two tends to have an exceptionally youthful attitude, while the younger person tends to be exceptionally mature for their age. They think, "I don't know what people my age are thinking." I remember that my mom was frustrated with the whole post-divorce dating scene, and she told me, "I want to go out with these younger guys because guys my age just seem so old. What do I do? I'm damned either way." And that seems to be true with

F: Very true. After my last relationship about six or seven years ago, I really was determined that it was going to be my last. I wasn't willing to regress to the level that a lot of men my age seemed to be at. They tended to be rather set in their ways and not willing to continue to grow in the ways that I feel compelled to grow. Not to say that the men aren't wonderful, that's not it at all, but there's no stimulation for me. I feel blessed and gifted with Mike because I have in recent years neglected my body. And I can't do that [now] because I need to be somewhat fit so that I can be with him and do things that we both enjoy doing. I feel like I've been given this wonderful gift in life to regenerate and kick start myself back into "Okay, come on, you're not dead yet. Get that little body out there."

Q: How long do you think you can hide this relationship?

M: Well, I live at home with my parents and I'm partially dependent on them for certain things. Obviously, I don't have the money to be able to fully live on my







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own. If I did have my own apartment and was paying for all of my own things right now, I would definitely be more revealing about our relationship. It's not so much that I'm hiding it from anyone — I just don't talk about it.

Q: You've both passed the test and now you graduate to the final question, which is an essay question. Starting with Mike. Do you have any words of wisdom for people who have found themselves in the same situation?

M: Get in touch with the reality of what you feel so that you can

distinguish between your thoughts, which is where the worry comes from, and what your heart says. Listen to the heart. Really, really be clear on your feelings and give those feelings a great amount of weight, because they deserve it.

F: I think my personal journey with being in relationships has been to truly accept myself and to recognize that relationships — and this one in particular — are sacred and that spirit, God, whatever you believe in, has brought this to you and it's there for joy, it's there to nourish you. At some point I



Alice and Don

may even be able to look back and say this was the relationship that transformed me.

What Mike brings to me enhances my life. You know, I am a better person because I'm in a relationship with him... It's like the difference between a 50-watt bulb and a 100-watt bulb. I'm still essentially the same person, but I can burn

brighter and brighter because of my relationship.

DON, 74 ALICE, DECEASED

Q: When you married, you were 68 and Alice was 94.

DON: Yes — she was born January 27, 1898, and she died April 3, 1998, so she lived to be a hundred.

Q: What was your attitude toward age-gap romances prior to meeting Alice?

D: I don't think I had one in particular. I mean, this wasn't my bag, age-gap difference. I did it from the stand-

point of compatibility.

Q: Did you have a history of going out with people older than you?

D: No.

Q: How did you meet?

D: We were neighbors. We had had nice, short, pleasant conversations. She was a very friendly person, she really radiated that. I started taking her for a ride every day, but she needed [more] care she was alone, she had no family here. Her only sister was living in Michigan. She was a very congenial person, and that attracted me to her. But once we got

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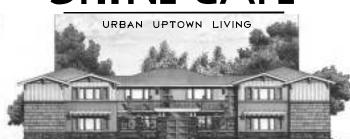
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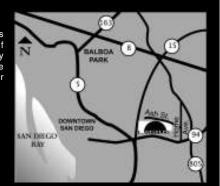
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together, [it] was incredible.

Q: So things clicked between you.

D: Oh, yes. [Smiles.] Also, my mother died when I was nine, and my mother was born in 1900. Alice was born in 1898, so there was perhaps some attraction there too.

Q: When did you start to get the feeling that this could actually be a romance?

D: Well, she was in, how would you say it, dementia? Her husband died in 1987. She had been alone for five years when we got together. She couldn't remember things; she must have had some support from some friends, but not much.

Q: Was she coherent enough to fall in love?

D: I don't know. I'll tell you how this marriage came about. I was driving her around a lot and we'd come back here or we'd go out and have

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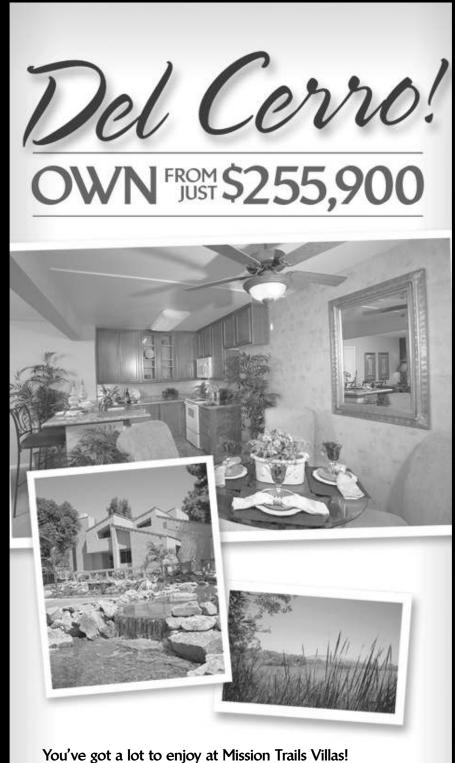
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lunch together, sometimes dinner, too. Then she began to ask me to help with things. The mail would come and she'd ask me to look at it. I looked at her bank statements and found that she had quite a bit of money in the bank, but it was just sitting in a checking account — it wasn't accumulating interest. Later I found out her sister-in-law, who had moved way the hell up to Grass Valley, was supposed to be taking care of her. Eventually, I found out this woman was an Alzheimer's patient herself. The long story is, I

took the money out of that bank and moved it to a savings and loan. I was kidding around with Alice there, and they got the idea that I was trying to steal [her money]. I just wanted her to get a little bit of interest. I set the account up in her name and they said, "Do you want your name on it as well?" I said, "Yes, that would be helpful." Whatever I said, it was the wrong thing, because they turned me in to the county. So now comes the motivation for marriage. The guy from the county comes out here looking for Alice and he's there to take her

money? — "for her own good," of course. I said to the representative, John, "Are you going to come and buy Alice her groceries?" He just laughed. I thought, this is bad. I had no legal standing.

Q: Why would they take her money?

D: To protect her assets from me. I had been to the senior center and was working under a power of attorney and so forth, so it all looks terrible. After we had this conversation with this guy, I said, "We're going to go to Vegas and get married." So I took her to Vegas and we got married. I'm sure that she

eventually had affection [for] me, or at least appreciated me taking care of her.

Q: Well, you had a relationship, you got married. You spent a lot of time together.

D: What we had was good for both of us, but the county did not see it that way. They still managed to take her money. We went to court and I objected, but it didn't do any good.

Q: The county did take her money?

D: Oh, yeah, the bastards.

Q: Do you think your relationship was a romantic one?

D: Oh, yeah. It took me two and a half years after she died to get over her. It was like a knife. But with Alice, it's hard to tell. We did the things that couples do. We would go down to the senior center and dance, she liked to dance. I never could dance with anybody, but from the very first dance we went to, I could dance with her. I felt so close to her. It was just a real solid connection.

Q: Was it a physical relationship?

D: Yes, but limited, there was no intercourse. We had some great times though. She had two red chairs, and I used to sit there after we'd come back from a ride and she would...I don't know what the hell she did, my feet would be over there by her and she would touch my toes. It was like reflexology. And it was I would go to sleep. We had great conversations. I have never talked to anybody as much in my life as [I did] with her. It would just pour out of me. Once I just put some clothes together and we took off across the country. We were gone about a month.

Q: Did she enjoy



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D: Oh, yeah. She couldn't concentrate that long. She couldn't read that long either, so [car] rides were just the right amount of stimulation to keep her engaged.

Q: Did she have enough presence of mind to have real conversations?

D: Oh, yeah.

Q: She might forget what you talked about, but —

D: Whatever was happening at the time we talked about it, whatever we were seeing, where to drive to next...

Q: You must miss her.

D: I should say.

Q: I bet she had some good stories to tell about the early 1900s. What's the most embarrassing thing that happened to you as a result of the age gap?

D: When we had to go to court. I don't think they took our marriage seriously.

Q: Was her mental clarity pretty much the same for the whole five years you were together?

D: For the most part. But it got to be too much to take her for a ride every day, so I began to ask for help. I used to leave her in an Alzheimer's place, and of course those people were really gone, they were in their own world and she couldn't stand it. So I finally had to get somebody else to take her to lunch a couple of days a week.

Q: Did people think that she was your mother?

D: Yeah, that happened. It didn't register with Alice, and I would

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just let it go.

Q: It must have been tough knowing that you didn't have much time together.

D: No, that didn't bother me so much. But the end was bad. She ended up in the nursing home, unfortunately, and she died of malnutrition. She only had one tooth, so they gave her slop to eat, nothing decent. Those dirty bastards. But it was bad and I could not do everything for her that she needed at that point. One July [day] it was 90 or 100 degrees, and there's Alice, no hat, walking down to Fedco in her nighties. She'd walk across the street and stop the traffic. That wasn't too reassuring. At first she could go out by herself. Finally she was in a wheelchair, and it was just too difficult for me to take care of her. But [the nursing home] was a bad place. They wouldn't even let me visit in the end.

Q: In a way, it sounds similar to other age-gap couples that I've talked to. It's hard for them to be respected as a couple. No matter what you guys said or how long you'd been together, people

would think, "Well, she can't remember what she said this morning, there's no way you can have a relationship, you've got to be joking."

D: Exactly. But it was worth it.

KEVIN, 31 SAMANTHA, 54

Q: How did you meet?

SAMANTHA: He was visiting from out of

town, and I met him at a club. We were friends for a long time before we thought about being lovers. I guess the turning point came when I started to miss him when I was away. I used to love [visiting] my mom's house, until one time I just didn't feel comfortable [there] by myself. I thought, "I think I'm missing Kevin." That's how it started.

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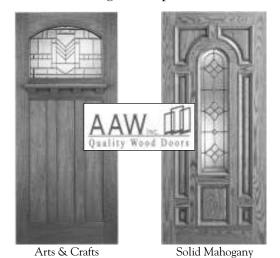






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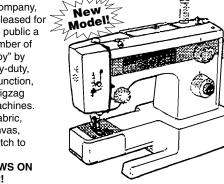


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KEVIN: It was supposed to be a casual courtship, no strings attached. We dated other folks, but we always gravitated [back] toward each other.

S: Every time I met someone else, I'd say to Kevin, "Okay, you don't need to call me anymore — you need to go out with someone your own age." I mean, he didn't have a car, nothing. [Laughs.] In my mind it was going to be just a fun, temporary thing. Well, I seemed to be meeting a lot of guys my age who, for one reason or another, just



didn't have a clue. I took it as a sign. You have to train men, and Kevin's so young, he's never been destroyed by some other woman. And I can train

him. We started getting serious after that. We talked about how you bring other problems from your past into your current relationship. But that's not an age thing everybody does that.

K: Yeah, but she brought a lot more stuff than I did. I had [only had] a few girlfriends.

Q: Does the age difference add excitement to your physical relationship?

K: It does for me we've been married seven years, and I still feel like it's a conquest. It's easy to go out to the beach and take down some 20-year-old, you can do that every day of the week. But it's different when you date a mature woman. I don't know how to explain it. It's a lot more exciting for me, especially since she's still in shape. I'm thinking, when I'm her age, am I going to be as attractive as she is?

S: He's always pointing out women [who are now] in their seventies that he had crushes on when he was, like, 12 —

K: Like Sophia

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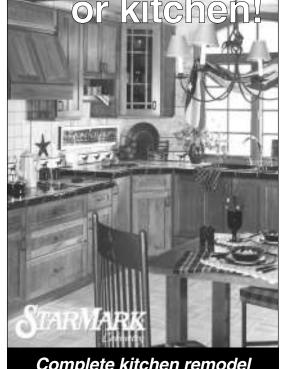
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Loren. Everybody had a crush on Sophia, you know.

S: Not all of them, actually. Or we'll watch a movie and he goes, "Oh, look at her. Oh, that's her mother. Her mother's hot." But, see, he's got muscles and a hard body and I'm not in shape, not like some 20-year-old girl, not like I used to be. I don't understand why he even wants to be with someone that looks like me when he could be with someone like that.

Q: You can look at it as being forbidden or you can say, "Well, this is kinda spicy."

S: My friends used to say, "Hey, you go, girl," or, "Look at the positive side: this guy likes you," instead of [the way I'm] thinking: "Why would he like me, I have flab, I'm 53, and I'm older than his mother." Sometimes when we go out with my friends [who are] older than him but younger than me, I want him to wear tight shirts and stuff [so I can] show him off. Then everybody can envy me because all their husbands have potbellies or they're bald.

K: But there's another side of that. It's cool to dress me up and take me out, but if my guy friend calls me and says, "Hey, let's go out and chat," and I go put on one of the same tight shirts, she says, "Who are you trying to impress? Where are you going?" I just want to feel good, you know. You have to dress down sometimes to keep your woman happy.

S: Well, [that's] because he doesn't think about wearing anything nice when we go out. I have to talk him into it — I have to beg him. But when he goes out with his friends he doesn't think twice about [dressing up]. We've also had other issues. For instance, once we went down by Mission Bay on the Fourth of July. It's like a daytime nightclub.

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K: — madhouse — S: Yes, wall-to-wall girls and some of them wear no tops and —

K: — [and] guys,

S: — thongs and yeah, there's topless guys too, but they all get pretty wasted and girls are hitting on him.

K: They don't really hit on me.

S: Well, whatever you want to call it. One girl started screaming when she saw him and said she loved his muscles and she wanted to take a picture of him — and she wanted me to get out of the way!

K: Yeah, that was kind of bad.

Q: That sounds like a special moment. Has anyone ever mistaken you for his mother?

S: Yeah, twice.

K: The first time, it was this little funny-looking dude —

S: He was a black midget.

K: We were in a record store in Virginia, looking at music, and [this guy] said, "It's nice that you and your mother both like music."

S: I was really upset with that one.

K: At first it was funny, because the guy knew he had messed up.

S: So I told my husband, "Squash him." [Laughs.]

Q: Samantha, what was the most radical response you got when you told people you had decided to get married?

S: I have two daughters. The one that was with me when I met him had no problem at all because she's real cool. But my older daughter, who's older than Kevin, she was not thrilled.

K: One's four years younger [than me], one's four years older.

S: My mother and father didn't really know what bothered them more: that he was black or our age difference. What was kind of sad about the whole thing

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was that my mother was always very controlling. When she found out about him, she got upset and they disowned me. Then my mother got cancer. My father called and told me that my mother wanted me to come and see her. I was given strict orders not to [say] anything about the relationship.

Kevin never was allowed at the house. I was 45, but [she thought] she could tell me not to [get involved with someone] and that I would obey her. After we got married, I wrote them a letter. I tried to explain to them, you know, God wouldn't have put us together, dah-dah-dah-dah. My mom's so old-school.

She always said, "You need a man to take care of you." I told her in the letter, "Well, here's the perfect man. He's so much younger than me that when I get old and decrepit, I'll have a nice young husband to whirl me around in my wheelchair." That didn't work either. And then nobody in the family talked to me. Sometime later, my sister's son got married, and Kevin met the rest of the family. [Since then] it's been no problem at all. And since my mother passed away my father has gotten to know him -

K: Now I'm his favorite —

S: He's his "favorite son-in-law ever."

Q: Kevin, were there

any negative reactions from your family?

K: My grandparents are a little upset, probably more about the race issue, because they come from a small town. We have a general store where I was brought up, just like on TV. And we don't have K-Marts or anything like that. But they'll sit across the room, wave, and say, "Nice to meet you," because it's the proper thing to do. My dad shocked me. I didn't really grow up with him, so I don't know him that well, I guess. He warmed up to her pretty quickly — I expected my mom not to like [the situation], but I also expected her not to say anything, and she didn't.

I know she has some issues, but she tries to deal with [them].

Q: So we've got the families and the close friends dialed in. How about new people who will continue to pop up for the rest of your life?

K: That's been my biggest problem. I work in the military in a job where - how do I put this — I mean, fighting wars is...I don't want to say it's a kid's game, but it's a young man's game. The oldest person in the military is probably 55. That guy is like a fourstar general, he doesn't fight anymore, he plans. But all my friends, coworkers, bosses, and the people that work for me, they're 40 or less. It doesn't take long before

they ask me, "Hey, you got kids?" I'm 30, I'm married, and it's a common question, and if I say, "No, I don't want any," they might want to know why. So I try not to go into detail, not that I'm ashamed but...

Q: Save yourself some trouble.

K: Yeah. You don't want to have to go through this with every person you meet, especially folks who you're not really going to be that close with.

S: I used to walk out with Kevin and think, "Oh, my God, people are going to look at us." People think you feel younger with a young lover, but I feel older. But it's interesting how [everything] works out.

You end up overcoming all of that, and it's like overcoming the color issue. I don't even see color anymore at all. Not at all. I've never been prejudiced. And then all of a sudden I get this old programming, people are looking at me. Are they looking at me because I look older, or because we are a mixed couple? I went through that for the first two years. One of his best friends was born two days before my daughter. We went to go visit him once when he was in the hospital, and I was trying to dress up, look young -

K: That's right, I remember that.

S: He knew who I was, so I didn't have a

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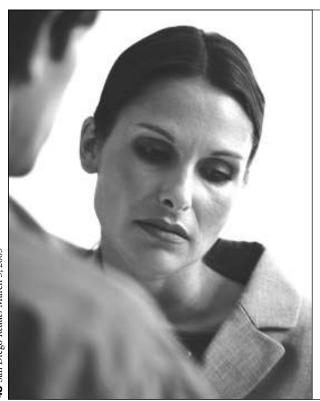
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problem with him. But the doctor pulled me aside and said, "Oh, so you came here to visit your son?" And I thought I looked good! [Laughs.] I wanted to punch the doctor. Now I couldn't care less what other people think. I just don't care.

Q: So is it just funny now?

S: It is.

K: You know what makes it funny? The office [where I work] was like a huge soap opera, with all the marriages and breakups. And these people are all younger than me, not much, two or three years. But the problems they were having and all that stuff that they were going through — we're doing better, you know? We're still together. Our marriage is doing great. We do better financially, emotionally — and I say to myself, it looks like everybody has the same problems regardless of age gaps.

S: That's right. You can sit in a room with five couples from five different generations,

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S: Exactly. I still look pretty good. But what's going to happen when you're 46 and I'm in my seventies? You're not going to want to have anything to do with me then, for sure. For a long time I just thought I better have some fun now because he's going to take off anyway. It took a while not to worry about it. We don't even have age issues anymore, do we?

K: Not until we go

out with other people. Then it comes up: "What's your birth date?" They look at me, I'm, like, "Nineteen seventy-two." And then she's, like —

S: "Nineteen fortynine," yeah.

K: I notice it when we're out with people she went to high school with, and I'm talking, acting natural. And then I pick up my menu. "Well, what do you think about that? He can read the menu without glasses," as they pull out their glasses...I'm, like,

uh-oh, I stand out.

Q: It can be funny, I wanted to tell my girl-friend's daughter, who's my age, "Don't worry, I won't try to adopt you." Maybe that would have lightened things up.

K: Actually, I carried her daughter as a dependent so she could have military medical privileges a couple years ago. I would have had to be married in kindergarten to be her father. When I was taking her paperwork to get the ID, the intake worker looked up at me and said, "This

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kid's 20 years old." I was only 24 at the time, so what were they thinking?

S: When he asked his boss to get some time off because his grandson was being born, he was

K: My grandkid! [Laughs.] So [my boss] says, "I'm going to let you go. That's such a good story."

Q: What are some of your necessary similarities and complementary differences?

K: I'm very articulate — I'm a heady, book-oriented person. And she's the other end. She's about feelings, and that's good because sometimes I need that other side. Sometimes I need to just sit back and trust [my] instincts and not break out the abacus and get all caught up in my head. But I think maybe sometimes she thinks, "Well, it's nice to have somebody who is the bean counter." Another complementary difference is that she's more talkative and I'm more quiet, I'm the calm one. She'll get mad if her stamp is licked the wrong way, and I think it evens everything out, because if I had her temper I'd probably be in

Q: What are some of your necessary similarities?

K: In our families we were both the black sheep. The different ones. I met her sisters and her dad, and she is different. I'm the only person in my house that has, first of all, left North Carolina and second, decided to go to college. I'm the only person in my family that I know of, for four generations, that [got] a college education.

S: We both see age as a number...[But] sometimes I feel cheated. because I want to retire and travel, and I have this husband who wants to be on the front line during the war and jump out of airplanes. That



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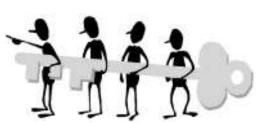
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could be an age thing, because if he was my age he wouldn't be doing that — he would already have done it — he'd be retired. When we first started to get together, people, including his exgirlfriend, couldn't believe it. Girls have this ego thing going — it's like, "How could you leave me for some old lady?"

K: We were dating other people when we met.

S: And then his guy friends would say, "Well, how do you deal with it, don't you guys have to go to bed early and stuff?"

K: As if she were 90 years old.

Q: Sounds as if you complement each other.

S: Yes, and he's kind of brought me down a little bit. He'll take a nap in the afternoon — I was [never] a nap person, I liked to go go go go go. Now I've got a bad back and arthritis, [which have] stopped me from doing a lot of the things I like to do. Actually, now I'm more on his level. I used to say I was going to put a firecracker on his

butt because even when he did walk, he'd walk real slow.

Q: Any differences because of your different generations?

K: She's had to deal with a lot of stuff that came before my time. Like when she had this job and the boss told her if she didn't sleep with him she couldn't work there. She got fired because the guy was attracted to her. And I said, "What kind of crap is that?" When I grew up — I graduated in '91 — we were taught

that if anybody ever made any reference to your looks, like, "Oh, you're so pretty" or "You got the job because you got big breasts," or something like that, there would be a lawsuit. You'd own the company the next year.

S: Sometimes it's fun to be around people my age that relate to my generation. He doesn't relate sometimes. And I'm sure sometimes he likes being around people his age. It's hard for me to remember being his age.

K: That's why I like

going out with the fellows once in a while.

S: It actually works out good when we're having parties. Everybody gets taken care of — it's interesting, we have three generations. We have the thirties, the forties, and the fifties. Of course, I'm usually the only [one in their] fifties [laughs], so he can attend to the thirties and I click with the forties. When I started going out with Kevin, I thought, "I'm going to get out and dance now." Neither of my two husbands ever

went dancing. So I'm thinking, you know — black man, clubs, time to party. [Laughs loudly.] But I can't even get him out to a club. He's actually more conservative than me. I always tell my friends, you'd think I was 30 and he was 50.

Q: That seems to be a common thread in these relationships. Okay, this is my last question. Each of you gets to give a few words of wisdom to the person who is either in, or considering getting into, a relationship like this.

K: I would just say,

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Q: *Samantha?* S: I have some

friends who are maybe 3 or 4 years older than their husbands, and they think that there's a big age difference. I always laugh and say, "What's 3 years? Try 24." What they need to do is find out what is important to them, what they like and what they don't like, and [they should ask themselves], "Can you communicate?" and "Do you have fun together?" If you're attracted to that person, that's really all that matters. Because,

you know, age is just a number, it really is.

GARY, 46 JAMIE, 26

JAMIE: Tell him, honev.

GARY: We met at a corner in West Holly-wood, Los Angeles, at a stoplight. We looked at each other and smiled.

J: I was sick and I had had to meet somebody at 11:45 up in the city. [While I was] driving there, somebody threw a golf ball off a

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freeway overpass and broke my front light. My girlfriend was 15 minutes late, and when I started to leave she shows up and says, "Oh, I tried calling but I didn't leave a message. I wanted to tell you they canceled that showing." So when I was driving home and met him, I thought, "Well, I'm having a bad night, I don't think it could get any worse." He waved, and I waved back. We started talking, and when the stoplight turned green, we went to a parking lot and talked

some more.

G: I had just moved out after living in Bel-Air in a 15-room house for seven years. All my stuff was in a \$300 storage unit, but I was perfectly happy. I had moved from a place where we had a couple of cooks, a couple of maids, a person hired to water the plants. And here I was, living in my truck with my two dogs with, like, ten grand in my pocket. Then I hit that stoplight, looked over at her, and it was all over.

Q: How long after



Garv and Iam

that did you start to date?
J: By the end of the week we had gone out.
Q: How long after

that did you get married?
J: Seven years.
G: I met her when
she was 18 and I was 38.

Q: When you became fully aware of your age difference, what did you think?

G: I wasn't hiding my age, and I don't think she hid her age. We hid it more from her parents, probably.

J: We subtracted ten years off of his age. It was a while before she found

G: Her mother has a friend that has the same birthday as mine. He was turning 50. We were all at the table, and everyone is eating their cake —

J: Naturally, they asked everybody how old they were.

G: And me, not wanting to lie to the crowd — she had told them that I was 28 — I say, "Thirty-eight." Silence comes down over the table, it got kind of tense. So that's when it started becoming tough, [but] I was acceptable before that! The minute they knew, I was unaccepted.

J: I told them he was 28 because I lived at home still. I knew he was going to meet my mom

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soon, and I knew that she would flip if she found out how old he was.

G: If I was asked outright, I wouldn't lie to them. I had really become a master at avoiding the question. Sometimes we would just get engaged in conversation, and I would start like an idiot, saying things about the '70s or whatever, and I'd have to catch myself going, "Wow!" The guy [I was supposed to be couldn't have been more than two in the '70s, so I'd have to be really conscious of not talking about life, other than the here and now.

Q: How long did this go on, from the time you met to the time they knew how old you were?

J: Maybe a year.

G: A year with her mom, longer I think with her dad.

J: With my dad, it took a lot longer. I've had to really fight for Gary, like, "Look, we are in this relationship, and you accept it or you don't!" When we got married, I wasn't going to invite [my dad] to the wedding. I didn't want to face the rejection.

G: He's not an easy person to talk to. He is very heavy. But he has lightened up enormously in the last year.

J: A lot, a lot, a lot! G: He was very proud of the wedding. He walked her down th

He walked her down the cliff. He was very happy, and ever since then he has been pretty accepting of me.

Q: Would you say that the age difference is a non-issue for him now?

J: He's come to accept it, but he doesn't have a choice, you know? If he wants to be part of my life, he's got to accept Gary.

Q: Did he ever take you aside and say, "You know, whatever makes you happy"? Kind of like putting out the white flag?

J: I don't think he's ever really done that. He

hasn't flat out said it. I think he's just trying to ease into it with his actions and not bring it up and make it an issue and make things uncomfortable. He includes Gary in family stuff now.

G: He's extremely accommodating when we visit. They have a beautiful place up in Studio City, up in the hills. His wife's a lawyer, too,

so they've got a nice setup. They make sure we have the best food to eat. They take us to the movies and dinner. It has changed about 360 degrees. Q: So, you're "double dating" instead of "double hating"?

J: Yeah, pretty much. G: It got to the point that he didn't want us to leave California — he offered us 20 grand just to stay. We went to a psychic, and she told us this would happen.

Q: What did she say? G: That there would be an offer from her

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Q: Well, good job! Wow! You'll have to give me the number. Okay, has either of you played the numbers game? "When I'm 60, you'll be..."

J: Oh, yeah, definitely!

G: She does more than me!

J: He likes to say that because I'll be 27 in a few weeks. He says the closer you are to 30, the closer you are to 50.

G: I always give her a hard time. I'll say, "Oh, you're getting old!" Obviously, I'm twenty years older than her.

J: We joke about it a lot.

G: Yeah, she just told me the other day that when our child graduates, I'll be 62. I'll say, in 1976 I was in Colorado and I was doing this or that, and she goes, oh wow, I was just born, or I was this age. I say I went to Africa or whatever and she goes, oh yeah, I

was 2 years old then. But it's really not an issue.

Q: What are your necessary similarities and complementary differences? Are there any that emerge specifically from your age difference?

J: He's experienced a lot of stuff that I haven't. Sometimes I get a little frustrated, because maybe you learned so and so and you know better, but give me a chance. I don't have as much experience and knowledge as you do.

G: I lived like Jack Kerouac — I've never had a real job. I've lived, like, ten different lives. The farthest Jamie has driven, I think she said, is Palm Springs.

J: San Francisco!

G: I mean east! I started traveling when I was 17, and I've hit pretty much all of the United States. I've been through southern Africa and some of Asia. I was born to travel. I can remember the '60s, when they landed on the moon, the assassination of President Kennedy. They were very profound times.

J: I like going to bed early, but he can stay up and do things all night long and get up the next morning and be fine.

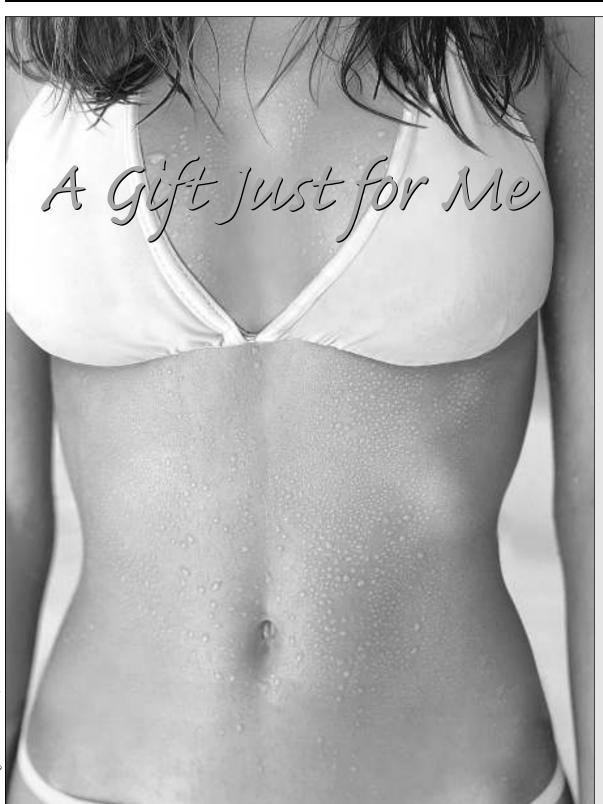
G: I have more energy than I can even contain. And she is more regulated and set in her ways, like someone in their seventies. I swear to God, every day at a certain time, it's like clockwork: she shuts down, she reads, she goes to bed, and I just have energy to burn. I have to get up at four o'clock for my job. I work down here at Home Depot and have to be there at five. Two nights ago, I was up doing things and getting

ready to move, and I had three hours' sleep.

J: There's no way I could do that. I would be a zombie!

G: She's extremely organized. I'm not at all. Her credit is, like, the best in the world they're sending her platinum cards. I've got bill collectors chasing me. We're exact opposites in some ways, [but] that inspires me to get organized. I was a free spirit all my life, so I could use more structure. She is more compulsive, and I think my free-spiritedness takes her out of her

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G: What do you mean by that?

J: Sometimes I'm the older, more responsible

Q: Do you have any difficulty with her friends being so young? And Jamie, do you have any difficulty with his friends being older?

J: A lot of our friends are mutual friends. Since we've moved here, all of the people we've met are kind of both of our friends. The ones that I knew up in L.A. also love Gary, and most of his friends are closer to my age, anyway. A couple we hang out with there are in their thirties...they're closer to my age than his.

Q: Have there been times when somebody has mistaken you for her father or you for his daughter?

G: In nine years, I maybe remember that once or twice, I don't

J: Yeah, just a couple times, and it was generally a stranger.

Q: Does the age difference add anything to your sexual attraction to each other? Does it spice things up?

J: I think so! G: I think so!

J: The thing with Gary is that he is more experienced, and I kind of like the taboo of being with someone so much older. I've never been interested in guys my age. I've always had an easier time relating to people who are older

than me.

G: I was always attracted to younger girls. That's why I was attracted to her, because in my thirties or forties it would be hard to meet someone my age that was as free-spirited as me, someone who didn't have to have a job, worry about insurance, worry about things that older

people worry about. I really didn't have a life that led to being responsible, I traveled light. I didn't need the things that normal people need until I met her.

J: He never thought he would get married. I never thought he'd get married!

G: Of course I'd had girlfriends, but I didn't allow myself to fall in

love. Then I started spending time around her, and next thing you know, three years [have gone by]. It got to the point where I couldn't see myself living without her.

J: We lived together for a few years. When I turned 21, I started to feel like an old maid like I was too young to be tied down. I started

thinking about all my other friends who were away at school and doing this and that, having all these other experiences, and here I was working, living with somebody,

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you know, doing the "old couple" things — I felt I was missing out on something. I had graduated from high school less than a month before we met. I started to want to go out more and do other stuff, so we separated for a while, [and once] I got that out of my system, I was ready to start thinking long-term again.

G: When she did go through that, it was short-lived, about six months. It was intense, but I could understand what she was going through. Our relationship actually got to the point where it was like a hair was holding it together. I think what happened was that our lifestyles and personalities caught up with us.

Q: This is who I really am?

G: Yeah, mine wasn't being in love and being with one person. Hers was young and not knowing what she wanted. When that happened, [the relationship] almost fell completely apart. Then the next thing we know, I proposed and it put it into a completely different

context.

J: But, I didn't accept.

G: She wasn't ready. I think she wanted to, but she needed some more time.

J: I was so touched, but it just didn't feel like the right time.

Q: How premeditated was your proposal?

G: The first time was nothing fancy. The second time, I did it on her birthday. I did it up right! We stayed in this really cool hotel up by Balboa Park. Then we got up and had Starbucks, spent all day at

the zoo, [then went] to dinner and a play. And then on the way home...

J: I was hoping something would happen!

G: Hoping?

J: Because we had already reached the end of the night and I thought, "I guess he's not going to ask me..."

G: My mom died when I was young, and the only thing I have of my mother's is her wedding ring. I had sent back to Iowa for it, had it polished up, and put it in a beautiful black case. So I said, "Look, there's a

full moon out, let's just go to the fountain over here, close our eyes, throw some pennies in, and make a wish before we go home."

J: Right in front of the IMAX.

G: There was the most incredible full moon you could imagine, and I told her to stand up on the ledge. I said, "Take a penny, close your eyes, and throw it in the fountain." While she was doing that, I got on my knee, held up the ring, and said, "Now turn around!" And right when she did, I pro-

posed! She just about fell over into the water!

Q: I bet! And, what was your wish, Jamie?

J: Oh! It came true, obviously!

G: That whole time with her wanting to party with her friends when she was 21, I was safe then. But when they all started getting married, I knew I was doomed. She kept bringing it up more, and it got more intense. "Wow! My friends are all getting married!" I knew then that she wanted to get married. And then it was the baby thing.

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J: You wanted it too! G: I did, of course! It started off pretty wild. Sexually, we were wild... I mean, we were passionate. It changes...

J: There is so much more to a relationship as you grow together. You have more interests, and

there's just more to your relationship. There's more depth to it.

Q: Well, you have to do something in between the sex. You once told me that things were different in L.A.: you had all these distractions, all these preconceived notions about

who you were. Like: "Am I me, or am I the sum total of my friends, my habits, and what I usually do on Saturday nights?" When you came to San Diego, all you had was yourselves.

J: There was a lot of past that both of us had. Everywhere we went [in L.A.] it was like, who he had been there with, this person that he used to hang around with, or whatever, and same with myself. [When we came] here, everything was fresh and everything was bringing both of us

together, which was a lot better.

G: It's hard for me to go through that town without reminiscing. I went there to study acting, and I ended up dancing at Chippendales for a couple of years and doing the Hollywood

thing. I think that did bother her, because a lot of my past there is pretty wild. I needed to get out. San Diego was a good place to get to know each other, and now it's time to move. It would have been too much for her to go from L.A. to Ohio. I

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think she needed this transitional time. I grew up in a town of 100 or less people, on a farm in the sticks in Iowa. We were self-sufficient; I grew up working the land and hunting for our food. She grew up in Los Angeles in a city of three million, in a family of one, with every convenience on the face of the earth.

J: I'll meet his parents for the first time: when we go to Ohio, we're stopping in Iowa.

G: And, there's another extreme difference — with her parents,

maybe because she's the female, it took me eight years to be accepted. My parents are so downhome that there'll be instant acceptance.

J: My parents wish that Gary did something more than just working at Home Depot. When we told my dad that I was pregnant, he started talking to me about going back to work, and I told him, "Well, Dad, the point is that's why we're moving, he's going to support us!" My dad kept going on about the whole financial thing — you know, he wants to be



able to see me taken care

G: It's hard for me to think like normal people sometimes. I mean, Home Depot is the longest I've ever had a job. Benefits are the big deal and the job is the big deal, and it's never

enough.

Q: Any words of wisdom for other "age gappers" out there?

J: I think it's only an issue if you make it an issue. It really doesn't matter. Age is just a number. It's the person that matters, not how old they are.

G: Two 18-year-olds could be at each other's throat, or they could be madly in love. [A couple that is] 50 years apart could be the same.

Q: Would you do it again?

G: Getting married again or the young

thing? Yeah!

J: Definitely.

LIZ, 57 BOB, 39

Q: How did you meet?

LIZ: We met in Hawaii. I was walking on the beach; he was lying on the beach. I sat down close to him, and pretty soon the sun went down. We went off to a pub and talked, had two drinks, and it all went downhill from there.

Q: Were you vacationing?

L: I was coming home from Australia and

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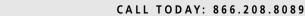


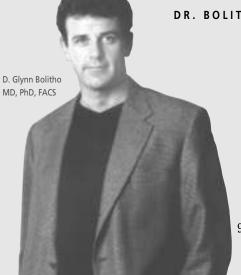
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Q: Did the age difference concern you at the outset?

L: No, I had been going out with guys that were his age for some reason. That whole age group was asking me out, so it was not a new thing for me. I was just having fun.

Q: Did it concern him?

L: It didn't then, and I don't think it does now either.

Q: Did the age differ*ence add any interest?*

L: Actually it did, because I could sort of mentor him [and share thel wisdom I had picked up over the years. And he could turn me on to any kind of fun that he was having, you know, being his age. I was pretty energetic at the time — I guess I still am. We just had a lot of fun, went a lot of places, did a lot of things.

Q: How was the reaction from your camp?

L: My family liked him. Anything I want to do is okay with them. We don't get into each other's business. No matter what kind of choice I make, they're going to approve of it because they trust me. But I think deep down they were probably a little afraid of the future. My oldest brother said, "He's kind of old for you, isn't he?" He thought that was humorous.

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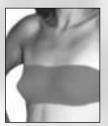
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L: Well, his grandmother, who was 68, had boyfriends in their thirties. They had kind of a family history of older women [with] younger men, so his family was used to it.

Q: Did you worry about that whole "when I'm 60, you'll be 80" thing?

L: We never talked about it much. He joked that he would take care of me even if I were in a wheelchair. He said, "We're going to be together forever," so he wasn't thinking too much about it.

Q: Were you?

L: I was just concerned that he was starting to show a little bit of anger as he got older. That's what started weakening the relationship. Actually, I saw it from the beginning, but as he got older his anger got more pronounced, more intense.

Q: Familiarity breeding contempt?

L: Probably. And plus as you get older and you get more serious, your frustrations can start to turn into anger.

Q: The stuff you ignore kind of bubbles up?

L: Yeah, the new responsibilities start to get to you after a while.

Q: Especially if you don't take responsibility for the choices you made, as if somehow they were done to you. I think that's the core of a lot of anger.

L: I think he was so focused on being successful and making money, he just started driving himself a little crazy. I am interested in making money too, but not the way he did. He works his fingers to the bone, but I think there are better ways to make money, a better balance. He didn't have that balance.

Q: What similarities transcended the age difference?

L: We liked a lot of the same things. He liked

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to do everything from rock to Pavarotti. He liked to do all kinds of things and everything in between, and so did I. So that was good.

Q: And complementary differences?

L: Well, he did have

that energy that I never have had and never will have. He just couldn't do enough.

Q: And was that a problem? Do you think he felt held back, that he would want to do something and not do it

because —

L: Yeah, he probably did, he probably did. But I think he'll feel the same thing with the next person and the next person. With me it probably was worse because I had problems — chronic

fatigue and stuff like that.

Q: Did he know early on that you had chronic fatigue?

L: Yeah, he did, because it resulted from an injury that I had when I was with him. He was pretty good about it, actually. I've become extremely good at hiding it. Nobody knows I have it because I don't answer the phone on days that I feel bad. And there are days I feel good. I'm out there, lively, having lots

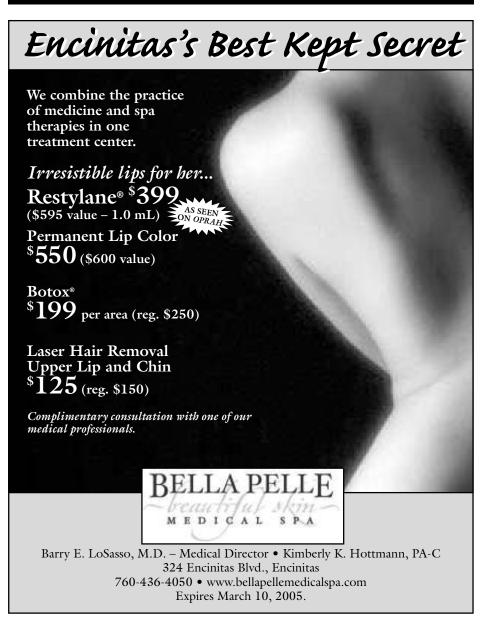
of fun, doing all kinds of exciting things. You know, I'm riding my Harley, and I'm working out at the gym.

Q: You were talking earlier about not having to be with really young people too often, just enough to make things interesting, but not so much to be like, "Who are these people?"

L: Well, it was easy for me to be around his young guy-friends, even though some of them were trying to make him break up with me. But the girls that were in their early twenties, I couldn't hack it. I just couldn't be around them. It was really, really hard for me. You know the way young girls are. There's nothing wrong with them, but I couldn't relate. Plus I grew up around men — I was the only girl with five men. My mother died early, so I can't relate to females anyway.

Q: How were the guys trying to break you





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L: It was a jealousy thing or something. I don't know what it was, but Bob's best friend was always saying to him, "You need someone younger than you, someone who is going to take care of you when you get old" and "It doesn't make sense. She's too old for you." Finally he succumbed to that. But we were both going in different directions anyway.

Q: Someone says, "Well, you say that now, but how will you feel in 20 years?" Then the man says, "Don't worry, honey, we'll have sex in the wheelchair," or whatever people say to romanticize and lighten the reality.

L: But you know what? To me it makes a lot more sense biologically to be with a younger man, because women live so much longer. Women take care of themselves better. I didn't have as much nervous energy as he had, but I had more energy to do outdoor things. I took better care of myself than he did. He had more aches and pains than I did, really. When a woman is 85 years old, there's three of her to every one man. I go see my elderly aunt in her retirement home, and it's all women. I mean, there's thousands of women, and there's probably 150 men. If you marry a man your own age, you're going to die alone, basically.

Q: Were there any other difficulties arising from your historical frame-of-reference gap?

L: He said that he should have been born in the '50s. So that was his frame of reference. He grew up with his mother always playing Johnny Mathis and all the music from the '50s and '60s, so he could relate to that music and those times. That kind of helped, I guess.

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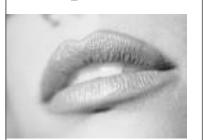
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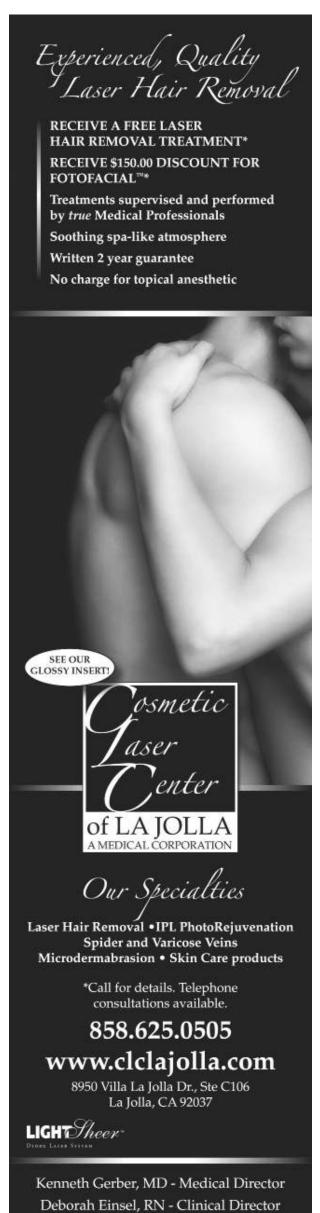
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L: I've been trying to go the other way since we broke up, just to see how it is. I really need to see if I do better with somebody my age or a bit younger.

Q: You're information gathering?

L: I guess I've landed on somewhere in between, someone not as old as me but not as young as him, 45ish, something like that.

Q: Then that's working?

L: Well, it's worked for me, but I don't know if it's going to work for the 45-year-old that comes along. You know, they might say, by the time you get to be 45 you might just be looking for someone who's going to do nothing but take care of you. I don't know. I don't know what 45-year-old men want yet. Men always have that fantasy about the younger woman, but eventually that doesn't work. They fly the coop for a younger man themselves.

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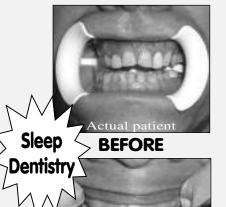
L: That's profound, isn't it?

Q: Do you have any words of wisdom for the person reading this article who's maybe thinking, "Should I go with Toby Joe even though there's that age difference?"

L: Well, I would just say be careful. I mean, it can work. But you have to be careful in any relationship. You just have to work toward each other. You have to meet in the middle someplace. Just keep your energy up, both of you, and keep the communication lines open in all the things

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you do. This is true in any relationship, but maybe even more so in this kind of relationship.

ANN, 27 HENRY, 57

Q: How did you

ANN: At a Super Bowl party at the stadium.

HENRY: It was the 49ers and the Chargers in Miami. [The game was] playing on the big screen here. I had had a stroke and I was in a wheelchair. Anyway, she had a ticket and I had a couple of tickets. I said, "Well, come sit by me." So she gave away her ticket and sat with me. After that we started seeing each other and she would push me around. I've talked to her every day since that first day. Her mother and I got right, and we moved in together. Then we got married even though I



had Dolphin colors on and she was cheering for San Diego. [Laughs.]

Q: How long was it from the time you met till you started dating?

A: About three weeks - during that time we were just going out as friends. He lived in OB, and we would go all up and down Newport and eat in different restaurants.

Q: Who made the first move toward being more than friends?

A: He did. H: I guess I did. A: He would kiss on me and stuff. I thought he was just playin'. You know, like flirty...but I didn't know -

H: When we were at the Super Bowl game, I wanted to put my arm around her, but I didn't want to seem like I was comin' on to her. And she said, "You can put your arm around me if you want."

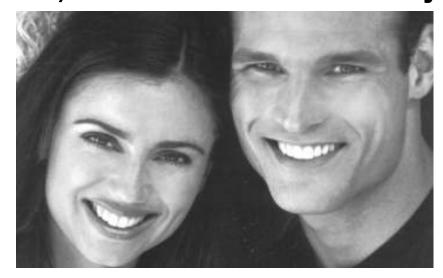
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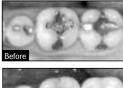
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did it together. What was your attitude toward agegap couples before you met?

H: I didn't think they should be together. I'd think, "What's she want him for?" I didn't agree with it.

A: But there were a lot of things you were against back then.

Q: Ann, how did you feel about it before you met Henry?

A: I didn't think anything of it, 'cause I usually dated older men before I met him. People tend to think that I'm ten years older than I am, and lots of people think he's younger than he is.

Q: When you first considered having a relationship with Ann, did you shock yourself?

H: Yeah. [Laughs.] Q: So what did you say to yourself to make it okay?

H: I said, "What you doin', man!" Then I called my brother, and he said, "You're robbin' the cradle, Henry."

A: Some [members] of his family were worse than others, but there were reasons [for that] besides age. There's the race issue, too.

Q: So the race issue was a problem for your family, Henry?

H: Yes, and for some of her family, too.

A: Like my sister. But my mom and dad were okay with it.

H: No, no, no they were okay with us dating, but not getting married.

Q: How about your friends? Does their age difference make it difficult when you mix social scenes?

A: That mixing never really happened, because we've found new friends as a couple. That way he can go out with his friends and I can go out with mine, but we have other friends that we go out with together.

H: I didn't have that many friends because I'd had my stroke. But I had

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a few, and they were all wiggers.

A: Tell him what wiggers are.

H: Wiggers are white people who act black. [Laughs.]

Q: How do the differences in your generational

frame of reference come out in your relationship?

H: There's things I tell her when something happens in her life because I've experienced [similar] things before. But she just thinks I'm trying to tell her what to

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A: Or he'll be talking like, "You remember Kennedy?" I don't know these people — I read about them in history books, that's all.

H: And her friends have a lot more money

than I do. But [I've had more experience] simply because I've been alive longer. So we have a lot to talk about. On the other hand, she knows a lot of things that I don't know because of the environment that she grew up in.

Q: I know that in my relationship there are things that shock my girlfriend that don't surprise me at all.

A: He's like that, too. H: Part of that is because I'm from Georgia. When I came to California, it seemed like another world. [Laughs.]

A: For instance, when we watched Bill O'Reilly the other night, Bill brought up the white-only prom. I'm surprised that that's going on in this day and age, and Henry's saying, "No news here."

H: Yeah, that happens all the time. She wants to go to Florida, and I tell her, "No, girl, we should stay here where it's safe." I've seen

things that she couldn't even dream of happen to mixed couples. She doesn't understand 'cause she wasn't there.

Q: Does your age difference add anything extra to your physical relationship due to the taboos, the forbidden fruit aspect?

H: To some extent, for me.

A: I don't see it.
[Much laughter.] My
parents had me at 50, so
they are much older —
they could be his parents. I've always associated with older people. I
never had much to do
with people my own age
'cause they're just little
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H: I have children her age and I look at her sometimes and say, "Wow." And now we're married and have two boys of our own.

Q: I guess the race



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issue could mess up my next question. Has anyone ever thought you were his daughter?

A: Well, they'll ask if our sons are his grandkids.

H: [Laughs.] All the time. They say, "Oh, what lovely grandchildren." But then we just don't look that different in age to begin with.

Q: What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you as a result of your age difference?

H: One time when someone told me what cute grandchildren I had, I said, "Those are my kids. There may be snow on the roof, but there's fire in the furnace!"
[Laughs.]

Q: How long have you been married?

A: Eight years.

Q: How long did you know each other before you got married?

A: Six months.

Q: Oh, so you move fast, Henry.

H: [Laughs.]
Q: Fire in the hole?
A and H: [Much laughter.]

H: No, in the furnace. There might be snow on the roof, but there's fire in the furnace.

Q: Do you have any advice for other couples who might be considering having a relationship like this?

H: I would tell them to go where their heart leads them. People will talk no matter what you do anyway.

Q: Did people do anything to try and stop you? Did they offer you prizes or gifts or money to bring you to your senses?

H: Yes, they did. Our parents were supposed to drive us to the ceremony, and they drove us around for two or three hours until we said, "Let us out, we'll take a cab."

Q: So you were hijacked. It does not look as if it worked.

H: No. They knew we were gonna do it, and making us late would not stop us. ■

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We dug about three feet into this soil rich with chicken manure, and I laid Lily's stiff body at the bottom.

A little dirt smudged her snout.

are visions of paradise. As such they are the setting for activities that take me out of time. Gardens reconcile me to time on the grandest scale. In gardens I engage in the pleasures I would be enjoying continually if life were more like heaven.

What pleasures? I sit and talk with a friend, I drink a cup of tea, I look at buds that will turn the wisteria into a blue river free of gravity, I daydream, I flirt, I attend a wedding, a party. The garden confers on these pleasures a sense of occasion. Because of gardens' evocation of heaven, we sometimes give them our dead.

Gardens can be places of memory and regret. In the 18th Century, cemeteries became gardens. That is, when our civilization became secular, we began to bury ourselves in idealized nature rather than the urban churchyard. Cemeteries are public parks, recreations of the Elysian fields where death's moment stands still in the form of eternal monuments, which then are softened by the seasonal time of trees

and rolling lawns; eventually the marble is worn smooth and reclaimed by the seasons. That softening of stone is part of the charm of all garden sculpture, not just tombstones.

We stage our acts of mourning in gardens. I helped my friends spread the ashes of their parents or lovers by the roots of apple trees, by a Japanese stone lantern, by a patch of irises, under a pomegranate tree.

So when my dog Lily died, I buried her in my garden. This is not a new idea: my family's yards have been the final resting place of praying mantises, turtles, mice, and a snake. In Peggy Guggenheim's famous sculpture garden in Venice, a corner is devoted to Sir Herbert, Lola, Lulu, Kachina, Imperator, and finally Peggy herself!



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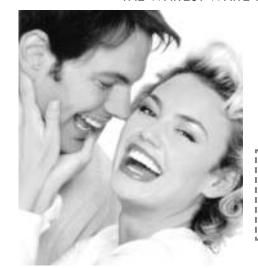
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The next morning, friends came over to help me bury her. I had just constructed my garden, so it was a good time. Where I live, the shale and clay are so hard that I'd had to use a iackhammer to create some room for topsoil. In a way, I had made a container garden in the earth. That morning we dug about three feet into this soil rich with chicken manure, and I laid Lily's stiff body at the bottom. A little dirt smudged her snout. I went to rub it off — and then I realized that she was actually going to be surrounded by dirt. The fact that I was going to take someone I loved who had just stopped and put her into a hole in the ground seemed more incredible to me than

trol, while in some other place I was getting Lily's blanket to protect her — from what? The death-rich soil? I could not let anyone help me close up her grave.

Later, I planted two old climbing roses over Lily. The

As the rains proceeded, a weird smell began to rise from that section of the yard. The stench was like nothing I had ever encountered, and it sent a loud and clear olfactory message: something had gone very wrong in my Elysian field.

the idea of heaven or resurrection.

I sat down and wept in earnest. I waved my friends away and they sort of crept out of the yard. My unrestrained tears came from some place beyond my conGloire de Dijon is a lovely Tea from 1853, with creamy buff flowers that hold a dazzle of apricot-gold within. Those were the colors of Lily's fur. The Gloire de Dijon is a tender plant — it limps along, asking for more fungi-

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cide, more fertilizer, and I often think of replacing it, but then the blooms appear and I am appeased for another year. The hybrid musk Kathleen makes large sprays of China pink buds opening to white, singlepetaled "apple blossoms." The trunk is thick as my wrist and hearty as a tree. Kathleen is more vigorous than the Gloire de Dijon, more pest free, freer of mildew, of rust, of black spot...

But that's jumping the gun. I buried Lily in December, before the rains began. I had noticed that the soil I bought was warming up as though the organic matter had not entirely decomposed. As the rains proceeded, a weird smell began to rise from that section of the vard. The basin I had jackhammered out of shale could not empty as fast as rain filled it up. The stench was like nothing I had ever encountered, and it sent a loud and clear olfactory message: something had gone very wrong in my Elysian field. The plants didn't seem to mind the smell even when it grew stronger and more negative. I guess they were making the point that plants are not people. The stink could have risen from the underripe manure, but I began calling it Dog Soup.

Reluctantly, I took action. I had created a monster in my garden, and this time I did not wave my friends away to be alone with my emotion. I begged Richard, a stalwart gardener, to tackle the problem, because I did not want to run into Lily. He dug out the contaminated soil, and we shoveled in some fresh dirt mixed with sand and compost. Lily stayed where she was; she emitted no further messages, unless you count the cream and apricot roses on the climbing Tea. My feeling of horror subsided.

The grave in my garden marks a spot to think about Lily in passing, to locate feelings of tenderness. I make a joke and say that I live next to the graves of my ancestors, but in our mix-and-match culture it is something even to live by the grave of your dog.

–Robert Glück

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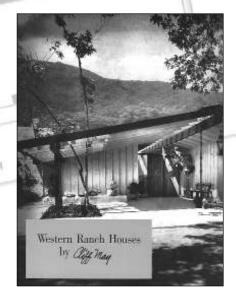
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The Ranch House Revisited DINING ROOM

BEDROOM 1 or two days in the early '70s, as a very young staff writer at Sunset magazine, I was Cliff May's chauffeur. Famous since the '40s as the Father of the Ranch House, designer/developer May (he was never a licensed architect and didn't care to be) was visiting Sunset's headquarters in Menlo

I met Mr. May and his wife — an astonishingly beautiful woman of Burmese ancestry — at a small airport on the San Francisco peninsula, for he was accustomed to flying his own plane to appointments around the West. Mr. May had the bearing of a bantam rooster; he was a weather vane-erect man with thin, silver hair, wearing expensively tailored clothes and quite used to giving orders. No longer at the height of his popularity, he still lived a lifestyle at "Mandalay," his huge ranch home in Sullivan Canyon, West Los Angeles, that equaled or surpassed that of his millionaire clientele. (Almost all of his commissions by the late '60s and '70s were for large, custom homes, unlike the tens of thousands of modest "ranchers" that made him the world's most popular home designer in the '40s and '50s.) The man radiated ego as much as one of his trademark large fireplaces gave off heat and sparks from burning split oak. Put him in the same room as Frank Lloyd Wright, and there would have been a scrap.

He had no idea — nor could he be expected to care — who I was, other than I had been sent by editor Proctor Mel-



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> lquist in a company-owned car to transport May and his wife wherever they desired. After we stashed the luggage in the back of the behemoth fake-woodsided station wagon (Sunset did everything, including purchasing company cars, as if it were a large, suburban family), we drove back to Menlo Park. I eavesdropped

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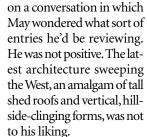


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When they grew quiet, I said, "Mr. May, I'm an admirer of your work. I grew up in a small, shake-roofed ranch house in the East Bay hills, and your book always seemed to be open on the table when my parents planned their remodel."

"Oh?" he said. "How did it turn out?"

And we were off. For the brief time remaining on the journey and several drives after that, he lectured me warmly, with great patience on why the ranch house style "worked." My youth in my parents' house, from barbecues on the patio to late afternoons spent in our family room watching fog spill over the Berkeley hills, seemed to reaffirm all his theories. Even today, when I reread the opening chapter to Western Ranch Houses by Cliff May (Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, 1958), I'm back in that station wagon again. The designer died in 1989 at age 81, but at least 100,000 people throughout the world, perhaps more, still live in ranch houses designed by Cliff May. Millions of other houses were inspired by his style, but most lacked the proportions and details that

distinguished May's work. Whatever happened to the ranch house's popularity, particularly in San Diego, where Cliff May got his start? May's life is well chronicled. He grew up in San Diego admiring Casa de Estudillo in Old Town, one of California's finest early houses,







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and was even related to the Estudillo family through an aunt. He was a frequent visitor to ranchos Las Flores and Margarita on what is now Camp Pendleton. One of his best houses, a private residence, can be seen at 2400 Presidio Drive above Old Town. In all, he built about 50 houses in the county.

The ranch house's successful design for living a rambling, one-story floor plan oriented to an extensive garden and one or more patios that functioned as "outdoor rooms" — was the very thing that caused its demise in San Diego. As lots grew smaller and pricier, builders and homeowners were forced to consolidate floor plans and go up another story. At the same time, San Diegans demanded larger houses for new amenities. Television, for example, still a novelty in the early '50s, established the need for a new type of living room, one meant not for guests but for family. San Diegans, just about the time they had moved their lifestyle into the back yard to enjoy the weather, began to huddle indoors once again.

San Diego architect Dale Naegle first arrived in San Diego as a graduate of USC's school of architecture and recently recalled his early impressions of ranch style.

"At that time [the '30s to early '50s], houses were smaller. People just didn't seem to need all the whistles and bells. Lots were larger in those days and less expensive. You couldn't sell a twostory house. The family room came in as developers competed for buyers, and the house evolved into the monster it is now."

A true ranch-style house

hugged the ground. It changed grade slightly if the lot demanded it; bulldozing was not a popular way to rearrange the site to create one large pad as it is today.

"The natural ranch house was a simple rectangle that got added onto as families grew," said Naegle. "It rambled. And with the weather in San Diego, you didn't have to park a full house over a basement so that heat could go up, as in the two-story houses back East. Sure, there were ranch houses elsewhere [in cold climes], like up in northern Arizona, but they were more condensed."

In May's opinion, one wasn't supposed to step up or down when going from indoors to outdoors. House slabs and outdoor patios were often poured as one.

"In the early '30s," continued Naegle, "it was illegal

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to build a house on slab. It had to be up on a wood floor. A slab was considered a garage — unhealthy to live off. Bungalows were up on wood floors, and they kept you from embracing the patio, because you had to go down steps to get there. May fought for and developed a heating system in the slab, and somehow [building inspectors] looked the other way. When he was able to build a house on slab, it could open right to the patio. All of his stuff does that. Hell, they've been doing it in Spain for centuries, of course."

Naegle told me that he recently designed a small (for the neighborhood) custom ranch-style house for owners who wanted a "humbler" house. Surprisingly, the house is located on a fairly hidden site in Fairbanks Ranch, the "most obstreperous, flamboyant, nouveau riche community" Naegle has ever seen. "Cliff

May did some nice little jewels in La Jolla, but as people get somewhat successful, they want to build bigger houses. I tell clients that if you'd put your feet in white powder and walk around in a house for a week, then measure the area, you'd find out you don't use much more than 600 square feet."

One of the county's most appealing concentrations of ranch houses occurs in an unlikely place, the steep hillsides and winding streets of Del Mar. Designer Herb Turner, who studied with John Lloyd Wright in Del Mar in the '50s and has designed more than 50 houses, most of them in Del Mar and none of them "ranch," remembers a truck arriving at a lot in Del Mar, near his own house, and unloading the makings of a Cliff May house.

"May had come up with a panel system based on a geometrical grid," said Turner,

modate odd-shaped lots or to create patios and entry

in his 70s), aided by other

Wanket's son Joe (now

as we toured the May-

designed home at 1634 For-

est Way, "that allowed most

exterior walls to be associ-

ated with the outside. It was

a low-cost system, and sev-

eral of these May mass-mar-

ket houses were built in Del

Mar as second homes." The

Forest Way house is on slab,

and clerestory windows open

the end of each gable to views

of sky and trees. A recent

front yard landscaping all

but hides any clues that this

is a May house. Another low-

cost May house in Del Mar

that is little changed from

the '50s can be seen at the

intersection of Coast Boule-

vard and 18th Street, near

ers" in the '40s and '50s

occurred in Del Mar because

of one builder/contractor,

Emil Wanket, Many were

Yankee-style ranch houses.

Instead of early California-

influenced stucco walls and

tile roofs, these houses had board-and-batten cedar sid-

ing and shingle or shake

roofs. The look was almost

mossy, like giant logs that

have fallen to a forest floor.

The houses stretch out along

one story, bending their floor

plans if necessary to accom-

An explosion of "ranch-

the beach.

Wanket sons, recalled how they joined their father to build more than 50 ranch houses. "Somebody asked for a three-bedroom house, and he [Emil Wanket] drew up the first one. The Del Mar lots cost so much, even back then, that you couldn't afford much of a house. These were very appealing right from the beginning. We made different modifications — shake roofs, wood on the outside, all open beam ceilings inside, cedar wall paneling, cabinets, standard doors and Dutch doors, wooden vent hoods over the stoves.... We even made the windows right there. Cedar was very economical then, because nobody used it. We'd get a big load of cedar and they'd dump it on the site. We'd pull out the clear boards for casings. We got the most out of it. Everybody called it knotty pine, but it was really knotty cedar. When we lacquered it inside, it had

a colorful, colonial look. "There was no one floor plan," Wanket continued. "Some houses wrapped clear around the corner of a lot from one street to the other. If it was a stepped lot, we just adapted to it. You couldn't afford bulldozers. We put shutters on some, cupolas on roofs - whatever the owner desired to make it cuter. Nice front porches, like on the old Western wood houses, gave it that low look." Some relatively unchanged examples of Wanket houses can be seen along 15th Street near Via Alta in Del Mar and by driving along any of the

town's hillside streets. Elsewhere in San Diego, especially in East County communities surrounding Mt. Helix, ranch houses enjoyed their two decades of dominance. The design was particularly suited to warmer areas. Low, sheltering roofs shielded sliding glass doors and ever-larger windows, instead of their original function of protecting the thick adobe walls of the first ranchos from rain. The corridor, an outside hallway leading from room to room in the earliest houses, became an indoor hallway that carried heating ductwork in its lower ceiling. The best ranch designs kept the corridor concept as a sort of glassed-in lanai or as a covered walk between wings. (Today's free-standing patio trellises seem poor, vestigial substitutes for this

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more integral, indoor-outdoor element.) Relatively blank façades faced the street; the houses' real beauty lay in the interface between indoor areas and private patios.

It may have been Sunset itself that helped cause the ranch's fall from popularity. When May was commissioned by L.W. Lane to design Sunset's headquarters in the '50s, then-editor Proctor Mellquist and former editor Walter Doty were concerned that the approach was "trite," according to former Sunset garden editor Joe Williamson, now retired.

"Mellquist and Doty were already scoffing at the ranch house and considered it...the lowest common denominator. We'd quit doing stories on them, even though most readers lived in ranch-style houses in tracts. When it was known that L.W. Lane was hiring May, they went out and got hot-shot architects of the moment. Each sketched up a building. L.W. said no, I want to do ranch. It's funny, but the kind of things their architects came up with would be looked at today as extremely dated. The ranch style is timeless. L.W. Lane knew more than all of us." ■

- Peter Jensen

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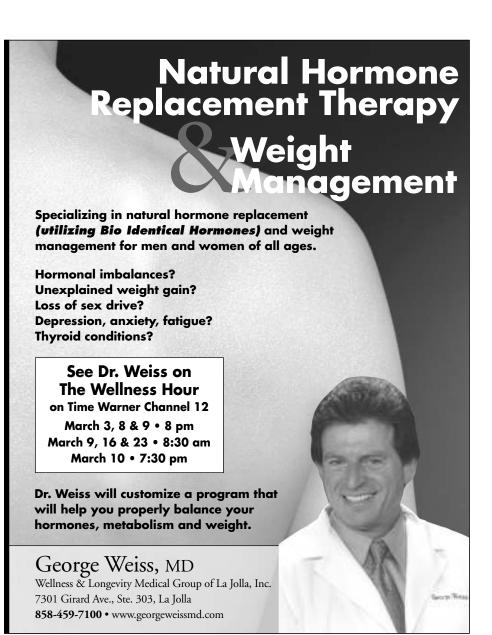






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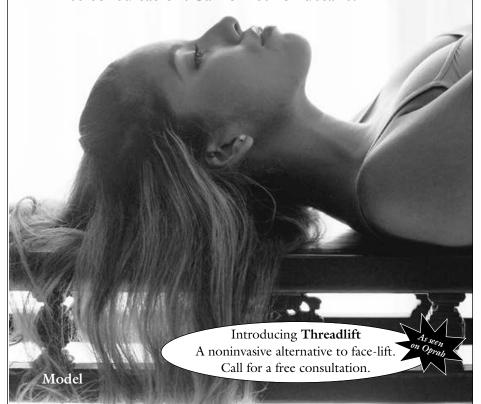
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child who was sensitive, attentive to the needs of others, and bright academically. He was not perfect then nor now, but imprisonment was not imaginable. It has happened to many who probably never thought "it" would happen in their family.

I hope that it never happens in your family. Be sure to take extra and consistent preventive measures like:

Put the children first.

Be there for them above all else.

Turn off the TV and talk to one another. Go to their games, re-

hearsals, recitals, etc. Help them with their

homework. Help them to develop

good study habits.
Encourage them to give, to trust, and to love.

Be their role model, not just a disciplinarian or financial provider.

Love them.

And remember, it does take a village.

Joyce H.

Killer Myth

In the February 10 "Blurt" column, Jay Allen Sanford blurts a load of garbage: "Master P was arrested... for having a handgun magazine clip with eight hollow-point bullets (known as 'cop-killers') in his luggage. The bullets are illegal in most states, including New Jersey."

First, "cop killer" bullets are a myth invented by antigun activists. The term originally was applied to Tefloncoated lead bullets invented by cops (!) to more reliably penetrate auto bodies and glass (and which could coincidentally pierce so-called bulletproof vests). There is no

record of those Teflon bullets ever killing a cop. Now some anti-gun nutsos have apparently started calling hollowpoint bullets "cop killers," but these bullets are *less* likely than solid-nose bullets to penetrate bulletproof vests!

Then Sanford states that these hollow points are "illegal in most states." I wonder how he figured that out, since they are in fact *legal* in virtually every state.

If Mr. Sanford in fact knows anything about the contemporary music scene in San Diego, I suggest he stick to writing about that, or at least engage in journalistic investigation before documenting his ignorance for the reading public.

Guy Winton III Escondido

Jay Allen Sanford responds: Regardless of the accuracy and origin of the phrase "cop-killer bullets," the slang term is common for this type of ammunition.

Society Leech

I am a San Diego native, and I have been reading the San Diego Reader ever since I saw it toothpaste-stained in my mother's bathroom. From the scathing, elitist articles by Duncan Shepherd to the "seasonal" contributions like "Diary of a Diva," I can't find a contributor who doesn't have something worthwhile to submit. That is, until now. Josh Board is a leech on society's smelly ass. His latest piece is an obvious seizure of the opportunity to use the word "diatribe," something I am sure he is not capable of launching into himself ("Crasher," February 10). He trashed a revered, well-published professor because of that professor's concern for nature; yes, Josh, nature is something

more important than determining how many free drinks you can down before the host realizes there is a parasite in his house. I wonder what your credentials are when you can't hold a conversation with a professor of writing.

Swan Ashby via e-mail

Swank Champ5

Just read your review of Million Dollar Baby (Movie Review, January 27). It contains this statement: "...and who, in reality, would have forfeited the bout by disqualification after our heroine momentarily forgets the first rule of boxing: 'Always protect yourself.' " Apparently you did not watch the end of the movie, where it must be assumed that the defending champ was disqualified and Swank was indeed the champ, as we see the championship belt in Eastwood's office.

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Stinky Daughter

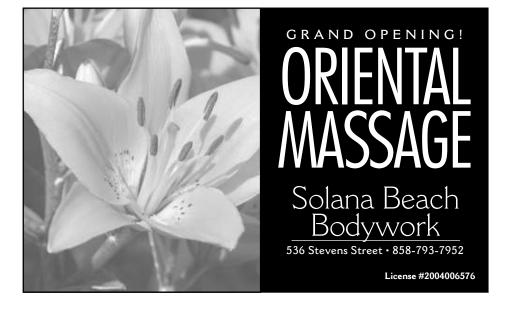
To Duncan: *First Daughter* stunk! I mean really stunk. Two stars? You owe me \$5 for this one.

David Walters via e-mail

Trash Alarm

The Reader doesn't recycle? I watched last Thursday as one of your employees dumped seven to ten *Readers* into a trash can before filling the newsstand with this week's paper. I sat on India Street and Date, the location of your actual publication, and wondered why they wouldn't be piled in front of your offices for better use — "the Reader doesn't recycle," I was told. "Write a letter." This is alarming!

A Concerned Citizen via e-mail



March 3-9

WEEK'S Best Bets

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MARTHA @

Dancer/choreographer Richard More portrays Martha Graham in a cabaret-tribute to the grand dame of dance. See IN PERSON, page 92

"HISTORY ALIVE"

Charles Harrington Elster, co-host of KPBS' A Way with Words, explores "The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain" at the Lemon Grove Historical Society's lecture series. See LECTURES.

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"EVOLUTION" Local urban dance company Culture Shock samples hip-hop, salsa, popping, jazz, and break dance at the California Center for the Arts Escondido. See **DANCE**, page 88

monday |

GYOTAKU Don Hubbard demonstrates Japanese fish printing and painting at the Southwestern Artists Association meeting in Balboa Park's Spanish Village. See

EXPERIMENTAL MUSIC

LECTURES, page 90

UCSD professor and cellist Charles Curtis plays Schoenberg and Webern, Feldman and Young. See CLASSICAL MUSIC, page 99

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MYSHKIN AND **GWENDOLYN** Ruby Warblers bring their gypsy-torch-punk to meet Gwendolyn's psychedelicacoustic-folk at Dizzy's downtown. See CLUBS, page 130

ROUGH AND TOUGH ROOTS ROCK The Fabulous Thunderbirds perform their brand of blues at the Belly Up. See **CONCERTS,** page 110

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"INK-SLINGIN' PUNK ROCK WRITER" Jim Ruland (whose body of work includes the depiction of Popeye as an opium sugar daddy) will be on hand for an open reading at Kung Food. See IN PERSON,

"A DAY IN HOLLYWOOD... A NIGHT IN UKRAINE" A

musical homage to 1940s Hollywood and the Marx Brothers opens tonight at Vista's Broadway Theater. See **THEATER,** page 102

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G. LOVE AND **SPECIAL SAUCE** Steelguitar blues with hip-hop influence from Garrett "G. Love" Dutton and his bandmates. See **CONCERTS,** page 110

JACK JOHNSON The

singer/surfer makes his only San Diego appearance at Lou's Records in Encinitas. See **CONCERTS,** page 110

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SURF DIVAS Twin sisters and surfers Izzy and Coco Tihanyi chat about their book, Surf Divas: A Girl's Guide to Getting Good Waves, at Warwick's in La Jolla. See IN PERSON.

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STOMP The eight-member percussion group keeps time with bristle brooms, Zippo lighters, wooden poles, trash can lids, dust bins, and hub caps.

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t's free. It's fun. It's fresh. It's freaky. It's fanatical. It's funky. It's flavorful. It's freakin' rad! Besides, we can't shop all day long, can we?" This is how Isabelle "Izzy" Tihanyi and her sister, Caroline "Coco" Tihanyi, answer the question, "Why Surf?"—also the title of the first chapter of their first book, Surf Diva: A Girl's Guide to Getting Good Waves.

Izzy and Coco opened Surf Diva, the first surfing school for women, in La Jolla in 1996. They are on a book-signing tour that has, in the past month, taken them to New York, Miami, and up the California coast.

LOCAL **EVENTS**

Friday, March 18.

The surfing sisters will wrap up their tour by discussing and signing their book at Warwick's Bookstore in their

hometown of La Jolla on Tuesday, March 8. Nancy and Cathy Warwick are the

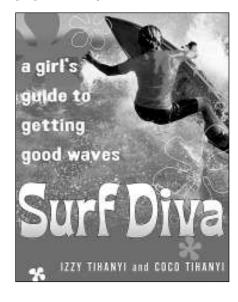
fourth generation in their family to take over their great-grandfather's bookstore. Warwick's has an average of six to eight book signings a month. Upcoming signings include more local authors like gardening experts Pat Welsh on Tuesday, March 22. Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer will be signing his book Taking Heat: The President, the Press, and My Years in the White House on

Izzy and Coco were taught to surf at an early age by their father. Izzy went on to become a competitive surfer and taught surfing while in college at UCSD. "If you wanted a lesson, it used to be very daunting," says Izzy. "You would most likely find yourself in a group of sandthrowing teenage boys or, worse, being

taught by one."

In the first pages of their book the Tihanyis write: "This book...is more than a how-to guide for women's surfing. It's a look into a lifestyle and a milestone for women that until very recently was and, in many ways still is, as underground as they come." According to Izzy, women surfers doubled from 2001 to 2003 and, at present, 38% of surfers in the water are female.

According to surfdiva.com, weekend clinics are two-day courses for beginning and intermediate surfers and are offered every weekend: two hours each on Saturday and Sunday (except for weekends that fall on Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's Day). Clinics run from \$130 per person for beginners and \$95 for



intermediate students and take place at La Jolla Shores.

The Tihanyis insist that anyone who can swim at least 200 vards and is not pregnant can jump on in. "Pregnant women do surf, but it's a hard sport to learn," said Izzy. "Unless you already know how to control the board, it's not a good idea...what if the board hits her in the stomach?"

Surfing can be dangerous, Izzy admits, "but will not leave you as sore as other sports like snowboarding." Izzy

has been an avid snowboarder for ten years. "With surfing, you land in the water, not on land. You will feel your upper body might be tired and sore, but if you stretch and drink lots of water, you'll be fine."

The sisters insist that "Diva-ness is required at all times while reading this book." Suggestions for how to maintain "diva-ness" while reading include sipping a latte in a silk sarong while wearing "huge sunglasses and glitter sunscreen." In addition to surfboards and other gear, surf-diva lifestyle accessories such as candles, books, shoes (the kind not worn on the beach), and music are offered on their website.

The primary idea the Tihanyis wish to



Izzv and Coco Tihanvi

convey is found in their company's motto: "The best surfer in the water is the one having the most fun."

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Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Participating authors include Margarita Valencia (*Jueves Fausto*), Amaranta Caballero (*Bravisimas bravérrimas*), and Omar Pimienta (*Primera persona*). Free. 011-52-664-687-9600.

The Book Fair at University of Baja California (at Reforma #1375) runs Friday through Tuesday, March 4-8. On hand: authors including Miguel León Portilla, Gaby Vargas, Hugo Hiriart, Francisco Martín Moreno, Hugo Gutiérrez Vega, Ignacio Betancourt, Denise Dresser, musician Derbez, actor Jesús Ochoa. 011-52-686-552-1056. (MEXICALI)

Canadian Cultural Festival, Dave McMurdo Jazz in concert, Thursday, March 3, 8 p.m., Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free.

Minerva Tapia Company and Arbol Azul present music and dance on Friday, March 4, 8 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TJUANA)



Oil paintings by Gail Roberts at David Zapf Gallery, March 4–April 2 (see Art Galleries)

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Tijuana-Tecate Bike Ride, Sunday, March 6, starting at 7:30 a.m. at Boulevard Insurgentes #17017. Ride finishes at Tecate Beer Fac-

tory. Registration: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-621-3200. (TIJUANA, TECATE)

Drag Racing slated for Sunday, March 6, 8 a.m., at Autódroma Tijuana, 3a Etapa, Zona Río. 011-52-664-623-1589. (TJUANA)

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series continues with piano quintet concert featuring pianist Anton Nel on Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Quintet members include Ida Levin (violin), Cynthia Phelps (viola), Ronald Thomas (cello), Timothy Pitts (bass).

Program includes Mozart's "Rondo in D Major" and "Gigue in G Major," the "Duo in D Major for Cello and Bass" by Rossini, Schubert's "Quintet in A Major for Piano and Strings (Trout)," and "Piano Quartet in C Minor for Piano and Strings," by Fauré; \$20. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

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OUTDOORS

March Is the Proverbial Windy Month here in San Diego, as in most places. From midday to late afternoon, sunwarmed air expands and rises over the county's interior, drawing in an influx of cool air from the coast to replace it. These afternoon sea breezes will continue at peak strength until well into the summer, providing dependable conditions for such sports as sailing, kite flying, and hang-gliding.

Plenty of Rain and Bright Sunshine during the last month have triggered the emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidambar, and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego. Cruise down 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider. Or walk across the El Prado bridge and look down upon the same.

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star" this entire year between the approximate dates of March 6 and 18. Next week Mercury will be setting over the west horizon almost an hour and a half after the sun sets there. Mercury lies a short distance to the right of the thin waxing crescent moon on the early evening of Friday, March 11, making the elusive planet easy to identify at that time.

Bird in Guajome Regional Park when Audubon Society birders visit the 500-acre space Saturday, March 5, 8 a.m. to noon. Park boasts a 25-acre lake, marshland, and some interesting trails, along with water in creek.

Meet in first parking area after entering park on Guajome Lake Road, about seven miles east of I-5 via Highway 76. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature; water, restrooms, and picnic tables are available (bring a lunch if you wish). Parking fee: \$2.619-280-7710. (OCEANSIDE)

"Plant Communities of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park" examined Saturday, March 5, for Anza-Borrego Institute. On Sunday, March 6, take "A Close-Up Look at Cacti of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park." Both programs run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee for either is \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)









M.G. Lord at Warwick's Bookstore, March 3 (see In Person)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, March 5, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday,

B.B. King Mar. 1

Ron White Mar. 13

Mötley Crüe Mar. 22

Elvis Costello Mar 23

Rod Stewart April 1

Ryan Cabrera April 1

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The Killers April 12

Gloria Trevi April 24

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Gordon Lightfoot April 22

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WWE "Smackdown" April 5

Slipknot/Lamb of God April 8

Billy Idol Mar. 22

Pat Metheny Group Mar. 5

Social Distortion Mar. 18. 19

March 5, 10 a.m., visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, March 5, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through trees, chaparral in search of birds, wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is job of Wildlife Assist volunteers. Orientations on Saturday, March 5, at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive); and Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Programs offered Sunday, March 6, at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive); and at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (CLAIREMONT, ESCONDIDO, ENCINITAS, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Patrol Volunteer Training offered in San Dieguito River Park

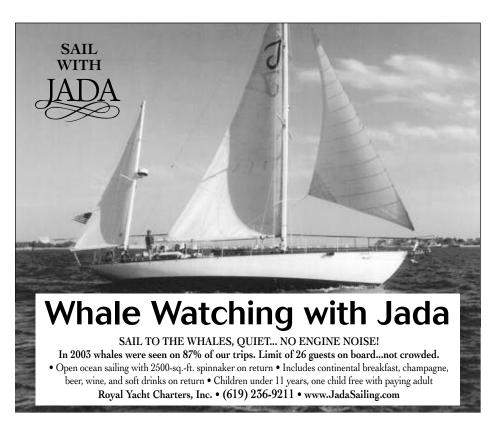
on Saturdays, March 5 and 12, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at San Dieguito River Park offices (off Highland Valley Road). Visitor relations, radio procedures, handling emergencies. Free. Required reservations: 858-674-2275 x14. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Hike, Will Smith leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including March 6, 1 p.m. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Dayuse fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. (JULIAN)

Plant Willowy Monardella (Monardella viminea) in López Canyon hosted by California Native Plant Society on Sunday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet in López Ridge Park (7245 Calle Cristobal) for shuttle via 4WD vehicle to site. Bring work gloves, work clothes, favorite planting tools. Free. 858-342-8856. (MIRA MESA)

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Highest Tides this month, +6.5 feet, occur at 7:33 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, and at 8:19 a.m. on the following day. A series of very low tides occurs during the same period. On Monday, there's a -1.5-foot tideat 1:44 p.m. On Tuesday, there's a -1.6-foot tide at 2:21 p.m. On Wednesday, there's a -1.4-foot tide at 2:55 p.m. The extreme low-tide episodes are perfectly timed for effective tidepool discoveries along the county's rocky sections of coastline.

DANCE

Ragtime-Era One-Step variations highlight beginner-friendly dance on Friday, March 4, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance to music by Old Twine String Band, calling by Steve Barlow on Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop at 7:45 p.m.; \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550, (NORTH PARK)

Dancejam! Open, free-form, family-friendly shindigs offered every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue); \$7. 619-298-2687. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on first Friday of every month, including March 4, for beginner's instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance at My Dance Academy (3837 Plaza Drive); \$7.760-803-9982. (OCEANSIDE)

A Full-Length Production of Sleeping Beauty, after original by Marius Petipa and based on Charles Perrault tale, presented March 5 and 6 at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Princess Aurora is performed by guest artist Polina Semionova, principal dancer of Deutsche Staatsoper Berlin Ballet; other guest artists include David

ROAM-(__)-RAMA

A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND BY JERRY SCHAD

n the aftermath of this season's repeated downpours, San Diego County's "big falls" have been showing their stuff. Big, in this neck of the woods, means a hundred feet or so. Of four such falls in the upper San Diego River drainage, only one is accessible to casual hikers: Cedar Creek Falls. Another, called Mildred Falls, can be seen on the way to Cedar Creek.

Various not-quite-legal hiking routes to Cedar Creek Falls have been forged, but I will make mention of only the sole, approved route. First, drive to Pine Hills Road, which intersects Highway 78 just west of Julian, and turn south. After 1.5 miles, bear right on Eagle Peak Road, After 1.4 more miles, veer right again, staying on Eagle Peak Road. Now you face 8.2 miles of progressively poorer road, parts of which become slippery and muddy in wet weather. In the end, you come to a four-way junction of roads and a forestservice sign announcing the old road — now a riding and hiking trail toward the falls. Everything within miles of here was swept over by the October 2003 Cedar Fire, but the sage and chaparral vegetation is rapidly regenerating. The current wildflower display, the best in years, will probably continue for the next several weeks.

As you head downhill, look up the canyon in the north (Ritchie Creek canyon) to see Mildred Falls,

Cedar Creek Falls

ing Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m., at

Bamboo Yoga (1127 Loma Av-

enue); \$60 for entire session.

Dance from the Heart benefit

concert for tsunami survivors on

Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m., at San

Marcos Community Center (3

Civic Center Drive), Southern Cal-

ifornia dancers and musicians

showcased; \$15. 760-738-7142.

"Evolution," an evening of hip-

hop dance, offered by Culture

Shock San Diego on Sunday,

March 6, 7 p.m., at California Cen-

ter for the Arts, Escondido (340

North Escondido Boulevard). Also

(SAN MARCOS

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619-435-9119, (CORONADO)

County's highest at more than 100 feet. The old road winds farther west, offering a splendid view of the V-shaped upper San Diego River canyon, then turns south on a long descent to the river bed. At 1.4 miles into the hike, take the spur road that goes left (southeast) over a low saddle into the Cedar Creek drainage. Descend to the bank of the creek and continue following the old road and trail down to the shallow, reflecting pool at the brink of the falls. about two and one-quarter miles from your starting point. Be extremely cautious here, as the rock is very slippery and the water swift. By clambering up the slope to the north, it's

arguably San Diego

CEDAR CREEK

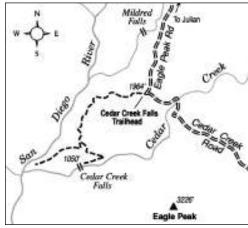
The waters of Cedar Creek, southwest of Julian, pack the punch of a double-normal rainfall season as they leap over a 90-foot ledge.

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO: 66 miles HIKING LENGTH: 4.5 miles round trip HIKING DIFFICULTY: Moderate

possible to get a glimpse of the 90-foot-high cascade and the cottonwoodframed "punchbowl" at the bottom - some 50 feet across and perhaps 20 feet deep.

Although this hike is moderate in difficulty for

the sweaty, uphill climb back to the trailhead in afternoon heat. Over the years, several fatalities have occurred at the falls due to behavior such as daredevil diving and unprotected rock climbing, with alcohol often a factor.



experienced hikers, that rating might only apply on a cool day. Plenty of people get into trouble on the return, simply because they forget to bring along plenty of drinking water for

in advance, \$18 at door. 619-299-

Head to Lindy Loft on Sun-

day, March 6, at Mission Valley

Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle

South). Meeshi and Jenn lead jit-

terbug/Lindy classes (intermediate

swing at 6 p.m.; beginning swing

class at 7 p.m.), followed by dance

party (8 to 11 p.m.). Fees: \$15 for

entire evening; \$7 for dance alone.

West African Dance Work-

shop led by Oscar Camara of

Guinea, west Africa, with live

drumming, on Sunday, March 6,

1:30 to 3 p.m., at Magdalena Ecke

YMCA (200 Saxony Road); \$15.

760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

858-395-6060. (MISSION VALLEY)

2110, (ESCONDIDO)

The Palomar Ranger District, Cleveland National Forest, has jurisdiction over the area covered by the hike described here. Their telephone is 760-788-0250.

Get Your Sweat and Groove On when hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street; \$10 per class, \$35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

at 8 p.m. Thursday through Satur-

"Celebrating Spring" is theme when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, March 7, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street); \$3.619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

"danceAlive!" A diverse collection of dance pieces by faculty and guest choreographers, directed by Yolande Snaith, showcased March 10-13, in Mandell Weiss Forum Theatre at UCSD. Curtain rises

FILM

day, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15

general. 858-534-4574. (LA JOLLA)

Jeff Bridges Club gathers to see The Fisher King, with Bridges and Robin Williams, Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m.; \$10. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"Film Fans" convene to see and discuss Delovely on Friday, March 4, 12:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$3. 858-362-1141. (LA JOLLA)

The Documentary Plan Colombia: Cashing in on the Drug War Failure screens, hosted by Activist San Diego, Friday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery (4496 Park Boulevard). Discussion follows. Requested donation: \$3-\$5. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Documentary The Corporation is screened Saturday, March 5, 6 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Film "traces origins of corporation as a publicly regulated institution to its present-day social predominance." Donation. 619-482-0061. (HILLCREST)

See Video of Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro, Saturday, March 5, 5 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mel Gibson's Passion of the Christ screens Sunday, March 6, 5 p.m., at Buena Vista Baptist Church (145 Hannalei Drive). 760-726-1564. Free. (VISTA)

Alan Taylor's "Scruffy, Skewed **Reverie,"** Palookaville — starring Vincent Gallo, Frances McDormand, William Forsythe --- screens for Film Forum on Monday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)



Performances begin at 8 p.m.

on Saturday; at 1 and 5:30 p.m. on

Sunday. Tickets for adults: \$35-

\$75; children 12 and under, \$20.

858-560-6741, 858-570-1100.

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gelique for Eveoke Dance Theatre.

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at Old Wonderbread Factory (147

14th Street). Shows begin at 8 p.m.

Thursdays through Saturdays;

2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$20

general; pay what you can on Sun-

days. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)





"A Man for All Seasons, starring Paul Scofield, screens for First Monday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas" on March 7, 6:15 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Member of Saint Thomas More Society will be on hand to make presentation; discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcasing independent and foreign films continues with Canadian drama Wolves in the Snow on March 9, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. In French with English subtitles. (CHULA VISTA)

The 12th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 10-20, showcasing films from U.S. and across Latin America. Screenings take place at Mann Theaters Hazard Center (7510

Hazard Center Drive). Featured films include Onde Anda Voce, Magos v Gigantes, El Carro, Love for Rent, Caribe, many, many more.

This year, take in "Para la Familia," featuring films, documentaries, television shows for families. Seminars include "Producing for Television," "Financing the Independent Film," "Selling Your Screenplay." Tickets: \$8.50 general, \$6.50 for students and seniors. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. currently screening in the IMAX theater: Mystery of the Nile, Roar: Lions of the Kalahari. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Renowned Local Artist James Hubbell presents slide-illustrated lecture in conjunction with "The Watercolors of James Hubbell:

Meditations on Nature and Life" exhibit, Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway); \$8. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain" explored by author Charles Harrington Elster for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Book signing follows; \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"A Thousand Years of Weapons for Writers" examined when Scott Farrell speaks for Sisters in Crime on Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$3. 760-366-1962. (HILLCREST)

Consumer Forum on Late-Life Mental Illness, an event of 2005 White House Conference on Aging, convenes Thursday,

March 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Speakers include Stephen J. Bartels and Clayton Fong. Presenters explore late-life mental health issues. Free. Required reservations: 619-563-2723. (ROLANDO)

Garden Edibles provide fodder when Dennis Sharmahd presents slide-illustrated lecture for Carlsbad Garden Club on Friday, March 4, 1 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). Sharmahd will sell plants, seeds. 760-729-5989 or 760-729-8172. Free. (CARLSBAD)

"Impressionism and Imagination" examined by Getty Center assistant curator of painting Charlotte Everman for Docent Guest lecture on Friday, March 4, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

Gourd-O! Students make bowl.

when Carol Lang leads "Introduction to Gourd Art Class" on Friday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive); \$60. Registration: 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"Gourds as Home Décor" is subject for class on Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants learn to clean, carve, prepare, woodburn, more; \$70 fee includes materials. Reservations: 619-255-0203, (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Sounds of the 1930s when "Early Movie Musicals" are examined on Friday, March 4, 10 a.m. at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Included in museum admission. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Organic Pest and Weed Control" is subject on Saturday, March 5, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free, 619-284-6358, (CITY HEIGHTS)

Learn Brush Painting in the Japanese Manner when Rosemary Kimbal presents calligraphy class, Saturday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Wear comfortable dark clothing; \$20 includes materials. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate Arbor Day (one day early) when arborist Dan Simpson presents "Selecting and Planting Drought-Tolerant Trees," Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Tree selection, planting, care, location. Free.

Landscape architect Dan Carney offers "Fire Safety in the Landscape," Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m. Plant selection, erosion control, irrigation for fire resistance, building materials, more. Free. Required reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

















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Calendar Local Events

Composting Mini-Seminars offered on first Saturday of each month, including March 5, 11 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

"From Corsets to Crinolines: A History of Women's Undergarments" offered by Sue Gonda of Grossmont College history department, Saturday, March 5, 1:30 p.m., at El Cajon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue). 619-588-3718. Free. (EL CAJON)

"The Nature of American Jewish Identity" examined when Deborah E. Lipstadt presents talks on March 5 and 6 at Temple Emanu-El (6299 Capri Drive). The professor is author of *History on Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving*, chronicling her five-year battle with the famous Holocaust denier.

"The New Anti-Semitism and Anti-Israelism: A Real or Perceived Danger?" starts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday (\$18 for lecture, reception). Lipstadt discusses and signs books during lox and bagel brunch on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Reservations: 619-286-2555. (SAN DIEGO)

The Gathering, a monthly forum for artists from emerging to professional, is Sunday, March 6, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute. First part of Gathering consists of critical analysis with intention of spotlighting artists and encouraging their development, followed by group critique. 619-236-0011; \$4. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ethics During and After the Holocaust" explored when John K. Roth speaks Sunday, March 6, 1 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Free. 858-362-1150. (LA JOLLA)

"The American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" continues with "Mondays at the Mingei" roundtable discussion of "Modern American Dance" and luncheon, March 7, noon, at Mingei International Museum; \$20.

What Are the Three Meanings to "the time of our lives"? Discuss Mortimer J. Adler's *Ethics of Common Sense* on Monday, March 7, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. Bring text. 619-291-5754.

Curator of Physical Anthropology Tori Heflin leads tour of new exhibit "Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" for 12 O'Clock



The Fisher King at Museum of Photographic Arts, March 3 (see Film)

Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, March 7; \$6, 619-239-2001, (BALBOA PARK)

"I Am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl" presented by Ruth and Judea Pearl, parents of the slain journalist, Monday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). The Pearls were inspired to ask 146 Jews to record their reactions to his words—statements that form core of book; \$14 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Gyotaku (Fish Printing) Demonstration planned by artist
Don Hummbard when Southwestern Artists Association gathers, Monday, March 7, 10 a.m., in

Gallery 23, Spanish Village. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Natural History of Chocolate" is divulged during lecture on Monday, March 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Live specimens, seeds, pods on hand; chocolate treats, Maya hot-chocolate drink; \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dress and Identity in Asia" examined when Los Angeles County Museum of Art costumes and textiles curator Dale Gluckman speaks for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Tuesday, March 8. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$20 for nonmembers, or \$38 with lunch) and 6 p.m.

(\$20 for nonmembers). Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Excel at Genealogy" after Dorothy Miller demonstrates Microsoft Excel program for Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, March 8, 1 p.m., at Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free.

"The Other Asian-America: Labor Migration to the Caribbean Region After 1838" presented by immigration historian Walton Look Lai, who teaches at University of West Indies, St. Augustine, Tuesday, March 8, 4 p.m., in de Certeau Room (3155 Literature Building, UCSD). Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Women of Note: Notable Women in Classical Music" explored when pianist/lecturer Virginia Eskin presents three-part series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Learn about "Women Composers of the European/Romantic Era" on Tuesday, March 8, and "American Women Composers" on Thursday, March 10. Both lectures start at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$45 for series, \$17 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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"Rethinking Democracy: Peace, Power, and Equality" is theme for 16th annual Social Issues Conference at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), Tuesday through Saturday, March 8-12. Speakers include Sister Helen Prejean, author/activist Father John Dear; lectures on wide variety of subjects. Free. 619-260-4798. (LINDA VISTA)

"How to Create Your Own Autobiography," part one of this "personal history workshop" is presented by SDSU faculty member Rita Micklish on Tuesday, March 8, 1 p.m., at Casa de Oro Library (9805 Campo Road #145). Micklish divulges part two on Tuesday, March 22, 1 p.m. Free. 619-463-3236. (SPRING VALLEY)

"What Bird Was That?" Discover how to identify birds after course offered Tuesday and Thursday, March 8 and 10, 6 p.m. (followed by field trip on March 12) offered by San Diego Natural History Museum. Ideal for beginners; \$38. Registration: 619-255-0203.

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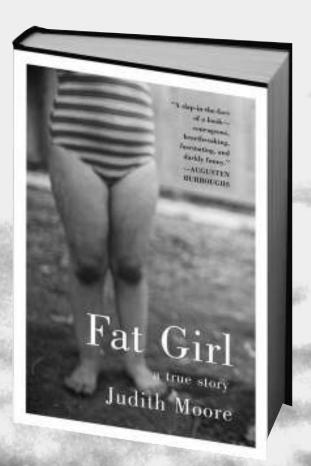
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focuses on famous female artists, Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m., at Valley Center Library (29200 Cole Grade Road; 760-749-1305). Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Single Motherhood: Redefining the American Family" is topic on Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

Floral Designs for a Variety of **Table Settings** demonstrated by Kathy Taylor De Murillo when Point Loma Garden Club meets on Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Human Presence" is explained by Lucia Sanroman during gallery talks on Thursday, March 10 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, March 13 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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

IN PERSON

SilverWood performs Celtic music and more during First Thursday Concert on March 3, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Avant-Garde Revolutionary, Radical Sociologist, progressive educator, anti-art theorist Allan Kaprow is known for his "Happenings," created in early 1960s.



"From Corsets to Crinolines: A History of Women's Undergarments" at El Cajon Library, March 5 (see Lectures)

Author Jeff Kellev discusses and signs Childsplay: The Art of Allan Kaprow on Thursday, March 3, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

First Mission: Barbie! Next Mission: JPL! Author M.G. Lord — who grew up in La Jolla returns to discuss and sign her new book, Astro Turf: The Private Life of Rocket Science, Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Mr. Single" performed by Zeljko Vukmirica — described as "Croatia's answer to England's Mr. Bean" — on Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4, 7 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). He uses "his acting powers and a made-up language." Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

TNT, Terry Winters's collaborations with dance, including selections from Trisha Brown Dance Company's El Trilogy, offered during Thursday Night Thing at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard) on Thursday, March 3. Alicia Peterson and Dancers showcase their abstract and kinetic choreography while projections of El Trilogy are screened. Donation: \$3. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Martha@, cabaret tribute to legendary dancer Martha Graham

created by choreographer and dancer Richard Move is presented for "American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" at Lyceum Space Theatre in Horton Plaza. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4; at 7 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 5; and at 3 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. Tickets: \$27-\$35. 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

The Robin Nolan Trio performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Business Book Authors Scott Blanchard (Leverage Your Best, Ditch the Rest) and Michael Crews (Hard Work) present panel discussion and book signing on Friday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

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Speak Easy, open reading featuring "ink-slingin' punk rock writer" Jim Ruland on Friday, March 4, at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Sign-ups at 7 p.m., events at 8 p.m. Free. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

Where to Hike, Bike, and **Camp** revealed when Tom Leech and Jack Farnan sign Outdoors San Diego on Friday, March 4, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free, 760-943-6400, (ENCINITAS)

Busy on Friday? The duo also plans signing on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

John Pisano and the Flying Pisanos visit Buffalo Brothers music shop (4901 El Camino Real) to perform and demo Eastman guitars on Friday, March 4, 7 p.m. Free. Requested reservations: 760-434-4567. (CARLSBAD)

Cris in Concert, vocalist Cris Williamson is joined by guitarist Nina Gerber for concert celebrating release of her new CD Raw Deal, Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Center (3909 Centre Street). Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$22 at door, 619-517-5536, (HILLCREST)

The Halfway Cafe, artists' community and coffeehouse with "live music, open mike, works by various local artists" on Friday,

March 4, 7 p.m., at New Life Church (5333 Lake Murray Boulevard). Free, 619-667-5999, (LA MESA)

Bayou Brothers in Concert. Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

"Let's Go to the Movies," annual musical revue hosted by San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus, Inflections vocal jazz group, Women of Note, Men of Note, Serra-Naders, Saturday, March 5, 4:30 p.m., at Otto Wilhelm Schmidt Theatre (389 North Magnolia Avenue). Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Reservations: 858-277-0849. (EL CAJON)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble in concert, Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m., at Devaloka (609 South Vulcan Avenue). Crystal singing bowls, Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals. Bring seating; \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-471-7304 or 760-334-1700. (ENCINITAS)

Spend an "Evening with Groucho" when actor, director, playwright Frank Ferrante brings his portrayal of comedian Groucho Marx to California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard) on Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m. Ferrante was "discovered by Groucho's son Arthur" while a drama student at USC. Tickets: \$25, \$32. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Author Donald H. Harrison signs and discusses Louis Rose: San Diego's First Jewish Settler and Entrepreneur on Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847.

Music of Celtic Isles and Highlands promised when Highland Way performs March 5, for Saturdays in Shadowridge series concert at 3:30 p.m. at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Donation: \$10. 760-631-7055. (VISTA)

Mark Spoelstra and Peggy Watson in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, March 5, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). As part of his long career, Spoelstra performed as duo with Bob Dylan in early 1960s; singer-songwriter Watson "has been embraced by the jazz and pop world as well' (\$15). 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Author Dr. Nick Yphantides signs and discusses My Big Fat Greek Diet, Saturday, March 5, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Local Sounds promised first Saturday of each month when ensembles from Coastal Communities Band perform at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Enjoy performance by Flute Ensemble on March 5, 1 p.m. Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Poetry Open-Mike Night hosted by Full Moon Poets, Saturday, March 5, 2 to 4 p.m., at Hennessey's (224 Main Street). Benefit for Through Children's Eyes, Inc. Requested donation: \$10 adults, \$5 students. 760-643-9495. (VISTA)

The Singing Nuns, a.k.a. the Treble Makers, perform in concert on March 5 and 6 at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sun-

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day; \$15 general. Reservations: 619-584-3593, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Omar Faruk Tekbilek and his six-piece ensemble in concert, Sunday, March 6, 8 p.m., at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Program includes Middle-Earth Ensemble, Kuuma Dawa, bellydancing, food, vendors. Tickets: \$17 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-230-1237. (BALBOA PARK)

Flamenco Guitarist Oscar Aragon performs during CD-release party for Vida on Sunday, March 6, 5 p.m., at Cafe Sevilla Gaslamp (555 Fourth Avenue). Live original music, flamenco dance show. For those 21 and older. 619-233-5979. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Big-Band and Jazz Hall of Fame concert, Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Indian Classical Music promised when UCSD students of Kartik Seshadri perform Monday, March 7, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"The Fusion of Music and Poetry," Third Word event on Monday, March 7, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Author Sylvia Mendoza discusses The Book of Latina Women: 150 Vidas of Passion, Strength, and Success, Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Free. 858-756-2152, (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Get Ready to Stomp! The international eight-member percussion ensemble of Stomp! hits stage at San Diego Civic Theatre for performances, with everything including hubcaps and the kitchen sink.

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Local Surfing Entrepreneurs Izzy and Coco Tihanyi visit Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue) to sign and discuss Surf Diva: A Girl's Guide to Getting Good Waves, Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series continues with reading by political columnist, novelist, writer William O'Rourke on Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Magee Park Poets Poetry Reading on Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-434-2881. Free. (CARLSBAD)

New Writing Series, Winter 2005 continues with reading by poet, novelist, UCSD literature professor emeritus Fanny Howe Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 p.m., in Performance Space of Visual Arts Facility (just north of Gilman parking structure) at



Sleeping Beauty at San Diego Civic Theatre, March 5 and 6 (see Dance)

UCSD. Howe is author of more than 20 books. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

The Peninsula Singers Choir presents a Cohan salute, a John Denver medley, Gershwin medley, Hawthorne poem set to music during concert on Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Martha@, cabaret tribute to legendary dancer Martha Graham created by choreographer and dancer Richard Move is presented for

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"The Life and Work of an Uncommon Man" - author Howard Pollack discusses his "definitive biography of Aaron Copland" on Wednesday, March 9, noon, in Music 113 at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6060, (SDSU)

Pollack also discusses his book on Thursday, March 10, in library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Free. 858-362-1150. (LA JOLLA)

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The Sam Johnson Jazz Quartet performs all original compositions "in the modern European contemporary music style of jazz" Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Donation. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

UCSD Jazz Ensemble in concert. Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

The APO Hiking Society performs in concert on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, at 8 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Hiking Society has been together for three decades; \$40. 619-445-6002. (DEHESA)

Award-Winning Teen Author Laurie Halse Anderson discusses and signs her new book, Prom, on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-

Former Major-League Player Jose Canseco signs Juiced on Thursday, March 10, 6 p.m., at Costco (951 Palomar Airport Road). Free. 760-929-8067.

The Christian Heritage College Chamber Singers bring their spring 2005 concert tour to Buena Vista Baptist Church (145 Hannalei Drive) on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m. Offering. 760-726-1564. (VISTA)

Author Jack Innis presents lecture and booksigning of San Diego Legends on Thursday, March 10, 6:45 p.m., at Kensington Library (4121 Adams Avenue). Free. 619-533-3974. (KENSINGTON)

"A New Year, a New You," series continues when Fred Luskin dis-

cusses and signs Stress Free for Good: Ten Scientifically Proven Life Skills for Health and Happiness, Thursday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Solo Jazz Piano music on offer when Rick Helzer performs for Concert Hour series on Thursday, March 10, 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)

"Jazztet" offered by Westwind Brass and guest percussionist on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$15 general. 619-237-7892. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Fresno Falcons on Saturday, March 5, 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena, Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Lake Hodges Beginning Kayak Paddle sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, March 5, 1 to 4 p.m. Paddle around and discover the lake! Admission is \$65 general, \$20 per child aged 6 through 12 paddling in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203.(BALBOA PARK)

Hard Corps Race Series commences with 26-mile bike road race on Saturday, March 5, starting at 8:30 a.m. in 43 Area, down Las Pulgas Road towards ocean, in Camp Pendleton. Race-day registration: 7 a.m. 760-725-6836. (CAMP PENDLETON)

Whale Watching by Kayak led by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, March 5, at 9 a.m. and noon, off La Iolla Shores (2246 Avenida de la Playa); \$65 fee includes required equipment, snacks. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

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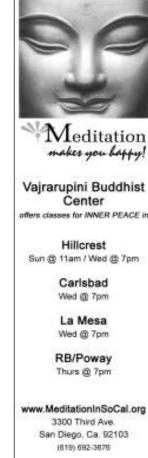
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SPECIAL

Conflict Is Inevitable but Manageable, according to those at National Conflict Resolution Center. In conjunction with Days of Dialogue, group hosts business/workplace, divorce, parentteen conflict workshops, Friday through Friday, March 4-11. Workshops offered in English and Spanish. Free. Requested reservations: 619-238-2400 x21. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY, TIJUANA)

Spring Home/Garden Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds, March 4-6. Talks on home and garden topics, vendor booths. Hours: noon to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Fees, information: 858-350-3738. (DEL MAR)

Examine Mean Spirit by poet, essayist, novelist, Chickasaw tribe member Linda Hogan during discussion led by SDSU professor Victoria Featherstone on Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at MiraCosta College Library (One Barnard Drive). 760-795-6815. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Meet and Mingle with artists at Artists Colony open studios event, Friday, March 4, 5:30 p.m. Find spot at 1150 Seventh Avenue. Free. 619-665-4047. Art in a variety of

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Ocean Beach Kite Festival,

Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes kite making, decorating, and flying contest for all ages. Vendors, food, entertainment, parade to beach for kite flying. Free kite making or bring your own kite. Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). 619-531-1527. (OCEAN BEACH)

Koi Club of San Diego $hosts\ its$ annual show on March 5 and 6 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show opens at 9 a.m. each day, closing at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday. 760-632-5451. (DEL MAR)

The 34th Annual Pow-Wow - with Native American dancing and singing competitions, arts and crafts, food — Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, noon to 10 p.m., in Montezuma Hall at San Diego State University's Aztec Center. Free. 619-594-6991. (SDSU)

Taka Sumi-E Society offers annual art exhibition, Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Japanese brush painting will be demonstrated, as will tea ceremony; fashion show with wearable art, Japanese dancing and music. Free. 619-255-2501. (BALBOA PARK)

Mata Ortiz Potter Trini Silveira demonstrates hand-building, painting, and firing techniques 10 a.m. to dark, Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, at Four Winds Trading Company (2476 San Diego Avenue). Pots by Silveira and others for sale. 619-692-0466.

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422, (SPORTS ARENA)

Dance, Music, and Cultural **Costumes** offered when House of Pacific Relations hosts "sampler program" Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739.

Commemorating 100 Years Since Ayn Rand's Birth, the Objectivist Discussion Group "announces a year-long series to study systematically her enduring phi-

Poetry |

ODE ON A GRECIAN URN

Thou still unravished bride of quietness, Thou foster-child of silence and slow time, Sylvan historian, who canst thus express A flowery tale more sweetly than our rhyme: What leaf-fringed legend haunts about thy shape Of deities or mortals, or of both, In Tempe or the dales of Arcady? What men or gods are these? What maidens loath? What mad pursuit? What struggle to escape? What pipes and timbrels? What wild ecstasy?

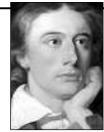
Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard Are sweeter; therefore, ye soft pipes, play on; Not to the sensual ear, but, more endeared, Pipe to the spirit dities of no tone. Fair youth, beneath the trees, thou canst not leave Thy song, nor ever can those trees be bare; Bold Lover, never, never canst thou kiss, Though winning near the goal - yet, do not grieve; She cannot fade, though thou hast not thy bliss Forever wilt thou love, and she be fair!

Ah, happy, happy boughs! that cannot shed Your leaves, nor ever bid the Spring adieu; And, happy melodist, unwearied, Forever piping songs forever new; More happy love! more happy, happy love! Forever warm and still to be enjoyed,

Forever panting, and forever young; All breathing human passion far above, That leaves a heart high-sorrowful and cloyed, A burning forehead, and a parching tongue.

Who are these coming to the sacrifice? To what green altar, O mysterious priest, Lead'st thou that heifer lowing at the skies, And all her silken flanks with garlands dressed? What little town by river or sea shore, Or mountain-built with peaceful citadel, Is emptied of this folk, this pious morn? And, little town, thy streets for evermore Will silent be; and not a soul to tell Why thou art desolate, can e'er return.

O Attic shape! Fair attitude! with brede Of marble men and maidens overwrought, With forest branches and the trodden weed; Thou, silent form, dost tease us out of thought As doth eternity. Cold Pastoral! When old age shall this generation waste, Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou say'st, "Beauty is truth, truth beauty," — that is all Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.



John Keats

- John Keats, 1820

losophy," continuing Sunday, March 6, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Participants read and discuss pages 55-72 of Leonard Peikoff's book Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand. Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Carnival of Cultures offered by City of San Marcos, Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Walnut Grove Park (1950 Sycamore). International displays, arts and crafts, music, storytelling, singers, more. Free admission. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Free-Form Dance and Play hosted by Bodymoves Studio (1518 Encinitas Boulevard) on first Sunday of each month, including

March 6, 10:30 a.m. "Sweat your prayers to awesome music in the style of the five rhythms." Fee: \$5-\$12, 760-942-2907, (ENCINITAS)

"We Are Family," it's the theme for Carlsbad's annual multicultural arts festival, running Monday through Saturday, March 7-12, at locations around Carlsbad. Indian storytelling and dancing, puppetry, African drumming, Hawaiian hula, Brazilian martial arts, ballet folklorico, much more.

Locations include Centro de Información (3333 Harding Street), Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive), Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), Harding Community Center. Free. 760-434-2904. (CARLSBAD)

Celebrate International Women's Day with breakfast event themed 'Women Together Change the World," Tuesday, March 8, 7 to 8:30 a.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Presentations on women peacemakers, global dispatches highlighting status of women around the world. Fee: \$10 for breakfast. Reservations required by March 4. 619-260-7568. (LINDA VISTA)

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)

The Artist-in-Residence Program at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center includes reception and exhibition of student artwork on Tuesday, March 8, 6 p.m. Free. Find center at 6611 University Avenue; 619-287-5762. (ROLANDO)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Urasenke Ayako Sohva Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, March 8, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission. 619-232-2780, (BALBOA PARK)

Banned Book Discussion Group meets to examine A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess, Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

"Cross-Cultural Symbology of the Mandala Art Form" explored in exhibition on view through Saturday, March 19, at Clicks library on UCSD campus. Free. 858-534-3336. (LA JOLLA)

"Traces of Black San Diego: The Norman Baynard Collection' is on display through Friday, March 25, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. Exhibit showcases work by Logan Heights studio photographer Norman Baynard (a.k.a. Mansour Abdullah), whose work spans 40 years. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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)

"Kenneth Capps: Backyard" includes nine works with strong minimalist sensibility, on display through Thursday, June 30, at Carlsbad Arts Office (2955 Elmwood Street), 760-434-2920, Free, (CARLSBAD)

FOR KIDS

"Comical, Magical Ventriloquism" presented by ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, March 6, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Rumplestiltskin, performed by Weaver's Tales, March 9-13.

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)

"Charlie and the Chocolate **Factory"** is next production for kids of San Diego Junior Theatre, March 4-20, in Casa del Prado Theater. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on March 19 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

"Hunters of the Sky," learn about and meet some raptors during family program, Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum, Presentation, crafts, stories; \$12 per family. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Meet San Diego Artist NealBociek and create artwork inspired by his work during family day activities on Sunday, March 6, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Bociek will lead an assemblage project using variety of found objects, materials. Arts workshop included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

The Caldecott-Winning Book Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems is read during story time, Tuesday, March 8, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Bunny craft included. Free. (ENCINITAS)

"Great Girls and Wonderful Women's Tales" presented when storyteller Harlynne Geisler performs for preschool story time, Tuesday, March 8, 11:15 a.m., at Rancho San Diego Library (11555 Via Rancho San Diego). 619-660-5370. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

The Magic and Artistry of Classical Music showcased when San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents family concert on Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard).

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Reading

Fat Girl: A True Story



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WHY I WROTE FAT GIRL: I wrote

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Fat Girl because I'd read books that other fat women wrote about how they were fat. Most fat women didn't write the truth about fat. They didn't write about fat fat fat fat thighs and how tender flesh on the inside of fat thighs rubs and rubs. The skin on one thigh rubs the skin on the other thigh down to raw blister. Every step you take, this raw blistered skin hurts. You can't tell anybody, "I have blisters" and "I hurt" because first off,

Judith Moor

you don't want to talk even in whispers about anything that goes on in the gloom between your thighs. No way. You are disgusting, and what goes on between your thighs is disgusting, so you don't tell. Besides, anybody you told would know you got the blisters because you're fat. They'd cluck-cluck-cluck that you were fat because in one sitting you poked in your snout and gobbled, with warm garlic French bread: an entire four-serving bowl of the perfect Cobb salad: Romaine and Bibb lettuces, Haas avocado whose soft ripe flesh turns an

immeasurably buttery green, watercress, tomato loosed tenderly from its tight skin, cold chicken breast and ham cut into batons, hard-boiled egg, chives, crumbled Maytag blue cheese, bacon fried and broken up, and for dressing, a heavy sluice of whatever you like). Anyone you told about that Cobb salad and French bread would feel either revolted by you or sorry for you. You don't want anyone to feel either way, not about you. You don't wish friend or stranger to feel sorry for you because you don't feel sorry for yourself, you feel fat.

From the beginning, if you were a child of many chins, you learned right off to set a goofy smile on your face when boys yelled "Fat-so." You learned not to cry one tear when they sang, straight to your heart, "I don't want her, you can have her, she's too fat

for me." Those boys screamed. "Pig Face, Pig Face, oink oink oink." When you trundled past them on the asphalt playground, these same boys reached out and pinched doughy flab on your arm. While they pinched, they squealed "Fatty, fatty." If a grownup asked, "How did you get that red place on your arm?" I said, "Bump'd into sump'in'." How can you confide, how can you tell, about pinches and oinks and "I don't want her"? Somebody should, I told myself. Which is also why I wrote Fat Girl.

Another reason I wrote Fat Girl is that few writers about fatties write that even thin girls (and women and men) can, behind their bony walls, remain fat. They weigh 110; they think they weigh 200. How this happens is that if a person's been fat and gotten

thin and maybe even stayed thin, she doesn't forget she was fat. Thin people who've lost weight tend not to lose the fatjowled self. Grandma's Sunday dinner (or Denny's special) is always setting a table in their mind. Thin people who once were fat don't forget fat jokes. When you lose 50 pounds and you're with someone who didn't know you when you were a tub o' lard, you well may make fat jokes too. The worst (and dirtiest) I ever heard was "You'd have to roll her in flour to find the wet spot." Some fat girls become anorexic women. Some anorexic women die of starvation. That's truly sad, much sadder than fatness.

Fat women who wrote about how they were fat ignored the aesthetics of food. They did write about how, for many fat people, food is more than peach pie, more than consolation, more than love. But nobody fat, writing about fat, quite got down to the nub of how much she admired the greasy sheen on hamburger buns, admired that grease as if it were Art, as if that oily patina (acquired on an ancient, filthy grill) were the "unravish'd bride of quietness" Keats admires in his "Ode on a Grecian Urn."

Narrators of first-person claptrap like what you read in Fat Girl often greet the reader at the door with hugs and kisses. I don't. I do not endear myself to you. I don't put on airs. I am not that pleasant. The older I get, the less pleasant I am fl you have never been fat, you may find me and my story repugnant. There's not much I can do about this. I gave part of the Fat Girl story to someone to read and he told me, flat out, that it was repellent. I thought,

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"You learned not to cry when they sang, 'I don't want her, you can have her, she's too fat for me.' "

Concert includes selections by Mendelssohn and Beethoven, performance by violinist Livia Sohn. Conductor Donald Barra's remarks will be translated into Spanish; \$5. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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 wheel-wright 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)

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.

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, current exhibit show-cases paintings by a grandfather and a granddaughter. Jiang Xu-anYi (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 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)

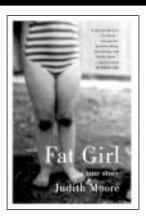
George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is 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)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items —including displays on phonographs, clocks,







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but did not say, "Then, how can you say you like me?" I realized that he did not like me. He tolerated me. Fuck him.

You can't hide your fat. But the truth about fat gets hidden in many books fat women write about being fat. Now that Fat Girl's written, printed, and distributed, now that Fat Girl's ready to be read, I ask myself why so much gets left out when fat women write about being fat.

According to the thin or the formerly or even presently fat, the fat person lacks

willpower, pride, this wretched attitude called "self-esteem," and does not care about her friends or family because if she did care about friends or family, she would not wander the earth looking like a repulsive sow, rhinoceros, hippo, elephant, or general nine-headed monster. The fat person doesn't even love herself because if she did, she would be slender and lithe and getting exercise by being busy with her bicycle rides and weightlifting with her three-pound pink weights. The most shameful fat facts, and those facts most avoided when the fat or formerly fat write about fatness, are facts about the fat body. Nobody wants to write details of how nobody wants to do sex things with you and the humiliating acts, sexual and other, that you commit to get a man (or woman) to love you. Nobody wants to write how somebody looked at you, across a perfectly tasty cheeseburger and French fries dinner, and said, "You're too fat to fuck." Huffing and puffing no fat

person wants to admit to, or weeping when you look in the mirror and a creature who inspires horror and dismay looks back at you, or shopping in fat stores for fat clothes, or how repulsed thin people are when they watch you slurp succulent pink shrimp dipped in red cocktail sauce (your puffy fingers dangle the shrimp's prickly tail), or how much trouble fat women have pulling on pantyhose over meaty thighs and rolls of stomach and buttocks that grind like the turbines that move water over the top of Grand Coulee Dam. Even the Size 3000 pantyhose made especially for fat women rip and tear when you try getting your tiny hog feet through the hosiery's filmy fabric. Plus, right away after a bath, in your fat folds and under your breasts and in your secular and your sacred secret places, you smell bad. Nobody, especially nobody fat or oncefat, wants to write this.

What people do want to write about is weight loss and how to achieve it. They want to

write about self-esteem and how to gain it. Fat Girl makes no claims to do either. What Fat Girl does is tell my story. I have never lugged home sacks of food and binged. I have never taken diet pills or made an appointment with a quack diet doctor. Nor have I gone the vomit or laxative route. I am a simple overeater who has spent decades eating too much and dieting and exercising. I am what nutritionists call a "yo-yo dieter." I gain 20 pounds and lose 15. I gain 40 and lose 50. I do not supply windbag notions about what's wrong with me. I tell you only what I know about myself, which is not all that much. You, if you read Fat Girl, will know more about me than I know. Fat Girl is a confessional box, and inside those four walls I make a clean breast of it.

Fat Girl tells the story of my family and the food we ate. We were an unhappy family. With the exception of my father's maternal grandparents and a woman who worked for them and my mother's half

brother, nobody much loved anybody. There was not a lot of family feeling. There was not a lot of blood-is-thickerthan-water and home-iswhere-the-heart-is. Everybody was pretty much in it for himself. We were hard American isolatos. We were solitaries, some of us, even outcasts. Unhappy families, though, still have to eat. For my father and for me, who are Fat Girl's primary fatsos, food was source of some of our greatest pleasure and most awful pain.

One aspect of Fat Girl that some critics don't like is that Fat Girl (and the person who wrote it) doesn't "end" happily and happy. Fat Girl does not haul ass its reader somewhere over the rainbow. Fat Girl's author does not prevail over adversity. I mistrust stories that finish on a note so triumphant that silver flutes pipe and wedding bells ring and Uncle Ben's long-grain white rice ricochets across the hot concrete outside the First Presbyterian Church on a June afternoon.

Adrienne Rich long ago wrote that "the dutiful daughter of the fathers is only a hack." I'd rather be fat than be a hack. The truth is: I may be both. Our buddy Keats wrote in his "Ode on a Grecian Urn" that

Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard

Are sweeter:

Perhaps I should have kept my fat trap shut about fat fat fat fat thighs and the rubbing raw. I don't think so. Fat Girl wants to make room for herself. She wants to tuck in her big belly and sit with her strong spine straight; she wants to sit right there on the bookstore shelf with the other ladies whose true-life stories are getting told. She wants you to take her off the shelf and hold her in both of your hands and open her up. She wants to tell you her story, and she wants you to tell her your story. Especially if your thighs are fat. She also wants to say, "Thank you for hanging around and reading this." ■

- Judith Moore

electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

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)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "The View from Otay Mesa: Cultural Landscapes through Time" features archaeological artifacts revealing "many new and fascinating facts about the southernmost region of San Diego County." Visitors see artifacts from the oldest dated site on Otay Mesa, the 10,000-year-old Remington Hill Site, as well as photographs and historic items. Through May.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "The Romance Cars of Italy" are on view through Monday, March 28. Lamborghini and Ferrari are joined by Bizzarini, Alfa Romeo, De Tomaso,

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 Creetness" is a 35 piece

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

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

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

The museum is located in the

Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum,

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

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

San Diego Museum of Man, "Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through Monday, September 26. 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. 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.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age," opening Saturday, March 5, explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

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

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 (BAI BOA 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)

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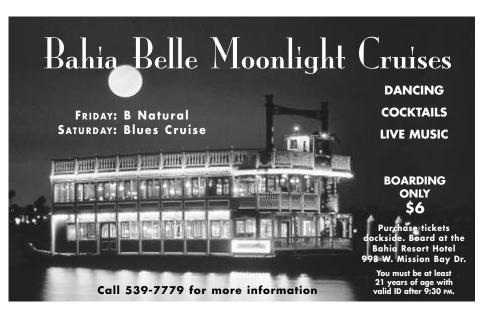
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The China Philharmonic, led by music director Long Yu, joined by piano soloist Lang Lang, performs for Celebrity series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Program includes pieces by Guo Wenjing, Rachmaninoff, Brahms. Tickets: \$35 to \$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mozart and Bruckner," San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling are joined by violinist Jeff Thayer for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concert on March 4 and 6. Program includes Mozart's "Concerto No. 4 for Violin and Orchestra in D Major" and Bruckner's 'Symphony No. 7 in E Major."

Concerts start at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Northern Lights," a program of music from northern Europe, offered by 40-member New City Sinfonia on Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Selections by Mendelssohn, Johan Svendsen, Grieg, Kalinnikov. 619-527-4457. Free. (HILLCREST)

Founded More Than Five Centuries Ago, the (latest) Vienna Choir Boys present concert on Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$36, \$46. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Vienna Choir Boys stick around to perform on Sunday, March 6, 4 p.m., for St. James Music Series (743 Prospect Street); \$25. Reservations: 858-459-3421 x109. (LA JOLLA)

Violin and Viola Students of János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter in concert on Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"The "American Movement: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland Festival" continues when SDSU's Symphony Orchestra performs three Copland works — "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Lincoln Portrait," "Billy the Kid" — Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m.,

in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University.

Next: Copland music and Graham dance pieces, including choreography to four Copland piano pieces, choral and vocal settings of old American songs, and Copland chamber music. Concert is Sunday, March 6, 7 p.m., also in Smith Recital Hall. Tickets for either night are \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

"Tributes and Transformations," concert by bassist and UCSD professor Mark Dresser on Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Solo performance includes Dresser's collaboration with animator Sarah Jane Lapp on "Chronicles of an Asthmatic Stripper" and with Ed Harkins and Steven Schick on "House of Mirrors"; \$8 general. 858-534-4830.

"A Musical Love Triangle: Robert Schumann, Clara Schumann, and Johannes Brahms" explored when Keyboard Conversations series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel continues on Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street); \$27, 619-440-2277, (EL CAJON)

The Cordelia Trio performs baroque music by I.S. Bach and Blavet on Sunday, March 6, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Old Masters in Music and Art, Nota Bene plays "early music Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in

museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Selections by Bach, Hindemith, Shostakovich, and Beethoven expected when pianist Kristine Wei performs for San Diego Public Library concert series on Sunday, March 6, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street: 619-236-5810, Donation. (DOWNTOWN)

Guest Organist Irena Chribkova presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, March 6, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Pieces by Schoenberg, Webern, Morton Feldman, and La Monte Young may be heard when UCSD professor/cellist Charles Curtis is joined by New York pianist and sound artist Michael J. Schumacher in concert featuring experimental music on Monday, March 7, 6 p.m., in Warren Lecture Hall/studio A at UCSD; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Indian Classical Music promised when UCSD students of Kartik Seshadri perform Monday, March 7, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium; \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Piano Trio Music Showcased when Cynthia Darby (piano), Felix Olschofka (violin), and Thomas Stauffer (cello) perform for miniconcert at noon on Monday, March 7, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Classicists" are showcased in concerts by San Diego Chamber Orchestra, March 7-11. Programs boast Beethoven's "Egmont Overture," the "Violin Concerto in E Minor" by Mendelssohn, and

Mozart's "Symphony No. 40 in G Minor."

Enjoy concerts on Monday, March 7, in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street); Tuesday, March 8, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road); and Friday, March 11, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.; \$60. Tickets: \$15-\$65 (depending upon venue). Reservations: 858-350-0290 x7. (LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE. MIDDLETOWN)

"The Color of My Voice III," series continues when cellist Marcia Bookstein performs Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei," Ernest Bloch's "Shlomo," and other solo passages on Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Free. 858-457-3030. (LA JOLLA)

The "Unsung Heroes of the Orchestra" Shine when UCSD Wind Ensemble performs Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Group is led by Robert Zelickman. 858-534-4830; \$8 general. (LA JOLLA)

The Magic and Artistry of Classical Music showcased when San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents family concert on Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Concert includes selections by Mendelssohn and Beethoven, performance by violinist Livia Sohn. Conductor Donald Barra's remarks will be translated into Spanish; \$5. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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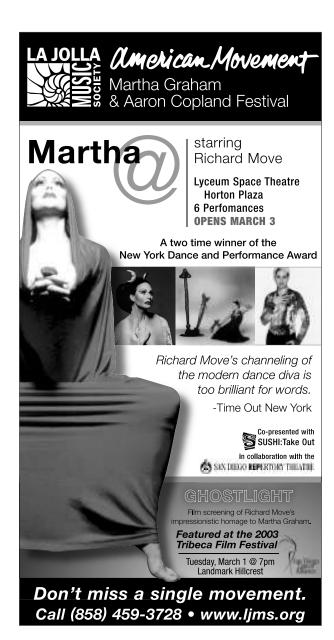
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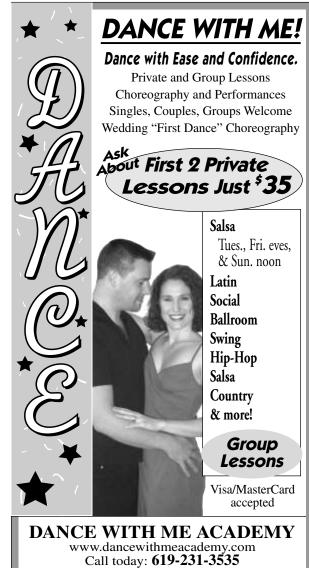
GALLERIES

The Plastic Museum opens current show with receptions on Thursday and Friday, March 3 and 4, 6 p.m. Find gallery at 640 C Street; 619-234-2016. Exhibit continues for "28 to 31 days." (DOWNTOWN)

"Looking for a Home," an exhibit of new work and installation, opens with reception for artists on Friday, March 4, 4 to 11 p.m., at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue). 619-757-4966. Closes Friday, March 25. (DOWNTOWN)

"Nothing Is the Same," an exhibition of 45 oil paintings of Mount Palomar and Pauma Valley by Gail Roberts, opens with recep-





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tion on Friday, March 4, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard). The multipaneled piece evolved over seven years. Through Saturday, April 2. 619-232-5004. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Fresh Flesh." an exhibit of work by figurative artists Sebastian Blanck, Juan Carballo, David Tomb opens with reception on Friday, March 4, 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, loft 238; 619-501-5689). Through Saturday, April 16. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Art Relief," an auction and raffle of original art pieces with proceeds going to tsunami victims, starts with reception on Friday, March 4, 7 p.m., in Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). Show continues 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6. 619-239-0221. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"March Madness," this juried show of 90 paintings is on display through Saturday, March 26, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Bella Hollingsworth. Reception for artists: Friday, March 4, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

Artists Pascale Haven, Lois Nicholls, Phyllis Altomare of Southwestern Artists Association have work in a variety of media on exhibit through Tuesday, April 15, in Gallery 23 of Spanish Village.

Reception: Saturday, March 5, noon. 619-464-1377. (BALBOA PARK)

Three Great American Weavers — Sarah Haskell, Sheila O'Hara, Sara Swett — have work gathered in "True Threads," on exhibit along with "Bamboo" by Polly Jacobs Giacchina, through Saturday, April 9, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue), Artists' reception: Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

"Hardware Mandalas and Digital Notations" by Valley Center artist Richard Baker open with reception on Thursday, March 10, 12:30 p.m., in Mira-Costa College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Exhibit closing on Thursday, April 7, features small paintings incorporating computer-generated images and larger works based on the paintings. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, "Navajo Textiles, Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo obiects 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, through May.

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 ob-

jects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through March.

"First Collections — Dolls and Toys of the World," continuing through Saturday, May 7, includes dolls and toys from around the world, including France, England, Japan, India, Mexico, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Panama, U.S.A.

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. Continuing.

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)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Jeff Bridges — Pictures" represents 30 years of photographic practice by the compelling actor. The included photographs "act as Bridges' personal and professional diary, with actors, directors, and crew appearing as equal participants in the task of making movies." Enjoy these images of "people at work" through Sunday, March 13.

Andreas Feininger pho-

tographed every form, shape, and structure that enthralled him. "Andreas Feininger: Man on the Street" celebrates his "peripatetic love of New York City in the 1940s with 35 photographs," on view through Sunday, March 6.

Concurrently, take in "Mariana Yampolsky's Mexico," also on exhibit through Sunday, March 6. Yampolsky began her career as a printer and engraver in Mexico's Popular Graphic Arts Workshop. Her art is said to blend graphic arts with documentary photography, 'revealing what is unique or heartfelt in each" of her subjects.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art. 'The Watercolors of James Hubbell: Med itations 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;

San Diego Museum of Art,

760-721-2787, (OCEANSIDE)

"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, November 6.

"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 17.

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

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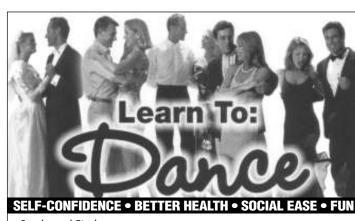
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ho committed the first infidelity, a man or a woman? Though he claims to side with women in most matters, a Prince devised an experiment he's convinced will answer the question. Nineteen years ago, he

isolated two boys and two girls immediately after birth. Each grew up separately and only knew their caretakers. Today, like Rip Van Winkles new unto the world,

they will meet the others for the first time.

Each woman encounters a man. They bond, seeing everything (especially themselves) in the other. Then the couples switch, and comparisons begin. Personal qualities, given the new point of reference, take on relative values, a plus here, a minus there. Which gender commits the initial infidelity? That's in the bias of the beholder, since all four pairs of eyes look elsewhere at the same time.

Pierre de Marivaux wrote La Dispute during the Age of Enlightenment, when science believed that reason could dominate the world. The Prince's experiment fascinated Marivaux, who unravels innocence in logical steps. In a way the situation recalls Shakespeare's lost lovers in A Midsummer Night's Dream, scrambling about the forest and going blindly nuts. But Puck's ineptitude caused their chaos; the couples in La Dispute are guinea pigs by design.

At UCSD, director Darko Tresnjak is more concerned with the experimenters than the experiment. What sort of mind, in his words, would uproot, deceive, exploit, and discard the pairs of lovers? Is the play, he adds, "a 1744 version of reality television"?

The Prince and his entourage wear white wigs and makeup. Peering through spyglasses, they gaze down on the experiment like Greek gods from the clouds of Olympus. They're such in-

tent observers — lip-smacking voyeurs, really — they recall the famous remark of Villiers de L'Isle-Adam (which could also apply to reality television): "As

for living, we'll let our servants do that for us."

To underscore motifs of race and class, Tresnjak cast darker-skinned actors as the youths. This choice adds another telling rinse to a play that looks like a bauble but keeps opening in on itself, revealing so many tensions and colonizing tactics that the initial question about infidelity

The stage is a forest: two-dimensional theatrical flats painted a pale gray (behind which lighting designer Shirley Halahmy bakes orange sunsets). The Prince and his retinue wear outsized 18th-century costumes that restrict movement. The less one moves the higher one's status (with the goal, apparently, of becoming lifeless as a statue). While the courtiers remain stiff throughout, at first the youths move freely, at home in their bodies. By the end, however, along with learning how to subjugate each other, they've begun to adopt more artificial, more "civilized" gestures and habits.

La Dispute came and went last week. Too quick, not only because the hour-long piece was so fascinating but also because the performances and stage pictures had such an influence on the outcome. The innocents Carmen Gill, A.K. Murtadha, Keeianna Richard, and Samuel Stricklen — were a delightful blend of tentative actions and whopping reactions. Under Tresnjak's timepiece-precise direction, what went unsaid was as eloquent — in some ways even more — than what was said.

Scott Drummond's Prince opened the evening like a concertmaster. He cued lights, and the play's title embossed across the curtain and seemed an ally of the audience. Rigid as the hands of a clock, the Prince and Teri Kretz's aristocratic Hermione didn't change their behavior. What shifted was our attitude toward them as the experiment continued. Such control freaks. And, something that went unsaid all evening long: how these manipulators, who toy with lives for their sport, must loathe each other.

Some of the best books for actors aren't about acting. Keith Johnstone's Improv and Erving Goffman's Presentation of Self in Everyday Life brim with suggestions for the craft. I think I've found another: Malcolm Gladwell's Blink: The Power of Think-

ing Without Thinking. It's a national bestseller, tra-la, but may be useful as well.

John Gottman can watch an hour-long videotape of a married couple, just talking, and predict

La Dispute, by Pierre de Marivaux, translated by Timberlake Wertenbaker
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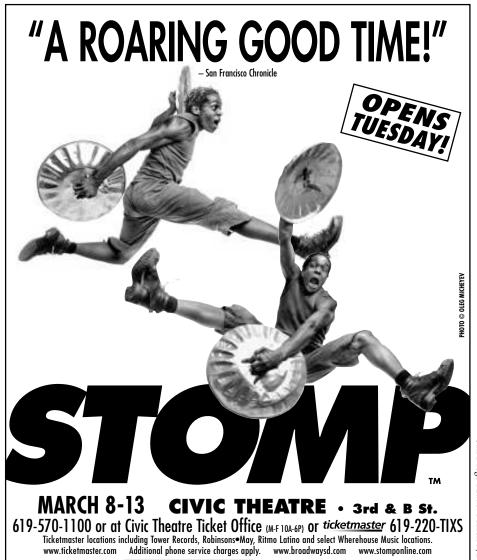
Directed by Darko Tresnjak; cast: Teri Kretz, Scott Drummond, Mark Smith, Jennifer Chang, Carmen Gill, Keiana Richard, A.K. Murtadha, Samuel Stricklen, Stanley Brode, Charles Close, B.J. Petersen, Mark Portwood; scenic design, Jedediah Ike; costumes, Emily Pepper; lighting, Shirley Halahmy; sound, Walton Jones

Run concluded.

whether or not they'll last. He's been correct 95 percent of the time. His method — a frame-byframe analysis of emotional states — is an example of "thin-slicing": the ability of our un-

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conscious to "find patterns in situations and behavior based on very narrow slices of experience." In other words, he cuts through blocks, ingrained expectations, and deformations of language and relies on "rapid cognition."

Blink cites numerous other examples, including "speed dating" (where prospective couples have six minutes to make their case); Johnstone's improv (which creates the "conditions for successful spontaneity"); and Silvan Tomkins and Paul Ekman's Facial Action Coding System. Tomkins and Ekman catalogued micro-expressions and discovered that the face doesn't just reflect emotion; "emotion can also start on the face."

Blink presents an intuitive,

right-brain approach to a variety of subjects. Actors would benefit from not only reading the book, but pouring through its notes and references, especially Gottman and Ekman's studies, and Dave Grossman's excellent video series: The Bulletproof Mind (plus his eye-opener about violence, On Killing).

Two trailers to get the process started:

- 1) "spontaneity isn't random" (p. 114); 2) "Sometimes we can
- know more about someone or something in the blink of an eye than we can after months of study" (p. 76). ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability

Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Vanguard presents the Charles Strouse (music)/Lee Adams (lyrics) musical based on the film All About Eve. Mikel Taxer directed and choreographed.
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CANON AT TALBOT STREET, POINT LOMA, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, THROUGH MARCH 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT

Bright Ideas

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Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Coble's comedy that asks, "How far would *you* go to get your child into the *best* preschool?" Andrew Barni-

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 Clouds, the Ocean, and **Everything in Between**

The title suggests a big canvas, and Michael P. Premsrirat's serious



When the World Was Green (A Chef's Fable)

comedy sprints as fast as movie frames through seven years in the lives of Boy, Tuesday, and the mysterious (and self-mutilating) Ceilidh. Each is of mixed heritage, thus doubly marginalized by the dominant society: at school in Act One, and the post-9/11 "Real World" in Act Two. They flee from and utter, feelings in hard, edgy ways. Although the script is more profound in what they do than what he has them say (many observations are polished, studied chinscratchers and lack spontaneity), Premsrirat's a playwright to watch. And although the Asian American Rep could cut a good ten minutes

of "air" out of its production, Andy Lowe (Boy), April Doctolero (Tuesday), and Jyl Kaneshiro (Ceilidh) create deeply felt scenes in which the language of hate often conveys love. Rhys Green's direction and Eric Lotze's lighting use effects from German Expressionism (when people drink, which they do by the gallon, for example, the lit floor spins like a carousel), daring choices that serve the stark material well

Worth a try.

PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, THROUGH MARCH 5; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 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.

A Day in Hollywood...A Night in the Ukraine

Vista's new Broadway Theater presents the musical(s) about Hollywood's heyday and a tribute to the Marx Brothers.

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The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds

Paul Zindel's drama, about daughters raised by a bitter woman, gets a staging by the Poway Performing Arts Company. 13250 POWAY ROAD (UPSTAIRS AT THE LIVELY CENTER), POWAY, FRIDDAY,

MARY 4. THROUGH MARCH 27: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

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Grassroots Greeks

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.

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 IN-TERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, 10455 POMERADO ROAD, SCRIPPS RANCH, THROUGH MARCH 20; FRIDAY AND SAT-URADY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-594-6884.

I Just Stopped By to See the Man

Jesse Davidson's a Robert Johnsonlike blues legend. He may have made a pact with the devil. And now's supposed to be dead. He lives with his daughter, a political fugitive, in anonymity, until Karl, a fading British rocker, tracks him down and — like the Satan who tempted Iohnson — coaxes him back to the road. Stephen Jeffreys's play gives lengthy history lessons and has instances when disbelief's impossible to suspend (how Karl finds Jesse, for one). But the performances carry the night. Underneath his frizzled Rod Stewart mop and 1975 bell-bottoms, Manoel Felicano's a multitalent (including an ability to approximate Robert Johnson's flash-flood guitar licks). Tracey A. Leigh sings well and brings inner fire to the sometimes unenviable role of Della, Jesse's persecuted daughter. And 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. Usually plays about musicians have actors who can act and fake the rest. At one point Karl asks Jesse, "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. Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 20; SUNDAY, TUES-DAY, 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.

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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.

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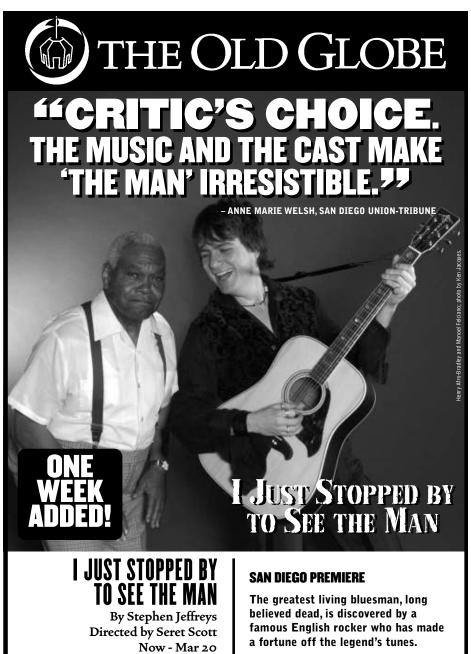
Puzzle Piece Productions stages Alfred Uhry's bittersweet comedy about love, prejudice, and the big dance.

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The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of







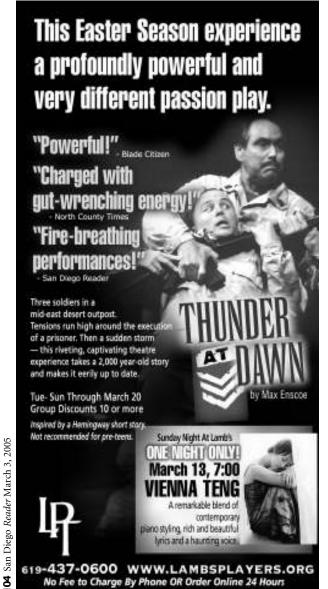
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balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least 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!" "

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

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 SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) re-

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 Actro-Turf. 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,

main the same. Improvisational

comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

then forget it). It made for a lively,

often quite funny, evening. And

Gary Kramer is one talented

Pageant

Cygnet Theatre reprises its hit show about six semifinalists, in drag, competing to be named the new Miss Glamouresse. The audience chooses the winner. James Vasquez and Sean Murray directed. CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, SATUR DAY, MARCH 5, THROUGH APRIL 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-

Picnic

Coronado Playhouse stages William Inge's romance about a small Kansas town and a drifter who changes lives. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET (AT THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Private Fittings

The La Jolla Playhouse opens the new Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre with a farce about a doctor with wandering eyes. Des McAnuff directed.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE, THROUGH MARCH 27; TUESDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

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 Iohnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny,

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P M ("RATED PG-13") 619-465-7469

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster

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Steel Magnolias

The Julian Theater Company (formerly the Pine Hills Players) presents Robert Harling's comedydrama, set at Truvy's Beauty Salon. Scott Kinney directed. IIII IAN TOWN HALL 2129 MAIN STREET, JULIAN, THROUGH MARCH 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-2119

Stomp!

The extremely popular eight-member percussion group returns to San Diego, still making rhythms out of everything from poles to Zippo lighters. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 202 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, TUESDAY. MARCH 8, THROUGH MARCH 13; TUES-DAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 9:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

Tales of Ordinary Madness

UCSD Theatre and Dance presents Czech playwright Petr Zelenka's tapestry about life in Prague for thirtysomethings. John Rouse directed.

157 GALBRAITH THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, WEDNES-DAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH MARCH 13: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY, MARCH 12, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

A Thousand Clowns

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Herb Gardner's comedy about a nonconformist forced, by child welfare, to conform. Ralph Elias directed.

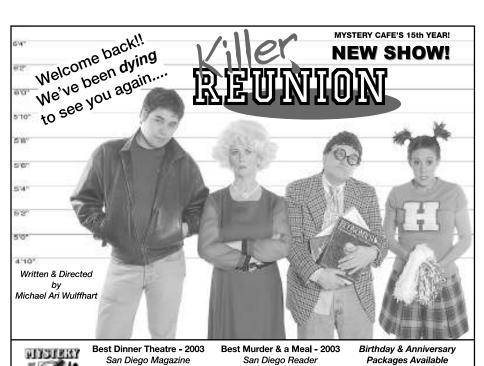
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH APRIL 3: WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SOME SATURDAYS) AT 2:00 P.M 858-481-1055 OR 888-776-NCRT.

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.

Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE THROUGH MARCH 20; TUESDAY THROUGH THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEE SATURDAY



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The Full Circle Theatre Company stages Steven Berkoff's adaptation of Franz Kafka's novel about crimeless punishment. Mike Auer directed. Priscilla Allen plays Huld. PARKER AUDITORIUM, 750 NAUTILUS STREET, LA JOLLA, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-454-3081 X4402.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee house 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.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN: WEDNESDAY AND THURS-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Vigil

The Fritz Theatre opened its 15th season with Morris Panych's eerie comedy. Kemp's so negative to call him a nihilist would be too life-affirming. An urgent letter brings him to his dying aunt's side. Only Grace doesn't die. Color returns to her cheeks, a smile to her face. She improves so much, in fact, that Kemp's afraid she won't die. They spend many a season together (which allows him to comment on the evils of various holidays), and bond, sort of. Ron Choularton played Kemp a few vears back. His reprise in the role is excellent, deadpan, bitter — a scathing critique of just about everything. Pat DiMeo keeps the almost mute Grace vital, and keeps her secret as well. Like improvisational comedy, Vigil thrives on quick takes and blackouts. The opening-night performance sometimes lagged, owing to slow cues and fussy stage business (a seemingly constant folding and unfolding of things). But Choularton's the magnet here. Black bowler hat, black overcoat — Godot's undertaker? - he's a black hole on a blue day. And funny as all get out. Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 27; SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MON-DAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. LATE NIGHT FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 10:30 P.M. 619-233-7505.

Waiting on Arleen

Steve Denyes performs his oneperson musical play about a "tenderhearted coffee-slinger fighting for love in Hayasu City. 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MARCH 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 858-755-9977.

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-yearold 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 O&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. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CE-CILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 13: THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT



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"He's got it if he wants it," said Mike McSweeney, marketing director of Qualcomm Stadium, about Street Scene

Were both events to happen, it would be one financial bright spot for the City of San Diego because it owns Qualcomm.

- Ken Leighton

"We all have children,

and I think it's a good time to be home with them."

Without the knowledge of

the inside track

promoter Rob Hagey. "We have July 29 and 30 on hold."

Joe Callahan, spokesman for Hagey, would only say that Qualcomm is one of three venues being looked at.

Last year's Street Scene was held August 27 and 28. This year it will be a month earlier.

McSweeney also said Qualcomm has June 30 on hold for the Warped Tour. The Warped Tour would be held on the grass inside the stadium; Street Scene would be in the parking lot.

Rick DeVoe Management, which oversees blink-182's business, drummer Travis Barker called up radio station KROQ, Los Angeles, to set the record straight about the band's "indefinite hiatus."

"I think it's healthy to take a break. We did the same thing four years ago."

Insiders say Barker's other band, the Transplants, will play every date of the yet-tobe-announced Warped Tour, which begins June 18 and runs through mid-August.

— Ken Leighton

Is David Lee Roth the next Howard Stern?

"He was the best so far," said one Infinity/CBS employee about the auditions for a Stern replacement.

The former Van Halen lead singer recently tried out as a nighttime talk-show host at FM talk station KLSX (97.1 FM) in Los Angeles.

'They also auditioned [comic] Norm MacDonald and [The Simpsons writer and producer] Sam Simon, who worked as a team. Norm MacDonald was



ROTH A SAFER HOWARD STERN?

awful. Tommy Chong is coming in. They are talking with everybody from Andrew 'Dice' Clay, Adam

Carolla, Jimmy Kimmel, Robin Williams, and Chris Rock," said the employee, who did not want to be identified.

Last week Stern said the day a bill passes that will allow individuals to be personally fined \$500,000 by the FCC for each incident of on-air indecency, he would stop talking and start playing music until he leaves traditional radio in December. That bill, authored by Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI), overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives February 16.

- Ken Leighton

"House of Blues will

significantly change the local landscape," said Jeff Gaulton, citing the new club's arrival as the reason he moved from his position as talent buyer for downtown's 4th & B to the same position at the Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach.

"[House of Blues] will block-buy with their Los Angeles, Anaheim, San Diego, and Las Vegas clubs. They will grow artists at their San Diego venue, then move them up through their other local venues — like Coors Amphitheatre. And they have people who have a great

history in the San Diego market. For instance, Kevin Morrow — who is now senior vice president — was [partners in a talent agency with]...the original talent buyer of the Belly Up [Mac Falk]."

Another incentive was the possibility for a franchise. "I'm on the ground floor with a couple of guys who want to brand the Belly Up name across the country." Belly Up Colorado opened in January.

Gaulton says, "One of the first things I did was to bring back the remaining members of the Beat Farmers to play on Saint Patrick's Day.'

— Edwin Decker

Keyboard player Lester Alvarez was

detained for 25 days five years ago when he immigrated from Cuba while playing with a 12-piece salsa band.

"I said I am a Cuban refugee.... They put me in a private jail. I don't know where it was. They don't give you that information." He said he wore handcuffs and leg shackles when he was transported. "Then one day

they say, 'Get your stuff and walk out....' The government gave me an E-94, which is permission to stay in the U.S.... After five years you



CUBAN REFUGEE ALVAREZ PLAYS BY NIGHT

can apply to be a citizen." Unlike Cubans, Mexican citizens detained at the Tijuana border are automatically deported.

By day Alvarez works in a warehouse; by night he plays in two bands, a traditional Afro-Cuban combo called De Corazon and a ten-piece salsa band called Orquesta Primo.

De Corazon appears 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday at Azafran in Oceanside, all



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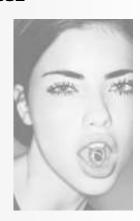
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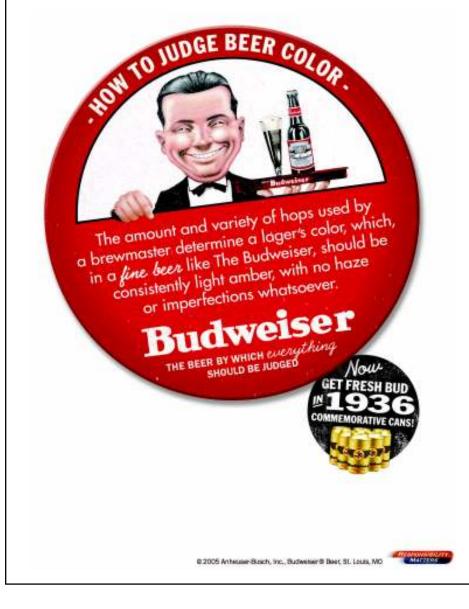
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ages, free admission. Orquesta Primo appears Sundays at the Belly Up Tavern, 9:45 p.m., must be 21, \$10 admission.

— Ken Leighton

Thanks to votes cast by the public at Christian music website CMCentral.com,

Switchfoot won ten awards and beat out P.O.D. as the most popular Christian rock band of 2004. Switchfoot will perform tonight on MTV, beginning at 6 p.m., for the first Australia Video Music Awards (AVMA).

— Jay Allen Sanford

The Philadelphia

Inquirer wrote about Unwritten Law's most recent album Here's to the Mourning earlier this month, saying, "San Diego's unruly post-punk posse — how nasty must you be to get kicked off the Warped Tour? [Unwritten Law was kicked off the January 1999 tour because lead singer Scott Russo allegedly encouraged the audience to start a food fight. They were invited to play the 2000 Warped Tour and did several dates before being kicked off after Russo allegedly started a fistfight after throwing a mattress out a fourth-story window.] returns with an unusually rich disc combining hooks and hammers. Songs such as 'Get Up' and 'Because of You' juxtapose hard-core guitar

riffs with pop flourishes. The band still builds up a nice head of steam on punkier entries.... Considering their style and reputation, maybe we should call them Bad Charlotte."

— Jay Allen Sanford

You Think You Really Know Me: The Gary Wilson Story is a

documentary that details the life of punk-pop pioneer Wilson. Best known for his 1977 LP You Think You Really Know Me (only 2000 copies were pressed, and many of them were smashed over Wilson's head at shows), Wilson and his backing band, the Blind Dates, performed in



WILSON IS THE R. CRUMB OF INDIE ROCK

makeup, often wearing things like beekeepers' hats, torn clothes, and sheets of plastic held together by duct tape. Wilson sometimes stopped the show to read poetry and was known to lead séances from the stage. New York's Motel Records' private detective discovered Wilson in 2002 living with his girlfriend in San Diego and playing keyboards with a local (name unknown) band at a Rancho Bernardo lounge. Motel is releasing a new record by the fiftysomething Wilson (who's lived in San

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: GUITAR TRADER







Diego over 20 years now) in March. A video has already been shot for the single "Linda Wants to Be Alone."

According to a New York Times review of the movie last month, "Mr. Wilson's magnetism has lost some of its valence when you see the experimental films he and his friends made in their youth.... His ponytailed locks are thinner and grayer, and his antics seem twitchier and creepier....Indie-rock enthusiasts will find much to appreciate, however, in a film whose soundtrack is more enjoyable than its narrative. Gary Wilson and the Blind s, as his band was known, come off as pioneers of the suburban underground. They do for used record stores what R. Crumb and Harvey Pekar do for used comic book stores.'

Footage of Wilson in the 74-minute documentary includes interviews conducted while he worked last year behind bulletproof plastic in a San Diego porn shop. Beck mentioned Wilson in 1996's "Where It's At," shouting out, "My man Gary Wilson, he rocks the most."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Moog, a documentary by San Diego musician Hans Fjellestad about the 70-year-old inventor of the Moog synthesizer, had its San Diego premier February 11 at the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla.

A February 16 screening



MOOG DOCUMENTARY BY LOCAL MUSICIAN AIRS IN UK

in London included a set by Stereolab and a Moog performance by Roger O'Donnell of the Cure.

A soundtrack for the film includes songs from O'Donnell, Devo, and Meat Beat Manifesto.

In the film, the Ashville,

North Carolina resident is interviewed in his organic garden, where he expounds on his pet chickens and the cultivation of collard greens.

Moog will air locally at 9:30 p.m., March 30, on KPBS Channel 15.

— Pat Sherman

San Diego police officer L. Carincross

took a vandalism report (#05-006601) on January 30 from Francisco Arementa, whose company, Standing Room Mobile Entertainment, is hired by Moondoggie's in Pacific Beach.

"He parked his vehicle in the lot [of Moondoggie's] at 9:00 p.m. and went inside.... He came back to his vehicle at about 1:50 a.m. and discovered it had been vandalized."

The left-side mirror had been removed, the antenna was broken, both the wiper arms had been broken, the rear license plate was bent in half, and obscenities were written in the dew of the rear windshield. The mobile DJ also found a piece of paper stuck in his rear windshield with a license plate number and a description of the car that was parked next to him, left

by an apparent witness.

Estimated damage was

— Michael Hemmingson

Earlier this month

Billboard.com reported, "Up-and-coming San Diego rock outfit Louis XIV will release its debut album, The Best Little Secrets Are Kept, March 22 via Atlantic. First single 'Finding Out True Love Is Blind' jumps [from number] 37-33 this week on Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart. The album has already been flagged for a parental advisory sticker, not for its content, but for its cover image of a nude woman with the song titles written on her back. As previously reported, Louis XIV will begin a North American tour with Hot Hot Heat on Feb. 21 in Seattle."

The band has just confirmed a March 26 performance at Soma.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Of a Certain Maturity

"Kids in the clubs are shaking their assets to prerecorded music. I believe they call that progress."

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

ne thing about jazz musicians: They love to hang out. A friend who works at the Jazz Bakery in Los Angeles told me about all these musicians who, for years, just sit around, smoke cigars, and drink and chat about better, brighter days — that is, when

they're not playing.

When asked about his own hanging time, La Mesa's Chris Klich of the Chris Klich Jazz Quin-

tet says, "Since I'm a married man with two kids, my hang-out days are mostly behind me. When I do go out by myself, I usually head for Dizzy's. Nowadays, my studio is my favorite hang, since I can close the door and practice my horns without hearing the kids tearing up the rest of the house.

"In my long-ago bachelor days, my favorites were Croce's and Croce's Top Hat or any of the live music clubs in P.B. or the Gaslamp, because I'd usually sit in with whichever band was playing. I guess there must be some ordinance about live music in P.B. these days since those kids in the clubs are shaking their assets to prerecorded music. I believe they call that progress. I call it sad."

On dreams and music? Klich responds, "I still have dreams of dressing up like Paul McCartney and pretending to play bass while lip synching to Beatles tunes."

Trickiest Musical Problem Playing Live?

"Well, that would probably be related to the fact

that I play a bunch of instruments that all use reeds and that I often play in very dry conditions. Santa Ana days are the worst, especially if it's an outdoor gig. Gigs in Palm Springs or Borrego are also bad. The problem is, while I'm playing one

of my horns, the other ones are just sitting there with the reeds [pieces of cane that vibrate to produce the initial sound that is manipulated by the fingers and

shape of the sax or clarinet] drying out. When the reed is dampened again, the edge of it gets all rippled for a few minutes and the air across it is turbulent and difficult to control. The only solution is to get it wet and hold it against a flat surface for about a minute, which doesn't work real well when the rest of the band is already playing the next song."

Instruments/Equipment Used?

"Selmer Mark VI alto, tenor, and baritone saxophone, a Yamaha Custom soprano sax, a Selmer Centertone clarinet, and a Pearl flute. All of them are old horns except the flute — the alto was made the year I was born, 1960, and the clarinet is as old as my mother, but obviously I can't tell you how old. Let's just say it's 'a clarinet of a certain maturity.' I also use a Mackie mixer, Shure SM57 mikes, American Audio speakers, and a bunch of cables that I like to call black spaghetti, since that's what they look like when you're trying to find out which one isn't plugged in. Oh, and my nice, but cheap, lighting rig that I've modified with specialized musician supplies from an obscure company called Home Depot."

Top 5 End-of-the-World CDs?

"That's a tough one, since my own CD collection is somewhere over a thousand. But my 2500 favorite tunes are all on my iPod, and looking at those, I'd have to say some of the great classic jazz of the '60s would be in there, along with some albums by my favorite local musicians, like Danielle Lo-Presti, Lisa Sanders, Dave Howard, and Dino Soldo. Some great modern rock and pop music, too, so if I couldn't have the iPod on the island, I guess I'd have to choose.

- 1. Speak Like a Child, Herbie Hancock
- 2. The Joshua Tree, U2
- 3. Dear Mr. Penis Head, Danielle LoPresti
- 4. Strange and Beautiful, Dino Soldo
- 5. The Grand Wazoo, Frank Zappa

Weirdest Gig?

"No question about it, the weirdest I ever played was a Mar Dels gig in Macau [a part of China that, like Hong Kong, was leased to a foreign government, in this case Portugal, then recently became a part of China again]. We were playing at Jimmy Love's downtown when this Australian chain-smoker, Ted, came up and said he wanted



us to do this gig in Macau. We gave him a card and thought we'd never hear from him again. Turned out, he was this lawyer by day, party planner by night, who put together 'fabulous events' in exotic locations for the rich and bored. We played a bunch of gigs for Ted in Macau and China, and they were all like Fellini movies with beautiful, wasted people in various stages of undress dancing to 'Wooly Bully' and 'Walking on Sunshine.' On my website there's a photo of me with a bunch of these party guests. I'm the one squinting, since my glasses fell off as I exited a Macau taxicab, which sped off despite my pleas to stop."

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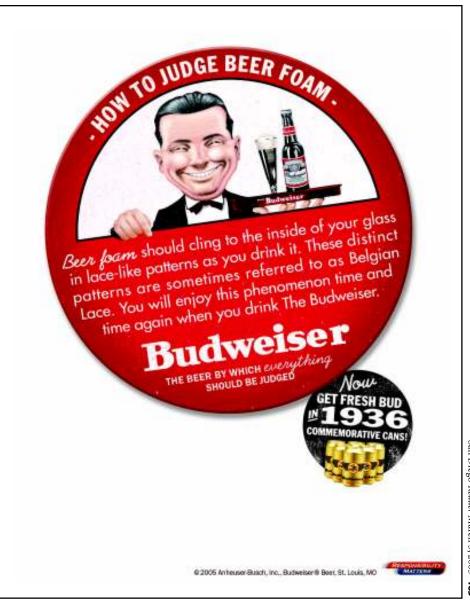
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The Jonny Lang Acoustic Band [956]: 4th & B, Friday, March
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Sage Francis: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 4, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497. The Robin Nolan Trio: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303,8176

SATURDAY

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

Jack Johnson: Lou's Records, Saturday, March 5, noon, 434 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 1-888-568-7732.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

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.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

"Take your parents' credit card and buy a bunch of crap that you don't need and will never ever use," sings **Jamie Stewart** in Xiu Xiu's song "Poe Poe." It could be a great opening line for a fun, slightly transgressive rock 'n' roll song, except for a few insurmountable problems: (1) There are all these Asian gongs banging around and an out-oftune harmonica blowing, and they're much louder in the mix than the guitars; (2) Xiu Xiu is the kind of band that probably takes offense at being called "fun," "rock 'n' roll," or only "slightly" transgressive; and (3) Stewart sings the line as though he's doing

voice-over work for the role of a wailing spirit in Disneyland's Haunted Mansion.

"Poe Poe" can be found on the Bay Area band's 2002 debut album Knife Play. After listening to this CD for about five seconds I knew it was not my thing, but it should be obvithat an Englishspeaking band that calls itself Xiu Xiu does not intend to make itself accessible to anyone. I can't tell you how to pronounce the band's name, but I know it was inspired by Joan Chen's Xiu Xiu: The Sent Down Girl, one of the saddest movies ever made.

Clearly, this band is not for the faint of heart. Last year's Fabulous Muscles found Xiu Xiu ditching some of the Asian affectations, but it's hardly more conventional. The title track contains this line: "Cremate me



after you come on my lips." It would take a lot of work to turn that into a fun, slightly transgressive rock 'n' roll tune.

XIU XIU, Ché Café, Saturday, March 5, 8:30 p.m. 858-534-2311.

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

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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 1-15 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. **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: 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.



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Pepper: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Louis XIV [431]: SOMA, Saturday, March 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662.

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.

The Real McKenzies [558]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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

Rod Stewart [605]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Cabrera: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, April 1, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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 Radiators: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 1, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

Velvet Revolver and **Hoobastank:** Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, April 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

Crystal Method: 4th & B, Friday, April 15, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Bodeans [446]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 16, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Festival Del Mar" featuring Macy Gray [938], Etta James [951], the Blind Boys of Alabama [953], Taj Mahal [958], the Yonder Mountain String Band, the Charlie Musselwhite Band, Peter Sprague [643], Chris Klich [695], Jason Mraz [824], Donavan Frankenreiter, Blackalicious, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681], Dave Wakeling, Common Sense [736], and more: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, April 16, and Sunday, April 17, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 619-220-8497.

Bob Schneider [244]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

Olivia Newton-John: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 22, Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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.

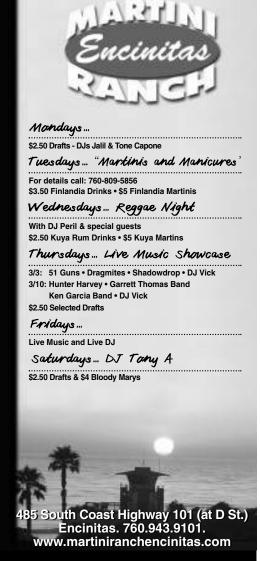
New Found Glory [304] and Reggie & the Full Effect: SOMA, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Loretta Lynn [763]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Pat Metheny has become a trademark of sorts for a distinct flavor of music. Like all successful trademarks, the name evokes imagery — in this case, melodic new-age jazz that is more elaborate than it sounds. Metheny himself is a paradox. Recognized as a guitar virtuoso, he is the least guitarist of any guitar players I know, except maybe Bill Frisell. Metheny is a musician first; he uses a guitar to create possibilities both uncommon and symbolic of his altered genre. But band leader-band names are also firewalls that obscure the other players. Case in point is Metheny's collaborator Lyle Mays. You won't see his name on the marquee, but Mays is as much the sound of Pat Metheny as Metheny himself. Sometimes it's hard to tell where one begins and the other ends.

The thing about Lyle Mays is that he isn't a jazz-piano virtuoso. His influences are too varied. With Metheny, his playing is open, emotional, all surprises and concentration revelatory of Mays's intellectual state. He is a math freak, and looks it. He can write code and excels at chess, classical music, and architecture. He designed his sister's home.

Mays can more than handle Metheny's wacko time signatures and big dynamics. To say the band rocks hard live would be an understatement. Mays can

dish it out, but his keys are the glue that binds the sound, working in the mix like a musical GPS locator that preserves context. A Wisconsin native who now lives in L.A. Mays was studying the late jazz pianist Bill Evans while in the eighth grade. He has released a handful of solo projects in addition to some 28 years of recording with Metheny and seems comfortable sitting in Metheny's shadow. It may be good for busi-

PAT METHENY GROUP $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ness}}$ — after all, the audience appreciated Billy Strayhorn, but the tickets always said Duke Ellington.

(To hear a sample of the **Pat Metheny Group**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4635.)

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The Donkeys: The Casbah

The Electric Waste Band:

The Fabulous Thunderbirds [573]:

Belly Up Tavern

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Offwhite: The Kensington Club Pale Black: Second Wind (Santee)

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The Shambles [454]: The Casbah 6one9: Boar Cross'n

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BAND

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Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's

The Sacha Boutros Quartet:

The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up

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JAZZ / BIG

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Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel G. Love & Special Sauce: 4th & B Turiya Mareya & the Kokopelli Jazz Ensemble: World Beat Center

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Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

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Jose Molina Serrano: The Gordon

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Gene Perry: Dizzy's

Grille, Belly Up Tavern

The David Patrone Quartet [647]:

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Orquesta Guarare: Sevilla

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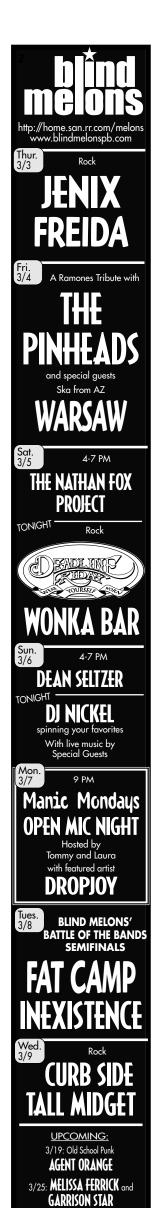
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Keri Highland: Twiggs Tea and

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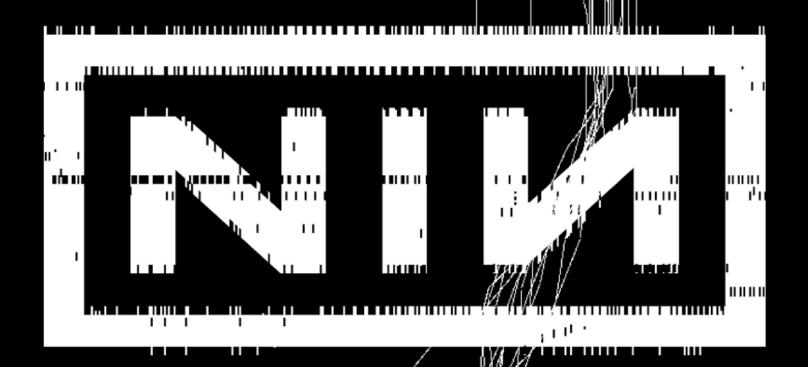
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The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471 7778. Saturday, Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones. Tuesday and Wednesday, Big Vinnie's Showcase, rock/blues.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 EZ Pieces, blues. Friday, Plato Soul. Saturday, Charles Burton Blues Band. Sunday, Blues Brokers.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas



Album Name: One Purpose, One Destination (2004)

Artist: Parker Theory

Label: independently released

Songs: 1) Leap Year 2) Please Don't Leave 3) Last Nightmare 4) Fugatzo 5) Say What You Feel 6) Passport to Postcard

Price/Where Available: www.parkertheory.com for \$7 (the band website will link you to www.smartpunk.com)

Band Members: Jesse Pruett (lead vocals, quitar), Jeff Forrest (keyboards, vocals), Will Hernandez (guitar, vocals), Anthony Cella

(bass, vocals), David Esau (drums) Website: www.parkertheory.com

Parker Theory is the marriage of hard-driving sounds and positive powerpop energy. "Last Nightmare" and "Fugatzo" show that the band doesn't have to be screaming or blasting out power chords to totally rock (though it's obvious that it is what

they do best).

Each song has its own feel, ranging from alternative to punked-out emo to '80s pop, but the six-song EP lacks anything with real intensity. In "Leap Year," traditional hard-rocking angst is offset with sparse keyboards, giving the cut the feel of something from Simple Minds or Flock of Seagulls.

Frontman Jesse Pruett gives an energetic and emotive performance, his abrasive voice slipping into the foreground of tumultuous guitars and enduring percussion. Pruett sings, "Running from darkness / I'm empty but you fill me up / time is running out / these burning senses lead me to you / from here / behind this wall." (The lyrics could be better.) Just as the keyboarding is about to conjure aural imagery of Boy George's deep purr, the song fades.

Remaining tracks "Say What You Feel" and "Passport to Postcard" have themes centered on regret. Pruett sings, "The clock on the wall climbs up to fall" (egads!). While creative instrumentation makes the group intrepid, the album remains generic with its pop sensibility. Angst-ridden inflec-



tions sung along to the same three chords - granted, they're catchy chords, often in the key of melancholy — but unless you like your pop/punk/emo heavy on banality, don't bother.

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Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474. Friday, Big Blue Cat, rock. Saturday.

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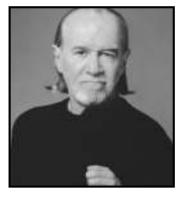
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Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Elliot Louis*, contemporary piano/vocals.

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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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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.

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

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

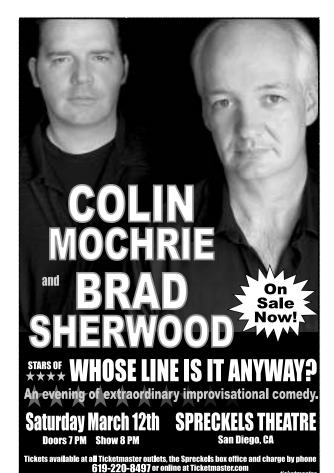
Thursday, the Listen Local Showcase. Friday, Brain Buckit, rock. Saturday, the Volcanics and Secret Samurai, alternative. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash, country.

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. Live rock/alternative/reggae music nightly. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, classic rock.

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DANCE FLOOR ➤ there are two — the section with DJ booth is 10' by 25', the area on other side of bar is

slacks, but mostly jeans and T-shirts

("Mets" "South Pole")

only 10' by 15'

FIRE EXITS ➤ two — one from the main entrance on University, and one at the opposite side (near bathrooms); fire extinguisher near DI booth

BATHROOMS ➤ men's had one urinal, one stall, and a machine that sold Tylenol for \$.75; women's had one stall; both had one sink, liquid soap, and automatic towel dispenser and were very clean

CAPACITY ➤ 58

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ pool table near DJ booth

FURNISHINGS ➤ pay phone outside; two TVs; disco ball; carpeted floors; video game at the bar; two big windows looking out onto University; rectangular bar that seats 30; four small, round tables; low ceilings, very dimly lit DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ DJ Angle was 113 in area he was spinning, and

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy Smith.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Harold & Chris, Irish/American folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, Zero 2 None, the Randies, and Erin Ashe. Friday, Deep Rooted. Saturday, Media Lab, the Dreaming, FM Revolver, and Six Stitch. Wednesday, Blood & Fire and Sound System.

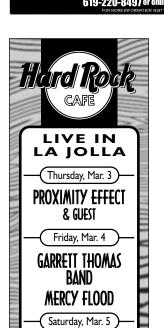
Caffe Calabria, 3933 30th Street, North Park. 619-291-1759. Saturday Joe Marillo & the Park Blvd. Jazz Group. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sue Palmer, Sharon Shufelt, and Deejha Marie, boogie-woogie/jazz.

Desi n' Friends, 2734 Lytton Street, San Diego. 619-224-6409. Saturday, 10 p.m., *the Big Fellas*, rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. All music is heavy rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 7 p.m., Mascot, Fraida, Numbskull, and Plastic Explosive. Saturday, Number One Fan, Brandston, Shining Thru, Arliss, and Sherwood. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Gatsby's American Dream, Bear vs. Shark, Circa Survive, Get Back Loretta, and Goodbye Tomorrow.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Stampede Jam, classic rock.

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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, 9 p.m., *Albert Cummings*, blues. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Patti Zlaket, original rock, 9:30 p.m., a Flock of 80's, pop rock. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Electric Funk, 9:30 p.m., the Detroit Underground, Motown. Sunday, live jazz. Monday, Chet Cannon, blues. Tuesday, Quino. Wednesday, Shemekia Copeland.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

Jamar's Restaurant and Lounge, 7777 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-469-7777. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, the Bert Torres Band. Sunday, contemporary music.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, the Flying Douglas, Resolver, Japanese Sunday, and Plastic Explosive, alternative rock. Saturday, 10 p.m., Offwhite, soul rock. **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. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Pete Thurston. Friday, Greg Laswell and Jackie Daum. Saturday, Berkley Hart and Eben Brooks. Sunday, Sara Petite. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Anna Troy and Alex Woodard. O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, Ho-Tap, rock/alternative. Saturday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.

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/swing.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, Mike Ruggarillo, acoustic/folk. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock. Tuesday, J.J. Slyde, blues.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative/ska. Friday, Project 86, He Is Legend, Classic Case, and A Shattered Hope. Saturday, 7 p.m., Etched in Red, Of Portraits & Killers, Wild Eyes Full of Terror, Blood-Stained Sky, and the 25th Hour.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, swing. Friday, the Freemonts, blues. Saturday, Blue Rockit and Natty Scat, blues. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, High Society Jazz Band.

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., Chris Carpenter, Michele Rae Shipp, Proper Jive, and Kellis David. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Derek Evans, Brian Goodwin, Dave's Son, Until John, Keri Highland, and the New Dadaists. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Hugh Gaskins, Matt Costa, Just John & the Dude, Vavak, and the Westgoing Zax. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Celtic Ensemble. Wednesday, open mike.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, San Diego. 619-284-6784. Friday, the Surf Coasters and the Sand Devils, instrumental surf music.

DOWNTOWN

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, OK Go and the Shambles. Friday, Reve Oliver, the Heavenly States, and Satisfaction. Saturday, the Loons, the Millionaires, and the Buzzkill Romantics. Sunday, Brant Bjork & the Bros., Fatso Jetson, and Idiot Prayer. Monday, Cass McCombs, Mt. Egypt, and the Donkeys. Tuesday, D.M.B.Q., the Business Lady, and Appreciation. Wednesday, Tim Bluhm and Momma.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz. Friday, Yavaz. Saturday and Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen. Saturday, Primo, salsa/Latin iazz.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Peter Robberecht/Pianoman, pop/Top

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Wednesday, the New Breed Band, pop/jazz.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8:30 p.m., Steve Feierabend, Rick Helzer, Gunnar Biggs, and Tim McMahon, jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Gene Perry & Friends, jazz. Sunday, Fiesta, Latin jazz. Wednesday, Myshkin's Ruby Warblers, Gypsytorch-punk, and Gwendolyn, folk/alternative.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 9 p.m., *Johnny Lang*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *G-Love & Special Sauce*. Sunday, 8 p.m., the Ying Yang Twins.

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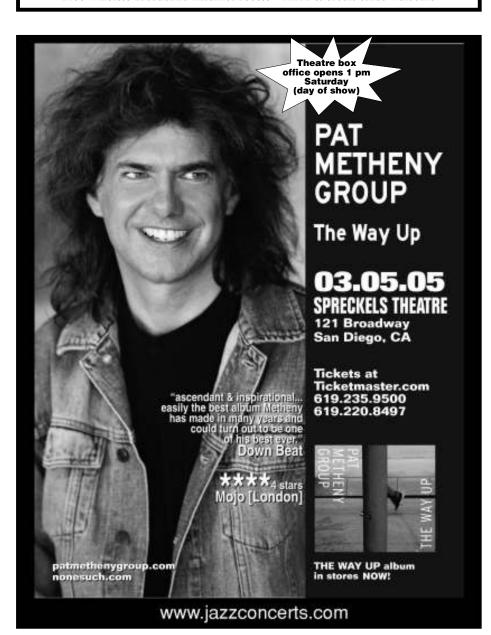
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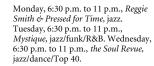
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Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Thursday, Orquesta Guarare, salsa. Tuesday, Walter II y Rumbaney, salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m., also Sunday and Tuesday, 8 p.m., rock and roll, singalong, dueling pianos.

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Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado, jazz/blues.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tony Lasley, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Barbara Jamerson and Joe Tarantino, iazz/blues/R&B/standards, Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson*.
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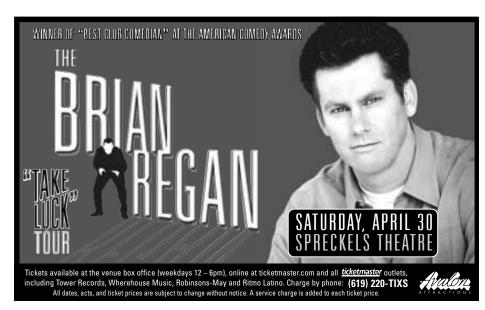
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"Good gravy, you're right." There it was, backlit and black and curiously tasteful, mounted at the end of a strip mall and behind a well-lighted gas-island canopy: the sign for Mesquite Restaurant.

Except for the sign, everything pointed toward standard suburban comfort food: plenty of parking, freeway close — no farther from the 15 than Chili's. But though it's been plunked down amid the mini-marts and nail salons of Scripps Ranch, Mesquite has a pedigree. It's the third venture from Matt Rimel, whose Rimel's Rotisserie and Zenbu restaurants made his reputation in La Jolla. Mesquite borrows a little from both eateries, offering a menu of "fresh local seafood, rotisserie chicken, chops, steaks, and sushi."

The restaurant's front wall was mostly windows, rendered opaque by swaths of stick-on rice paper. Grace admired the ingenuity: the paper blocked the view of the gas island outside while enhancing the Zenbu-sushi bar vibe; the windows were transformed into an ersatz Japanese screen. The paper also filtered out most of the exterior light, and it took a moment to realize that the walls, ceiling, and exposed ductwork were painted not black but midnight-blue. Lamps swirled watery light onto a wall painted with silvery fish, but the brightest spot was the exposed kitchen. That's where they put the serious décor — the rotisserie and the cast-iron grill, their gleam dulled by smoky carbon and hidden under browning meat. "Bitchin'," murmured Grace when she noticed the flaming M on a chef's camouflage ball cap.

A techno beat made me wonder what the old-timers and the business-suit types made of the music, because they were packing the place, along with hipsters in all-black ensembles, couples on dates — some looking as if they might have hired a sitter — regular Joes in humorous sweatshirts and a few families who had brought the kids with them.

The wine list, "designed to feature small-production, unique wineries," was studded with smart, offbeat selections — Nora Albrarino, Preston Barbera, Hanzell Chardonnay, Storrs Merlot.



REVIEW

AMBROSE MARTIN

The prices were reasonable, and the staff was intelligent — every description accurate, every suggestion helpful. We chose a Keller Pinot Noir — less fruity than the Gary Farrell.

We bounced around the menu that first visit,

maybe a little too hard. Just because you can mix sushi rolls, tortilla soup, and chicken-and-vegetable gyoza doesn't mean you should. But we did — and that was just for starters.

The Zenbu roll, rather than wrapping itself around a tempura-crusted delectable, was itself coated with a tissue-paper layer of near-greaseless fried goodness. A sauce made from wasabi and Japanese mayo added heat, smelt roe popped like champagne bubbles as we ate, and the crunch and tang of pickled radish played well against the general softness. But the rice exterior gummed up our tongues with sweet starch, muting the flavors of the crab and avocado within. (We thought maybe the deep-frying had cost the rice some of its fluffy solidity, but a California roll ordered on our next visit was similarly marred. The rice

wasn't bad; it just wasn't perfect.)

Nothing, however, muted or muddied the chicken stock that served as a base for the tortilla soup. Grace wondered how many carcasses had been cooked down to obtain such concentration.

Green chiles and cilantro did their part to excite the palate, but the soup's glory belonged to the more homey flavors of the broth and the tortillas, whether they were sub-

merged, newly fried and sprinkled on top, or grill-warmed and served on the side. The aroma of woodsmoke clung to the grilled tortillas and testified to Mesquite's mastery with its chosen fuel. In two visits and seven dishes, only once was the grilling less than ideal. Once, it dazzled. More on that later.

Grilling was one theme; sauce was another. (When I spoke with owner Matt Rimel, he explained, "My mom was an incredible cook, always puréeing things to go with dinner — salsas and things like that. It started with chicken — if you had enough different things to dip the chicken into, everybody would eat.") Mesquite serves

Mesquite

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HOURS: Daily, 5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. **PRICES:** Appetizers, \$6–\$14; salads, \$5–\$16; sushi, \$6–\$16; entrées, \$10 (Angus burger)–\$29 (Blue Cheese Filet); sides, \$1–\$6; desserts, \$6 (\$4 for gelato).

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Plenty of grilled meat and fish, served with a variety of sides and sauces. A healthy smattering of sushi rolls, plus sashimi. Salads and steaming rice bowls. Smallish, very interesting, well-priced wine list, and a knowledgeable staff to back it up.

PICK HITS: Appetizer, wasabi grilled tenderloin; entrée, baby-back ribs; dessert, deep-fried plantains with coconut gelato and chocolate sauce.

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many dishes with two or more of seven sauces: green chile garlic, sweet pepper, sriracha (chili), BBQ, peanut, salsa fresca, and teriyaki. The first three showed up underneath and around the chicken gyoza, which slipped down my gullet almost like warm oysters — a melty vehicle for the sweet 'n' heat of the sauces. (The sriracha and sweet pepper sauces are imported; everything else is made in-house.)

Grace was hoping that the sauces would enliven her entrée, a steaming rice bowl piled with vegetable chunks and cubes of wokked filet mignon. But while the peanut sauce was the best she had ever tasted, the dish never quite held her



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interest. "Everything is competently prepared," she said. "The rice is good. I want to like it. But I don't. The sauces get soaked up by the rice, and filet isn't that flavorful a meat. Maybe I should have gotten shrimp." I ended up tearing tiny legs off my grilled quail, dipping them in a sauce that nearly convinced me peppers were a fruit, and handing them over. That cheered her up, which made my loss bearable. That, and the crisp on the roasted herb potatoes.

By dinner's end, our palates were fatigued. I was astonished to find that fully half a bottle of wine remained. We had forgotten to drink as we ate, so dizzied had we been by the variety of flavors. Other times, there had been too much spice in our mouths to taste the Pinot. We resolved to return and do less bouncing around.

The opportunity soon came, when my parents, who live in upstate New York, came out for a visit. My father still recalls the first California sword-fish he ever tasted, more than 30 years ago — "I never had swordfish like that on the East Coast," he says. When Grace and I took them to Mesquite, the swordfish was billed as both local and harpooned. Again, the place was packed (and again, it was empty by 8:30).

The opening California roll, its center damp with fresh crab, served as a palate cleanser before the principal appetizers: grilled calamari steak and wasabi-seared tenderloin. Both offered heat without becoming intrusive, and both had everyone grinning. The wasabi-marinated tenderloin was a masterpiece of grill-work: the exterior had been caramelized, not charred, and the center of each thin slice glowed red. And in the middle of the fanned-out meat: vams. shredded and deep fried, the rich uncle of crispy onions. The calamari we dubbed "the veal of the sea" for its tenderness and the way it showed off the crushed-crouton Cajun crust. As we ate, Dad found another reason to envy California — his new favorite cocktail sauce. No ketchup, no paste. Fresh Roma tomatoes, horseradish, pepper, Tabasco, lime juice. Light and kicky, and even better with a little lemon squeeze.

What he didn't find was a reprise of his swordfish epiphany. The fish was cut unevenly, one end thinner than the other, and much more cooked. He admired the accompanying peanut sauce but eventually turned to Mom's drawn butter (she ordered lobster) to perk things up without hiding the fish's flavor. Even then, he found himself looking to my baby-back ribs for consolation and speculating that a smaller, thicker cut of swordfish might have been more successful. To further his frustration, the fish was dwarfed by a pile of roasted potatoes that were lukewarm at best. "It's too much and it's too cold," he concluded.

Grace had similar trouble with her garlic mashed potatoes, which, while dusted with scallion shards, arrived at the cool end of appetizing. The plates—locally produced discs of brown pottery—could have stood warming. She was happier with her fish—Ono, thick and still translucent under the just-browned surface. It helped restore our confidence in

Rimel, the celebrated fisherman, as did Mom's lobster, caught that day and served cracked open and grilled. She paired it with spinach — wokked with garlic, then dabbed with butter and doused with chicken stock.

Still, my ribs carried the day. First dry-rubbed, then cooked in the oven, then smoked on the rotisserie, then slathered with a molasses-thickened sauce and grilled, the meat crumbled off the bone and won universal praise. So did my chipotle black beans. "They're inviting," said Grace as she spooned up another bite.

Fried plantains drizzled with chocolate and joined by coconut gelato made us think of all the best things about Mesquite, while a crumbtopped Julian pie — itself topped with caramel gelato — recalled the missteps. Why not serve the gelato on the side and keep the crumb top crumby? Little quibbles — certainly not enough to tarnish a new star in a formerly dark patch of sky.

ABOUT THE OWNER

Matt Rimel, self-described hunter and fisherman, "grew up commercial fishing. I still do. Touching and seeing fish is my whole life. I do all the fish-, produce-, and meat-buying for all my places — that's the way I spend my day. My whole theory is, start with the perfect product and cook it the way it's going to best show itself in your mouth. Growing up, we did freediving down in Baja, and we'd cook grouper on a mesquite fire on the beach. We'd eat it with lemon, corn tortillas, and Tecate - not even salsa — and it would blow us awav."

Over the past two decades, he has cast his nets a little wider. "I've made some incredible connections all over the world. We have a really neat little boutiquey fish market. We have a bunch of fishermen that fish all over Kona, Oahu, and locally." They bring in things like Opakapaka and Onaga (snapper), and to Rimel's delight, he's found that such exotic fare is welcome at Mesquite. "It's a little more pricey, but people are just into good stuff everywhere, I guess. It's really nice to see — whatever we put out there just goes.

The restaurant's general format is taken from Rimel's Rotisserie and is overseen by

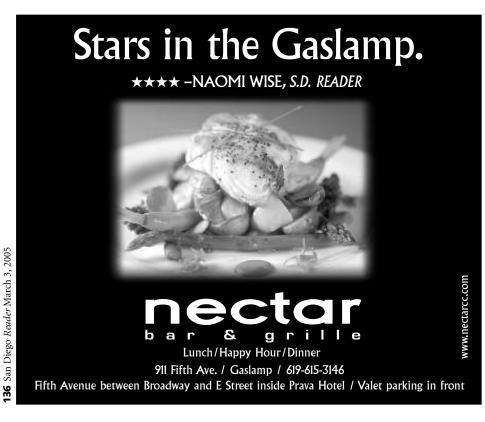
Rimel's veteran chef Andrew Abel. (Rimel is careful to give credit where it's due: Tim Johnson, the head sushi chef at Zenbu, is in charge of Mesquite's sushi offerings, and manager Cindy Shaffer and her predecessor assembled the wine list.)

But all this is prologue. The real question for a man who has made it in La Jolla is, "Why open a restaurant behind a Chevron in Scripps Ranch?" Rimel says: "A friend just

dragged me out of La Jolla and opened my eyes up to what's going on out there. As far as the numbers go, it's like a hundred times what the La Iolla neighborhood is. I didn't want to do anything else, but he said, 'Look, there are millions of people out here' " and a de-cided lack of better restaurants. "We looked at the demographics and took a huge gamble. It's a funky location, but it's centrally located. For anybody within 20 miles, it's 10 minutes. It was pretty sketchy for the first year, but we've survived, and now the place is doing really well. You get quality from word of mouth and people returning. It was the right choice definitely." ■









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The lady's voice rings out across Imperial Avenue and bounces off the frontages of David Love's Boxing Club, the Masjidul Taqwa ("local mosque"), Alteraciones Garcia, Loving Care

Preschool, and Central Division police headquarters — the one with the really cool Chicano art all around its

Aah. Twenty-Fifth and Imp. One of my fave parts of town.

I wander up 25th past the gas station, thinking of grub, pogey, chow. It's late afternoon. Right

now I'd kill for a cafecito and something to scarf down with it.

And this is when I come across a 100-year-old clapboard house with a palapa beside it.

Chocolate y Cultura.

Huh. "Cafecito," says another sign. "Chicano Perk," says a third. I like it.

So up the steps I go, to find a half-dozen tables set out in little patches of — wow — tropical garden. Beyond that, there's a flat roof held up by metal tubing, with translucent plastic sides, cement floor, clunky wooden blue- and red-painted chairs, tables, plus living room nooks set up with sofas, low tables, ads for "Peace and Dignity Journeys," and shelves loaded with books like Kafka and The Humanist Tradition in Latin America. Also, skeleton paintings, mirror hearts, Virgin of Guadalupe candles, Frida Kahlo photos, straw-paddle overhead fans, and newspaper racks loaded with La Prensa de San Diego.

Oh, and one other thing: everybody here seems to be speaking Spanglish — Spanish, English, in and out. Very cool.

So I order a coffee (\$1.25) from this guy Ildi. I recognize the red-and-black Zapatista star flag hanging on the wall behind him. (Zapatistas? The Indian-based rebellion down in Mexico's southern state of Chiapas.) "We had their people here lec-

turing all through January," he says.

The coffee is warm and rich. Organic from Oaxaca, Ildi says. This place has really good vibes. Ildi used to be a teacher at Feaster-Edison charter school in Chula Vista but wanted to bring learning out into The World, rather than just "training more little worker bees to feed the machine."

The mother of his partner René Guzman had a tire shop here. René and Ildi transformed it into this happening place. Ildi says the response has been "awesome." "College professors, students, cement workers, they all come by, 'specially in the mornings." Nights, they have things like "San Diego's only bilingual open mike.

Ildi says the most popular coffee is their "Meximocha" (\$2.50 for the small; \$3.50, large) with "fresh-ground Mexican chocolate, espresso, and milk." Mmm. Sounds sinful.

Getting dark. The problem for me right now is food. Ildi points across the road. "Delia's," he says. "Real down-home cooking. We go all the time."

'Tamales! Ta-maales!'

Man, it can damage your ears if you're close. The lady stands with her hands on the railings of Delia's veranda, shouting it out to Imperial Avenue.

She's selling them right here, next to the main restaurant door. A buck each. Pork, beef, chicken, pepper strips and cheese, or pineapple. Champurrado, the drink that always seems to be offered with tamales, is \$1.50.

"Their champurrado is the best," says a guy waiting for his. Ricardo. He says it's usually made from chocolate and corn-tortilla dough, with cinnamon. "But what's in this is Delia's secret."

That's Delia inside, stirring a huge steaming pot. I pop in. Lord! She's got a whole rack of fuming chafing dishes loaded with meats, moles, and caldos. Pozole, pigs' feet in ranchero sauce, caldo de res (beef soup), birria (stew) with chivo y res (goat and beef), cactus on shrimp torta, albóndigas, chicken mole, on and on.

I savor the smells. Rich, sometimes sweet, chocolatey. Delia stands there with ladle, hovering. 'How much?" I ask.

"One is \$5.50," she says. "The combination is \$5.95. That's two items with rice, beans, and tortillas."

Hmm. But first I've gotta check out the wall menu. There's, like, chunky beef soup with rice and tortillas, \$5.79; caldo siete mares (seven-sea soup), \$7.79; and, uh-oh, "hamburgers." Haven't eaten all day, man. Need something comforting. They're only \$3.99. What the heck. I order one, plus chicken mole (\$5.50). (I'll take that home to Carla. She loves the stuff.) Plus, I go for a champurrado.

The guy ahead of me is asking for something with beans and tortilla. I notice no cash changes

hands. He plunks himself at a table by the counter. "Sit here," he says when I get mine.

Bright-faced guy. Alfredo. "Delia, she gave them to me," he says. "Free. People are good here. Tortillas, frijoles. That's all I've been living on for years. But know what? It's healthy! This is what Mexico's peasants live on. America is exploding because

it eats too much. Too rich!" Still, I cut off some of my burger for him and add a few of the fries that came with it.

"Now, see these fries?" he says. "They're real. Delia cuts the raw potatoes here. Fast-food places, they get fries from potatoes that have been powdered and pressed back together again in the perfect shape. See? These dangle. They're real."

Meanwhile, think I'm making a discovery here. I can't resist dipping the fries into Carla's chicken mole sauce. Deelish. Chocolatey. And with that cinnamoney champurrado, wicked.

Pretty soon I'm getting dip-mad. Carla's going to get mad, period, but this is beyond my control.

When I get up to leave, finally, the tamale lady has stopped calling. She's packing up her things. "Don't forget," Alfredo says. "Beans, tortillas. All you need."

He's probably right. Still, think I'll mosey back up to Chicano Perk and try that Meximocha, while I'm in a chocolate mood.

The Place: Chicano Perk, 129 25th Street (near Imperial Avenue), Southeast San Diego, 619-702-5414 Type of Food: Coffee, pastries

Prices: Organic Oaxacan coffee, \$1.25, small; Meximocha, \$2.50 small, \$3.50 large; bagels, cream cheese, \$1.75; pastries around \$1.75

The Place: Delia's Kitchen, 2494 Imperial Avenue (at 25th), Southeast San Diego, 619-239-2764 Type of Food: Mexican, American

Prices: Tamales, \$1.00; chicken mole, pozole, pigs' feet in ranchero sauce, caldo de res (beef soup), birria (stew with goat, beef), cactus on shrimp torta, albóndigas, steak in its juices, \$5.50 each, with rice, beans, tortillas; combination (with two choices, same sides), \$5.95; pescado veracruzano (same sides), \$5.95; beef soup, with rice, tortillas, \$5.79; tacos, \$1.25

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Success Tour

"The broker gave me six pairs of legs on the streets to introduce my wines to people."

ight years ago, Pam Starr left a position at the venerable Spottswoode Winery and went into partnership "with a very old and historic vineyard. That way, I could make an estate wine without actually buying a piece of

ground. The history of the Crocker vineyard goes back to 1870; it was a partnership back then as well." The property's old stone winery didn't survive Prohibition — it's now a weekend residence — but the vineyards have responded to Starr's efforts at resuscitation, and she now pro-

duces a Cabernet-Merlot blend, a Cabernet Franc, and a Sauvignon Blanc. Crocker & Starr wines "have developed a nice underground following," she says. Her annual 1400 cases of Sauvignon Blanc "are gone in less than six months."

In the beginning, she sold the wine herself. "But when I released my third wine, I was making wine for five other people while creating my own label, trying to write PR material, run a little office, and sell my wine. As a wine-growing consultant, I started wines for people who could then concentrate solely on promoting themselves. They could put themselves on the fast track, because that's all they did. But if your winery isn't big enough to pay yourself, and you make wine for other people to pay your mortgage, there's a sort of balance that has to go on." She hired a broker. "I did the invoicing, I carried the debt, and

I contacted my customers directly. But the broker gave me six pairs of legs on the streets to introduce my wines to people." An underground following is flattering; an aboveground following might be enough to pay the mortgage.

Starr liked her broker. "He was fabulous in the years that were economically fat in this country." But even so, "I decided a couple of months ago that I wanted to be more involved with my customers. They really like being involved with the winery directly; it makes them feel like they have a personal

investment in the wine. They can teach their staff to sell it more directly. It's not about just another wine in a book; it's about knowing me and how I make my wines." So she went back to being winery-direct, this time with an in-house marketing assistant.

In-house is not on-the-street, however, and so there was still the matter of actually meeting customers — both prospective and established — and filling their glasses. "It would be fun if we could all sell our wines over the Internet and have talking, interactive sessions, but that's not the way it works. Maybe someday." So when Ren Harris from Paradigm Winery encouraged her to join up with In Vino Unitas, she listened. Signing on wasn't cheap — \$2500 to cover expenses for three gala trade tastings: one in Los Angeles, one in Orange County, and one in San Diego. "You start

thinking, 'Is my market going to be down there? How many cases do I have to sell?' "But Harris, who had gained 35 new accounts during his last In Vino Unitas tour, "is someone who I respect and admire, and I felt like he could teach me the ways of his success. I said, 'Okay, I'll do it.' "

In Vino Unitas, says Susan Cannon, who is the regional sales manager for the Silver Oak and Twomey Cellars, "started out as a group of friends who all hang out together and share information, because we're winery-direct and don't have the benefit of a sales team." Cannon chatted with people from Grgich and Chateau Montelena about "who's paying, who's in business, who's out of business, who the current wine buyer is. We just decided to put the group tasting together — nobody has time to come for just one or two wineries — and we called anybody who was winery-direct to see if they would be interested.

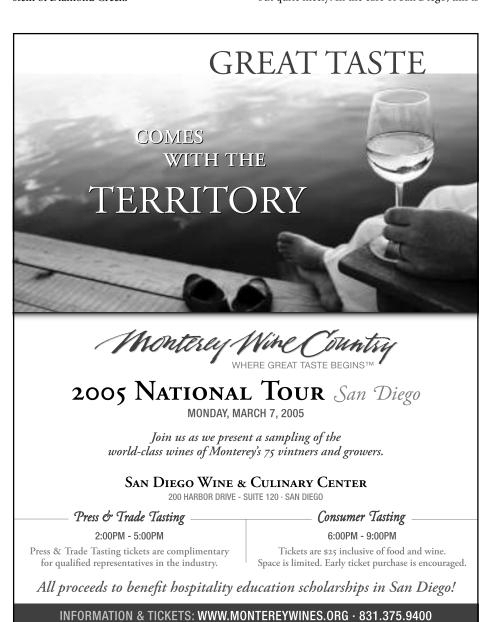
"When we started," she says, "it was really a time when we needed exposure. The economics of the wine industry had changed drastically. It was post 9/11. It was a recession. It was the dreaded '98 vintage" for California Cabernet. "It had started pre-9/11. The economy was faltering, and everybody was raising their prices to phenomenal levels. Then it all hit the wall. Maybe wines were being sold, but were they selling through on the wine list? That was my pitch to Phil Ross at Diamond Creek. They make maybe 1300 cases, but their wines are quite expensive, so it's not something that flies off the shelf. They come down and meet everybody, and it starts a relationship. It keeps them in touch." The group encouraged principals to attend; it added cachet and a personal feel. Besides Starr and Harris and Harris's wife Marilyn, the San Diego tasting featured (among others) Heidi Barrett of La Sirena, Matt Meyer of Meyer Family Cellars, and Boots Brounstein of Diamond Creek.



Pam Starr and her wine

Sometimes — as with Paradigm — it provides an occasion for first contact. "We'd just never been there," says Ren Harris. "We'd never knocked on a door. We didn't know where the doors were. All of a sudden, they came to us, and they were happy with the wine, and it's worked out quite nicely. In the case of San Diego, this is









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a way to touch base with about 170 individuals who buy wine and either sell it in restaurants or shops.

The first In Vino Unitas tour featured a dozen wineries, but the group lost Chateau Montelena and Jordan to distributors before the second tour. "We needed a bigger roster, and we needed money,' says Cannon. "So we went to Wally's, which is one of the premiere accounts in L.A., and said, 'Who's winery direct?' " Wally's led to Paradigm, and Paradigm led to La Sirena and Crocker & Starr. Everybody handles some aspect of the work, and leftover funds get sent back to the wineries. "We're just a group of people who are looking to take care of our own business, rather than hand it over to an outside distribution system," she says.

Three years in, participants are becoming regulars, and by now, "People are calling us. No one would be doing this if they didn't need something out of it. Diamond Creek is still with us. I've had two e-mails from Neal Family Vineyards saying, 'Thank you for including us." Everybody kept saying, 'Why are they here? They're not opening new accounts.' I don't know. They must have felt they needed some exposure; you never know if an account this year is going to be an account next year." ■

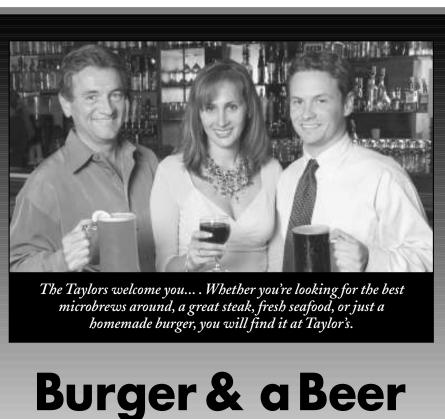
RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader's Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of nearly 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com. Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations

NORTH COASTAL

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when every one from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself—crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a





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Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — NW (10001)

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some

flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistable lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobster-shrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is fam-ily-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wideranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations ad visable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, "The Texan," or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It's not gourmet, but it's down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The cafe's sexy waitresses serve generous plateloads of everything from breakfast burnitos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunch-

wiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (openfaced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies "melted together on grilled sourdough"). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get two orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W.* (9/98)

Swami's Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it's near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager's 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Bene-

dict for breakfast or black bean burrito for lunch, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open "7-ish to 4-ish" daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (mussels with frites, crumb-coated rack of lamb, etc.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (6/04)

Dicrescenzo's 11627 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a stand-in-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-a-table, listen-for-your-ordernumber kind of a place. If you're looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn't gonna cut it. If you're wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out, this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, honest-to goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parmesan, or deli meats. The meatballs, a DiCrescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs—especially Rocco's Imperial Sub—are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust

pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (10/03)

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 fire-place, 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)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for

dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M.* (11/03)

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320
Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway),
Escondido, 760-746-1444. The
founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous
restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not,
the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are
terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The
food, though, is detuned for gringos,
with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of
thing, a pleasant "tamale pie" is as
good as any Midwestern mom's. The
huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds;
reservations urged for weekends to
save a long wait. The exterior patio
sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms
(helps keep the noise down) camped
up with cute "Old West" cantina
decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and
dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (7/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

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GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagi brunch featuring the standard dishes the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honeycured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and

dinner. Moderate to expensive. -

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the im perial rolls, lemon grass chicken, softshelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and char-broiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. -

LA JOLLA

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509 Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but uni versally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, how ever, is yummy — you can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly although service can be extremely slow Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — S.M. (2/04)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-toceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live

up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and "interesting whites." Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. - N.W. (7/03)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroc-can restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dra-matic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, bellydancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can re quest the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Nathan's at Michele Coulon's 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Bel-gian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele's kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion's signature dishes: *cassoulet*, steak au poivre, poulet Normande. He's also added a few of Grandpa's that never made it onto the menu - try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers.

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Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Plava, La Iolla Shores, La Iolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces, including *penne* agnello, a treat for lamb aficionados. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — S.M. (7/04)

Roy's 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Iolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. Decoding Roy's Rules of Ordering can make the difference between mediocre dinner and a very happy

meal: 1. Steer clear of combination — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately: 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is briliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, "Kahana" *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special discourance of the state of the sta cial dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. N.W. (4/01)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was An antural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local uni (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair

accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. -N.W. (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional man-doo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa, Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or bento, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the gauchos' great parillada mixta (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The nat-

urally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many af-fordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee

Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive.

— N.W. (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-nor-mal to giant HDTV) running

portscasts and a professional DJ or sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elemen-tary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza) Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without wor-– from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheese cakes - and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a yarmulke to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-care ful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. E.B. (11/01)

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Franciscoborn Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnoc-chi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask be-fore you buy. The menu features highquality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather











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steep at the bottom end with better val-ues farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 New port Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in minimall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), boudin blanc (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive.

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but "charming"? This Turkishrun alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like kofte. Turkish miniburgers in a baguette, or lahmajun, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it's closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken terivaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include vaki soba (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noo dle soup (udon noodles, scallops, shrimp vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon



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grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravysmothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Lao & Chinese Cuisine 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya,

chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beefbologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (7/04)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that run this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery

galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called larb—closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphisstyle barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in

a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — A.M. (2/01)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-andonion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sand-wiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's — here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stolichny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, including airy crèpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and dinner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate.

- N.W. (7/03)

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel sur-rounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate fingerfood) offered both by cart and by menu At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbeddown. Mainly California wine list sug-gests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m. weeknights, 9:30 weekends). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — N.W.~(5/04)

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in









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The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. -N.W. (4/03)

UPTOWN & **OLD TOWN**

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant - sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moon-struck* — somehow Arrividerci is "it." The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (paglio e fieno al pesto), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine

mediterraneo, with clams, mussels, and big garlicy shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily, Moderate, - E.B. (7/04)

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the Old Town, 619-295-2543. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes in hide sweet review follows. clude sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantro laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous vatapa (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowlfree options. Lunch and dinner Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510 "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art, "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprikanne-cumin mayo and more butter) Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no

Avenue (at Palm), uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are cre-ated with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits - and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on weekends. N.W. (5/02)

Fifth And Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless.





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Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day - e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/00)

The Mission North Park and

Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W. (7/98)

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (10/99)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. Koufteh-Berenii is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through early-ish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

Bangkok BBQ 936 Broadway Circle, 619-231-4124. "We're the revolutionar ies," says the owner of this chicken-only Thai eatery. "We're taking Thai food back to its true tastes." The place may look modern, but much seems to be prepared traditionally on the spot, from tamarind sauce to bean curd. The "BBQ" part comes from the open grill upfront where they sizzle chicken, marinated in coconut milk and wine, for the satés, salads, and the basic chicken with rice dish The chicken mussamun is nice and rich with its curry coconut sauce and you've got to try the dish the owner invented to honor the city — the San Diego Wrap, with chicken *saté*, avocado, raw veggies, and peanut sauce. Lunch, dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, artfilled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousinrestaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat. highlighting mysterious Italian grape va rieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. -

Buster's Beach House and Long**board Bar** 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants, Baia, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town; a full bar offers a great beer list and de-cent umbrella drinks. To snag a patio table, reserve it and make sure they write it down. Three hours validated parking, kid-friendly, plenty for vegetarians. Open three meals daily. Prices cover the waterfront. — N.W. (7/03)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz, Dinner only, Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surpisingly fine food in this vast, multiroom glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — N.W. (7/03)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans: histek a la plancha con huevo: (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/04)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some suc-cesses. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucum-ber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa - started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken faiitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

Ra Sushi 1014 Fifth Avenue (at Broadway), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restauspiashy, this Alzona-based thail restair-rant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the de

licious — old, pulpy edamame versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Reserva-tions accepted, even for sushi bar. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarianfriendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach borani, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweetsour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry ke-babs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger s (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese ap-petizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. —

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger set-tles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent









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SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. -N.W. (12/01)

Bob's on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob's, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista. It's a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pre tend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch, Casual, family-friendly to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive.

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chap-man has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo

Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibi tion going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714 This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which vacht vou're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargainpriced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00)

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken adobo, or longaniza sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. Kare-kare (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is dinuguan, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's monggo (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — daing na bangus, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood sure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

BAJA

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El Rincon Del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Río District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This lit-tle market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and

the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in, It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this oldline surf n' turf eatery a (real) wallmounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf' side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, life waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.* (9/04)

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, chicharrón (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course carne asada, but cooked well and priced amazingly low Check the generous five-item-plus-cof-fee breakfast special. All-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. -E.B. (8/03)

Loncheria La Poca Lucha Munic ipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the mercado, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there

till you reach Loncheria La Poca Lucha, The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for carne de puerco (pork), chiles rellenos, bisteck ranchero, or higado al gusto (liver), all around \$3. Pescado frito (fried fish), milanesa con papas (veal with fries), pollo frito (fried chicken), and carne asada are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Mariscos El Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fisher-men friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (be tween Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called m poblano, includes two eggs, enchilada de mole, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, al-monds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. Super antojitos means super snacks, so search out the pastes - pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind gorditas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/20)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated eggplant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. – E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian car-pets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up

an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, bat-ter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere un-der a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach vou ever loved. palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. to moderate.





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The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics circa 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, *Hell's* Angels; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in The Outlaw, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonographneedle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy



Imaginary Heroes

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.
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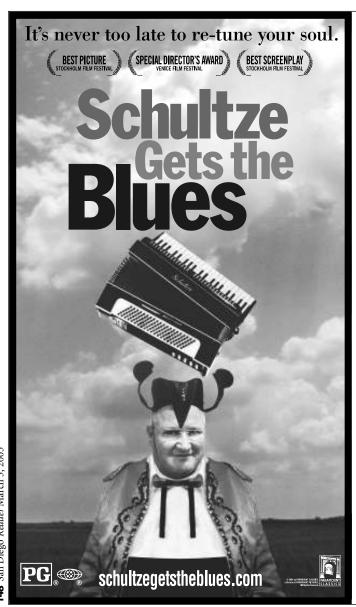
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Because of Winn-Dixie — A homeless mutt fills the void in the life of a motherless girl, and knits together the townsfolk of Naomi, Florida. The maker of *The Center of* the World and Slam Dance might not be the man whom you'd choose to entrust with 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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Be Cool — Sequel to *Get Shorty*, with John Travolta, Uma Thurman, Vince Vaughn, and The Rock, directed by F. Gary Gray. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN): CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/4)

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the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betravals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, Theatre. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Born into Brothels — Do-gooder documentary, co-directed, co-written, and co-photographed 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. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Bride and Prejudice — A Jane Austenpattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, 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 Kiplingpattern miscegenation tale along the lines of



Without Benefit of Clergy or Beyond the Pale.) The American, played or merely represented by the callow, wooden, malemodelly 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-anddance 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)

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: VOGUE)

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.

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Cursed — Werewolf update: Internet research, teen lingo ("This is pretty freaky shit"), computer-generated beasts, and selfmocking, or self-loathing, gags. The werewolf flipping the bird, with no one standing between itself and the camera, might well be doing it to the audience. With Christina Ricci, Jesse Eisenberg, Joshua Jackson, and Judy Greer; written by Kevin Williamson; directed by Wes Craven. 2005.

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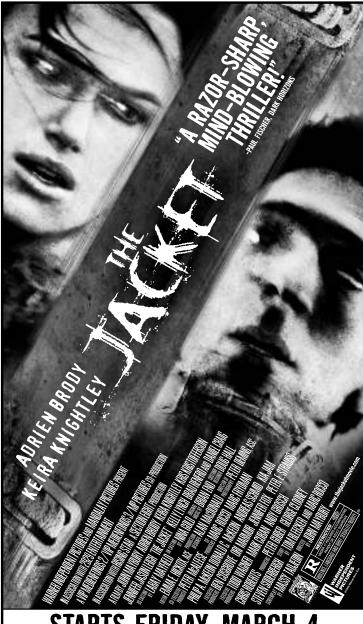
Diary of a Mad Black Woman — ${\bf A}$

discarded wife, after eighteen years of marriage, gets revenge and a new romance, with a made-to-order dreamboat ("I carry you in my spirit") who's almost the living embodiment of a Luther Vandross song. Everyone else, too, gets better than they deserve. A clumsy and bruising piece of audience manipulation, from a stage play by Tyler Perry, who also appears in the dual roles of a randy old emphysemic and a guntoting granny. With Kimberly Elise, Shemar Moore, Steve Harris, and Cicely Tyson; directed by Darren Grant. 2005.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY

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Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled The Man Who Was Peter Pan, that purports to show how the playwright I.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



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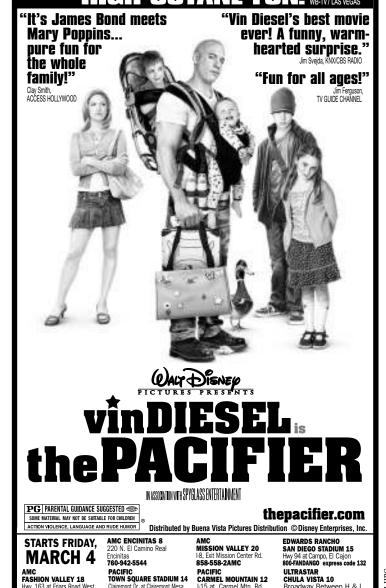
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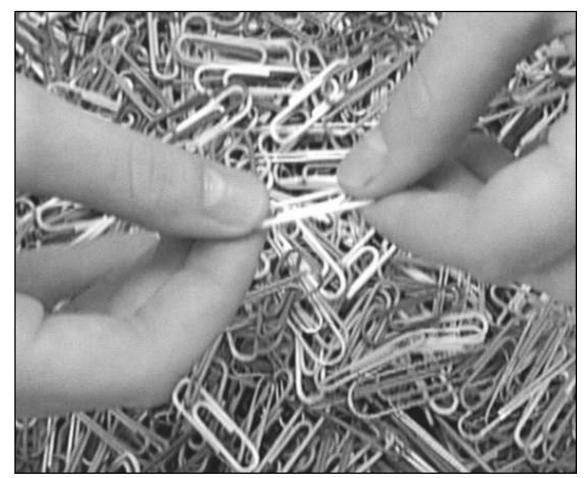
to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster.

★ (CARMEL MOLINTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA)

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. (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 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.

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Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s. and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between The Killing Fields and Schindler's List, it mercilessly plays the shame game ("Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them the French, the English, the Americans"), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed

by Terry George. 2004. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

House of Flying Daggers — Martialarts 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)

Imaginary Heroes — The feature-film debut of writer-director Dan Harris is a coping-with-suicide comedy, or dramedy at the very most, and lukewarm either way, about the aftershocks of an Olympic hopeful's abrupt exit. Those left behind include Emile Hirsch, a sort of cross between Leo DiCaprio and Clea DuVall, as the unathletic younger brother who discovers the body ("That kind of thing can fuck you up for life," remarks one of his contemporaries); Jeff Daniels as the withdrawn and bordering-on-catatonic father; Sigourney Weaver as the neglected wife and mother who harbors an unspoken grudge against her next-door neighbor, and revives a long-ago interest in pot; and, hardly worth mentioning, Michelle Williams as the older sister who has already left home. Weaver, commanding a broad spectrum of light and shade, is always worth watching. She brings the full Voice of Experience to her topper of her teenager's

lament, "People are so stupid I can't bear to live around them anymore." Weaver: "And it only gets worse." And her reaction to her husband's offer of cosmetic surgery for her birthday present is priceless, even if the actress, to be frank, looks as though she can no longer afford to be sniffy on that subject. Viewers these days are required to suspend their disbelief at least above eve-level, 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/4)

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 alabastercomplected 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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

Inside Deep Throat — A revisitation of the advent and aftermath of what we might call, with more literal meaning than usual, the seminal work in "adult" films of the modern era, or what Camille Paglia calls, with her characteristic amount of selfrestraint, "an epochal moment in the history of human sexuality." It's a chopped salad of a film, assembled from archival footage and talking-head reminiscences, by the documentary team of Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato. A good deal of nonsense, certainly, gets talked by those heads: "Men want to believe that the clitoris is in a woman's throat," affirms Erica Jong, swallowing in toto the silly premise of Deep Throat. Norman Mailer and Gore Vidal, meanwhile, who have always had a lot to say about a lot of things, come off as intellectual giants in the rotation of commentators that encompasses John Waters, Wes Craven, Hugh Hefner, Larry Flynt, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Helen Gurley Brown (attesting to the benefits of semen as a facial treatment), Deep Throat's director, Gerard Damiano (a former hairdresser whose roadkill toupee is resignedly gray in the present day and fancifully dark in the past), its male star, Harry Reems, and the Memphis prosecutor, Larry Parrish, who hauled Reems into court to answer for his sins: "Deep Throat attacks the very core of our being." The female star, Linda Lovelace, is unavailable as a talking head, having been killed in a car wreck in 2002. But she talks from the archives, first as a proponent of pornography ("The last person that started censorship was Adolf Hitler, and look what happened there"), then as an opponent of it, before she switches sides again and attempts a pornographic comeback at the age of fifty-one. She is not an inspiring figure, unless maybe inspiring of pity. She is also, to be sure, represented in excerpts from her immortalizing performance, showing off the hard-core skill celebrated in the title, and possibly, with that, inspiring something else as well, something between awe and asphyxiation: Deep Throttle. The documentary tells an interesting story or stories: a cultural story, a character story, a courtroom story, a commerce story, an organized crime story. (The original film,



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★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/3)

The Jacket — Time-travel thriller with Adrien Brody, Keira Knightley, and Kris Kristofferson, directed by John Maybury. (ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 3/4)

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Buenos Aires, starring Daniel Hendler, directed by Daniel Burman. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/4)

Man of the House — Crime comedy about a team of cheerleaders under the protective custody of Tommy Lee Jones, directed by Stephen Herek. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA

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-toare 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

● (HORTON PLAZA 14: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24: VOGUE)

The Merchant of Venice — You'd never guess, from the weight of the thing, that this is one of Shakespeare's comedies — unless maybe by the device of the womandisguised-as-a-man and fooling her own husband. Further, the naturalistic acting (faltering delivery, sotto voce, peppered with pauses), the cut-aways to authentic Venice locales, and the drowning-out background noise and music do their damnedest to obscure the fact that it's Shakespeare at all. So scrupulous to avoid suspicions of anti-Semitism, it presents Shylock (Al Pacino, faintly echoing the inflections of the oldtime Jewish character actor) as the righteously motivated hero of a revenge tragedy; and the tribunal scene, with the sweating, fainting, vomiting Antonio strapped to a chair for the extraction of the pound of flesh, is as torturous as any deathrow countdown in an anti-capitalpunishment screed. With Jeremy Irons, Joseph Fiennes, and Lynn Collins; directed by Michael Radford, 2004.

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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 firstround knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a latestarter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as Mystic River, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional Mystic River, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his selfimposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than iust the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become - in the broadest, most inclusive



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sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman, 2004. ★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA

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Nobody Knows — "Inspired by actual events," proclaims the preface, though events of any kind are a little difficult to put a finger on. Set in today's Tokyo, it details the plight, through microscopic minutiae, of four young children left to fend for

themselves when abandoned, first for a month and then for longer, by their single mother. (Their father lives in the vicinity, but doesn't appear to be an option.) The basic situation might bring to mind, for those with long memories, Jack Clayton's Our Mother's House, in which a whole passel of children, fearful of the orphanage, bury their bedridden mother in the backyard upon her demise, and strive to carry on as if nothing has happened: a meaningful and ultimately very moving enactment of the universal reluctance to

grow up. This, though, is the sort of comparison that's said to be invidious, because it comes down so heavily to one side's advantage. Director Hirokazu Koreeda, of After Life, unspools his story in a noodling, undiscriminating, time-wasting manner, and in frosty or ashen color, so disengaging that the tale can regain no grip even as the children's funds run low and the utilities get cut off. The children themselves, at any rate, are convincingly childlike, especially the twelve-year-old oldest boy. But at two hours and twenty minutes, the

movie seems indisputably overlong. Any dispute would have to center on precisely how soon that complaint can be lodged. A half-hour earlier? An hour? An hour and a half? 2004

★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/3)

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

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Grossmont Center

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The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:45) 6:45, 10:20; Sun. (11:00, 2:45) 6:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 6:45, 10:05; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 11:45, 1:55, 2:35) 4:35, 5:15, 7:15, 8:05, 10:00, 10:45; Sat. (10:40, 11:20, 1:35, 2:05) 4:20, 5:05, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. (10:40, 11:20, 1:35, 2:05) 4:20, 5:05, 7:15, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; Mon. (11:00, 1:00, 1:45, 3:50, 4:40) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; Tue.-Thu, (1:00, 1:45, 3:50, 4:40) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **Constantine** (R) Fri. (11:15, 1:50) 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; Sat. (10:35, 1:20) 4:15, 7:25, 10:15; Sun (10:35, 1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:30, 10:25; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri. (11:40, 2:10) 5:05, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:10) 7:50, 9:55; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15) 5:00, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (11:35, 2:30) 5:00, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (11:35, 2:30) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:40, 10:15; **The Jacket** (R) Fri. (11:30, 2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat. (11:30, 2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 1:45) 4:40, 7:10, 9:55; Sat. (11:50, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (11:50, 2:10) 4:40, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55) 7:35, 9:50; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:55, 7:40, 10:35; Sat. (10:25, 1:30) 4:35, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (10:25, 1:30) 4:35, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 7:15, 10:10; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35, 9:50; Sat. (11:15, 2:20) 4:45, 7:35, 9:50; Sun. (11:15, 2:20) 4:45, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:45) 7:10, 9:30

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)

Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri. (1:30, 3:55) 6:45, 9:10; Sat. (10:40, 1:30, 3:55) 6:45, 9:10; Sun. (10:40, 1:30, 3:55) 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 3:30) 6:45; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 3:15) 6:20, 9:05; Sat. (10:00, 12:40, 3:25) 6:20, 9:05; Sun. (10:00, 12:40, 3:25) 6:20; Mon.-Thu (12:10, 3:05) 6:20; Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:30) 6:30, 9:15; Sat. (11:00, 1:35) 4:20, 6:50, 9:15; Sun. (10:10, 1:00, 3:30) 6:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00) 6:30; **Diary of a** Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:50) 6:55, 9:35; Sat. (10:25, 1:05, 3:50) 6:55, 9:35; Sun. (10:25, 1:05, 3:50) 6:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 3:35) 6:55; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:45; Sat. (10:15, 12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (10:15, 12:50, 3:40) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 3:20) 7:00; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:45) 6:40, 9:20; Sat. (10:30, 1:10, 3:45) 6:40, 9:20; Sun. (10:30, 1:10, 3:45) 6:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:45) 6:40; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 3:05) 6:25, 8:55; Sat. (10:20, 12:30, 3:05) 6:25, 8:55; Sun. (10:20, 12:30, 3:05) 6:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:25) 6:25; **Side** ways (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:35) 6:35, 9:25; Sat. (10:05, 12:45, 3:35) 6:35, 9:25; Sun. (10:05, 12:45, 3:35) 6:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:55) 6:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

Call theater for program information

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Pacifier (PG); Cursed (PG-13); Constantine (R); Hitch (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Boogeyman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 8:15, 10:30; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 3:45) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Man** of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15: The Pacifier (PG) Fri -Thu 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Son of the Mask** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45) 5:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) **Be Cool** (PG-13); **The Jacket** (R); **The Paci**fier (PG); Cursed (PG-13); Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13); Man of the House (PG-13); Constantine (R); Son of the Mask (PG); Because of Winn-Dixie (PG); Hitch (PG-13); Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G); Boogeyman (PG-13); The Wedding Date (PG-13); Hide and Seek (R); Million Dollar Baby (PG-13); Sideways (R); Are We There Yet?; Meet the Fockers (PG-13); The Avia-

Rancho Del Rey 16 *East H Street (619-216-4707)* **Are we There Yet?** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15, 5:45) 8:10; **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:00, 9:45; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 1:05, 3:35, 4:45) 7:00, 7:50, 10:00, 10:40; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 6:50; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:25, 10:40; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:20) 7:05, 9:55, 10:25; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:40, 10:35; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:25) 7:10, 10:05; Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:05) 6:45, 9:40; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 1:00, 3:40, 4:35)

7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:20, 10:30; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:15, 2:55, 4:00, 5:25) 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 4:05) 7:30, 10:20; **Son of** the Mask (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:00)

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) Coach Carter (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:45; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 7:45; Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) Fri.-Thu.

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:10; Boogeyman (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:35; Constantine (R) Fri.-Thu, 7:30, 11:20; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:40; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:25

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 2:50) 6:30, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 2:20) 5:45, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 7:40; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:40) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (11:00, 1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:55) 6:35, 9:15; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:25, 2:00) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:20, 6:45, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:20) 6:45, 9:20; **Constan-**

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 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)

The Pacifier — Vin Diesel tries his hand at family comedy, directed by Adam Shankman.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA

VILLAGE; FROM 3/4)

Palookaville — First-time feature filmmaker Alan Taylor puts a benign face on urban crime. The Pink Pantherish opening theme sets the tone for three Jersey jerk-offs (William Forsythe, Vincent Gallo, Adam Trese) to break-and-enter into a bakery when their proposed target was the next-door jewelry store. (One of them is satisfied to stuff pastries into his mouth with both hands.) Later, they will huddle around the TV to study Richard Fleischer's

Armored Car Robbery in preparation for a more ambitious caper to be pulled off with plastic painted handguns. The movie, never rising above the innocuous, is dedicated "with thanks, admiration, and apologies to Italo Calvino," but it owes a lot also to a less eminent Italian: the director and co-writer of Big Deal on Madonna Street, Mario Monicelli, 1996.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/7, 6:30 P.M.)

Paper Clips — Elliot Berlin's and Joe Fab's documentary about an educational

experiment in a Tennessee middle school on the subject of the Holocaust. (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 3/4)

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

tine (R) Fri -Sat (11:30, 2:20) 5:00, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:50) 6:30, 9:15; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:35, 4:50) 7:05, 9:30; Finding Neverland (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 3:55) 6:50, 9:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 6:45, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:35) 6:55, 9:25; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:55) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (11:00, 1:30) 4:15, 6:50, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:05) 6:40, 9:20; **The Jacket** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:10) 5:45, 8:20, 10:45; Sun (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:40; Mon -Thu (2:00, 4:25) 6:50, 9:25; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:30; **Million Dollar** Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:35) 6:40, 9:45; Sun. (12:25, 3:30) 6:35, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:25) 6:20, 9:10; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:10, 10:35; Sun (11:00, 1:15, 3:30) 6:30, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:35; Sideways (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 2:05) 4:45, 7:40, 10:25; Su (12:35, 3:30) 6:25, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:40) 6:25, 9:10

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; Sun 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15; Mon -Thu 2:00 (4:30) 7:15; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri. 3:45, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00 (12:45, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00 (12:45, 3:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:45, 7:00; The **Pacifier** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30,

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:30, 7:00. 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 3:30, 7:00; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu, 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00; Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30 (4:30) 6:30, 8:30; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30. 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Man** of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun,-Thu, 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu, 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45; Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:15); Racing Stripes (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00)

RAMONA

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2.10, 4.40): The Aviator (PG-13) Fri -Thu (12:00, 3:40) 7:50; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:45, 2:45, 3:45) 7:00, 7:45, 10:00,

10:45: Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) Fri -Thu (11:35, 2:05, 4:35); **Being Julia** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55) 6:55, 9:25; Constantine (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 7:50, 9:55, 10:25; Tue.-Wed. (12:05, 5:00) 7:50, 9:55, 10:25; Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 7:50, 9:55, 10:25; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35) 6:45, 9:40; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:10, 7:55, 9:50, 10:35; **The Jacket** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 4:00) 6:50, 7:40, 10:00, 10:40; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 3:00) 6:55, 10:10; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15) 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. $\begin{array}{l} (11:55,\,1:45,\,3:40); \, \textbf{Racing Stripes} \; (PG) \\ Fri.-Thu. \; (12:10,\,2:40,\,5:10); \, \textbf{Sideways} \; (R) \end{array}$

Fri -Thu (12:20, 3:20) 7:20, 10:15: Son of the Mask (PG) Fri.-Thu. 6:40, 9:00; The Wedding Date (PG-13) Tue.-Wed. (2:30) 7:25

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15 Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-

Call theater for program information

NORTH COASTAL

CARL SRAD

Plaza Cinemas 4 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Aviator (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:00, 3:30, 7:10; Mon. 12:30, 3:45; Tue.-Thu. 12:30, 3:45, 7:10; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:45, 4.20, 7.00, 9.25; Sun 11.15, 1.45, 4.20, 7.00; 4.20, 7.00, 9.23, Sun. 11:13, 1:43, 4:20, 7:00, Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:05, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10; Sun. 11:05, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:00; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:55, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. 10:55, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:55, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20; The Work and the Glory (PG) Mon. 7:10

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu, 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; 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; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:00 (4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45;

Sun -Thu 2:00 (4:00) 6:15, 8:30; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu, 10:30 (1:15, (113) 7:00; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Pooh's Heffalump** Movie (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00)

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; 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; **Paper Clips** (G) Fri.-Sun 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Sideways (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Be Cool (PG-13); The Jacket (R); The Pacifier (PG); Man of the House (PG-13); Son of the Mask (PG); Because of Winn-Dixie (PG); Hitch (PG-13); Million Dollar Baby

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)

Finding Neverland (PG) Fri. 6:40, 9:00; Sat. 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 6:40, 9:00; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Because of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Million **Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Sideways** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

OCEANSIDE

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around the wood shanty he calls home. while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie taxes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul): and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial exploitation, marital infidelities, drug abuse, backstage discord among band members, etc., hope to be ennobled by the brand name of Ray Charles — or more broadly, by the customary blackmail of True Story. Foxx does a commendable job of mimicking the trademark mannerisms — the rocking motion whether walking or singing, the selfhug, the twenty-four-tooth grin — but it's a performance condemned to stay on the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Sea Inside — Factual story of a Spanish quadriplegic who, after twentysome years of paralysis, took his fight to the courts for the right to die. Given its intrinsic limitations, 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, Clara Segura). The protagonist, acting as a spokesman for the artist rather than for euthanasians, 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



Short Cut to Nirvana

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. 2004. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Short Cut to Nirvana — Maurizio Benazzo's and Nick Day's scattered coverage of the immense Kumbh Mela, an every-twelve-years religious fesitval at the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers, a sacred pilgrimage undertaken by tens of millions, a sort of outsized state fair of Eastern holy men (and women) and their disciples, a veritable smorgasbord of spirituality. The filmmakers' sampling of the fare, under the cheerful guidance of a bespectacled young Hindu monk called Swami Krishnanand, is surely the next best thing to being there. Or for the less devoted, a better thing. 2004.

★★ (KEN, 3/4 THROUGH 10)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and winetasting a week before the former's wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete: the back 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 - selfdeception, 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; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: PALM

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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.

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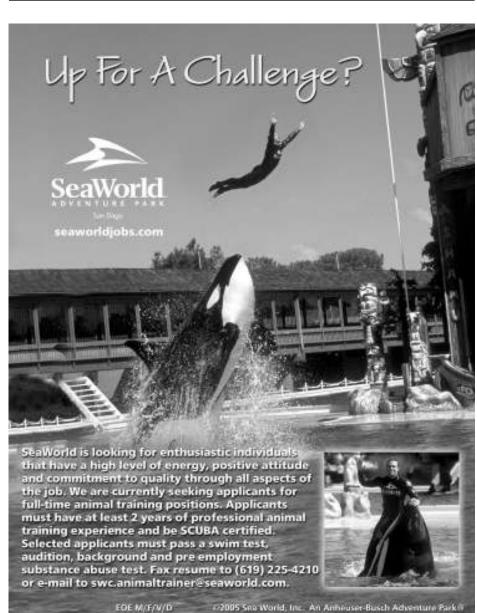
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Alex Souders Law Student Clairemont Mesa

I don't think so. My parents love the fact that I'm studying law. I imagine that they'd be bummed if I started suing them in court. I know that being a lawyer isn't like being a doctor or anything. My father is a doctor, but he didn't push me to study medicine. I worked for a firm that defended a medical malpractice suit and my dad was pretty excited about that. My sister's still in college, so she still has a chance at making me the black sheep with whatever it is she does...but it's going to be hard for her to beat being a lawyer. It's hard to say how proud my parents are, but they're playing nice because they don't want to be put in a bad retirement home when the time comes. They're willing to live off the blood money. I'll get them a room with a view if they behave.



Jackie Dao Operations Associate Del Mar

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Maybe when I was in high school and I was dating the wrong kind of guys, I might've been more of the black sheep. [My ex-boyfriends] were what you could call "gangsters." They'd bring over illegal weapons: nunchakus, brass knuckles, and knives. The whole macho-guy thing impressed me. Then I had this thing where I really felt like I had to go to Berkeley, so I started working really hard with that as a goal. I have an older brother who's half-American and he doesn't speak Vietnamese like the rest of the family. He doesn't always understand when the rest of the family is only speaking Vietnamese. I wouldn't say that he's the black sheep because he's still the first-born son.



Jenn Smith Dietician La Jolla

No. My older sister smoked a lot more pot than I did when we were younger, so she earned the title as "black sheep." She's older, so I learned her lessons. She was never really in any trouble because she hid her pot smoking pretty well. It's hard to say; maybe I'm more the loser. I got in trouble at work recently for talking too much with my coworkers. But talking is what girls do best.



Linda Quirmpach

Student La Jolla

I have two sisters, and my older sister is definitely the black sheep. She has a mental disorder. It makes her a little off and different than most people. A few years ago, she stopped taking her medications. One of her other personality issues is that she becomes aggressive pretty easily. She sometimes hears voices because she's borderline. It makes her difficult to get along with. My parents expected a lot more from me, so they treated me different growing up. I was actually brought up as a bit of a tomboy because my dad wanted a son and had three daughters.



 $Christian \ Quirmpach$

La Jolla

No. I'm the best kid in the family. It helps that I'm the youngest of my siblings; I can do no wrong I'm allowed to do everything that my older siblings were never allowed to do. I'm from Germany and my par ents understand that I'm out here because the weather's better here They're not overjoyed that I'm here because all parents want their children close to them. I have two older broth ers and one sister, and I'd say that one of my brothers is more the black sheep; he has his own family, so he's not as close as my parents and every one would like. He has three kids, but his wife takes care of them



Rob Corona

Singer/Songwriter Oceanside

Yes. It has to do with my choice to pursue music. My parents would prefer that I went to college, but that's not where I feel I need to be. I tried college, but I had to drop out. I got three sisters and they all went to college. I'm the middle child, so my parents still want me to fol-low the example of my older sisters. I enjoy being the black sheep. My parents better forgive me down the line for pursuing music instead of going to college; if they don't [forgive me], then I won't buy them a house.

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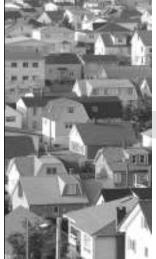




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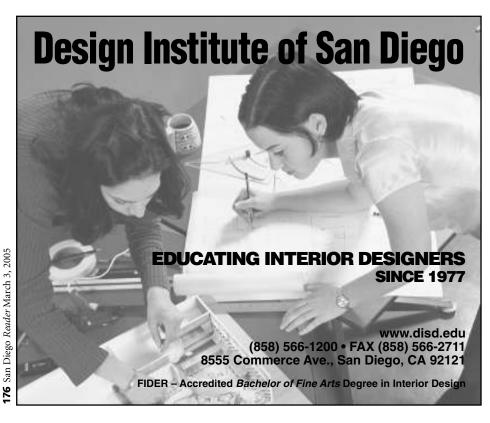
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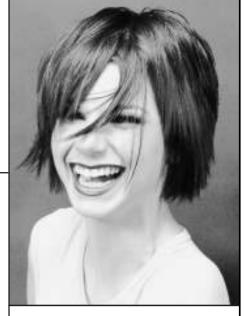
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FREE COUNSELING SERVICES to families waiting for returning servicemen/servicemen that have returned. Family, individual. Private services. Group also forming. First come, first served. 619-838-6817.

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92111. 800-211-0020.

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mavirus support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org. Recorded message, 619-491-1194.

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IF YOU ARE A WOMAN, age 18-55, who

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534-9442.

LINARES Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meeting Thursday, March 3, 2005. 10:30am, Admiral Baker Golf Club, Luncheon cost \$15. Information and reservations, 858-279-2677.

MEDITATION CLASSES, FREE. Introduc mEDITATION CLASSES, FREE. Introduc-tion to Meditation and Mindfulness classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30pm-9:00pm. San Diego Meditation, 1951 4th Avenue. E-mail, info@sandlegomeditation.com or http://www.SanDiegoMeditation.com; 619-342-7394.

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rector AUSAL STUDY for women ages 50-75. UCSD research to determine effects of hormone replacement therapy on moon sleep and behavior in healthy menopausal women (nonsmoking and not currently using hormones). 6 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-7393.

MENOPAUSE DEPRESSION STUDY.

UCSD seeks menopausal women, age 50-75, nonsmoking, not currently using hormones and experiencing depression in menopause for research study using anti-depressant and hormone replacement therapy. Must not be using either currently. 6 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-5575.

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MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching a movie every 2 weeks and discussing it af-terward (like book clubs)? Please call 858-272-8727 or 619-934-2602.

888-272-8727 or 6 19-934-2602.

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Mondays, 6-7pm, Department of Health
Services, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San
Diego, Mission Room. Free 12-step
group. Jim, 619-757-6603.

OSTEOPOROSIS OR OSTEOPENIA sufferers needed for a focus group study or March 10th. Pays \$65 for 90 minutes or your time. Call Plaza Research San Diego

bians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, sup-port, and understanding. Meetings monthly in Hillcrest. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PETER PAN LIVE ON STAGE! 6 performances March 10-13, California Center for the Arts, Escondido, by local-based children's theater group, Arts Off Broadway. 760-735-3302 www.artsoffbroadway.

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service. Call 858-272-3246. **RESEARCH STUDY.** 9 Mexican-American/Mexican men needed to take questionnaire so I can graduate. Earn \$10, movie tickets, and enter \$100 drawing. Thanks! Jackie, 858-752-8748.

SDHS CLASS OF 1956. Need to update address list for 50th reunion in 2006. Cal Judy, 858-292-6002.

SMALL SPANISH Conversation Group will meet Sunday, March 6, at 1pm. Advanced and intermediate speakers preferred. 619-260-0606.

- 1. The African Queen, e.g.
- 5. Fill to the gills
- _ shoe fits ..."
- 14. Feminine ending
- 15. Kind of flash
- 16. Ancient Irish alphabet
- "Tell Mama" singer James
- 18. "Be that ____ may ..."
 19. With 52-Down, an "SNL"
- alumna
- 20. Itchy viral disease, before it reaches maturity?
- ____ be my pleasure'
- 23. Bit of a chuckle
- reached maturity?
- 24. TV's Bob Keeshan, before he
- 28. Red Sox div.
- 30. Lady of la casa: Abbr.
- 31. UK leaders
- 32. Emporium
- 33. Starbucks phrase
- 36. Legendary author of nursery rhymes, before she reached maturity?
- 41. Peter of folk music's Peter, Paul & Mary 42. "Me neither"
- 44. Monopoly quartet: Abbr.
- 47. 1983 Duran Duran hit 48. Opposite of proximal
- 50. Foe of the Caped Crusader, before she reached maturity?
- 54. Org. that combats prejudice
- 55. "The Time Machine" people
- 56. Child's plaything, before it
- reaches maturity? "Fly Away" singer Kravitz
- 60. Tara of "American Pie" 61. Banned apple spray
- 62. "Hasta ____!"
 63. Zebras, to lions
- 64. Remote button
- 65. Belgian town in WWI fighting
- 66. Surrealist painter Joan 67. One in a gardener's handful

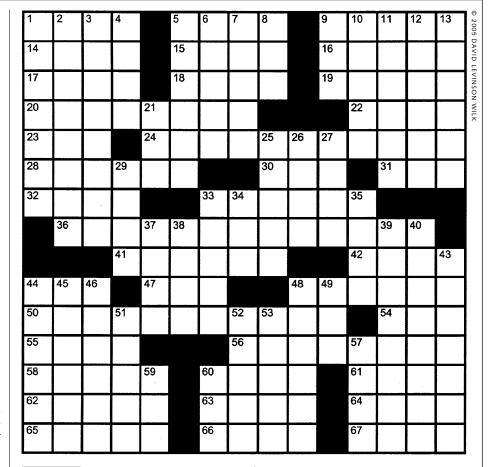
- 1. London Philharmonic founder Sir Thomas ____
- 2. Fleeing 3. Don Quixote, e.g.
- 4. Sound system brand 5. Be short with
- 6. Fabulous writer?
- 7. Between, to bards
- 8. Best guess: Abbr.
- 9. Quadrennial games org.
- 10. Alphabet run
- 11. Lonely place, supposedly12. Apollo Theater site

- 13. Dickinson and Post
- 21. Basketball coach Jones and others
- 25. Do _ _burn
- 26. Keogh plan cousins
- 27. One with a pounding head? 29. Mason or McBeal: Abbr.
- 33. Robin Hood weapon 34. "La Cage aux Folles" actor
- Tognazzi
- 35. Anchovy containers
- 37. Loser, according to a tale by 6-Down
- 38. Oscar-winning role for Julia
- "No idea"
- 40. Cap and gown wearer 43. Unmannerly
- 44. "Bump N' Grind" singer
- 45. Provoke
- 46. One who takes the high road?
- 48. Cool cat 49. Peyton Manning's team, on
- scoreboards 51. Faint trace
- See 19-Across
- 53. Richard who designed the Getty Center
- 57. Thanksgiving side
- 59. Interjections from Rocky
- 60. Dashboard abbr.

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 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.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 2/24/05.

Of the 125 entrants, 122 were correct.

- 1. Josh Heitzmann, San Diego
- 2. Tom Somich, San Diego3. Kenneth Tucker, Spring Valley
- 4. Sarah Pasquini, *Oceanside* 5. Dave Washington, *La Jolla*

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS. Tiene problemas con la bebida? Llamenos 24 horas. Oficina Central Hispana, 3628 University Avenue, San Diego 92105. 619-280-7224.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Cen-ter). Information, 858-576-3811. ARCHIE'S FUN FOREIGN Movie Club

and discusses 858-5<u>81-3456.</u> ARTWALK 2005. San Diego's largest An-ARIWALK 2005. Sail Diego's largest Arival Showcase of Visual and Performing Arts needs volunteers for its 21st Celebration on April 23-24. Please contact Carmen DeBello at cdebello@artwalkinfo.com or 619-615-1090 x206; ATHEIST COALITION. "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."—Newsletter and website, www. atheistoalition.org or 858-459-8273.

BISEXUAL FORUM SAN DIEGO. Friendly group meets monthly 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm for discussion, support At The Center, 3909 Center Street, Hillcrest. 858-259-8019.

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CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS are be condominium conversions are becoming a major factor in the San Diego
housing market. UCSD Extension brings
in a panel of experts that will explore this
topic in depth and teach about the mapping process, insurance, financing, renovation, homeowners association formation and budget and permit and
marketing. Friday, March 18, 2005,
7:30am to noon, Handlery Hotel and Resort, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego.
For more information, call 858-882-8011
or e-mail sfreecleveland@ucsd.edu.

CROSSDRESSER/TRANSGENDERED Nonprofit support group. Monthly meet-ings/newsletter. Education, socializing, friendship. Neutral Corner, PO Box 19008, San Diego 92159. www.geocities.com/neutral-corner or 619-685-3696.

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ENERGY FIELD CLEANSING! Every Tuesday, 7pm-8:30pm, 2141 El Camino Real, Oceanside. Energy field cleansing and chakra balancing. Earth & Sky Church, 760-631-7900.

FACTS: Families to Amend California Three Strikes Law meets March 10 at 7pm. Location: 3310 Bancroft Drive, Spring Valley. More information. Frank, 619-988-7276. FREE BIBLE STUDY course by mail. Non-denominational. Increase your knowl-

denominational. Increase your knowledge of God's word. Postage paid. PO Box 1473R, San Marcos 92078. 760-436-3730. San Diego. 619-299-6812.

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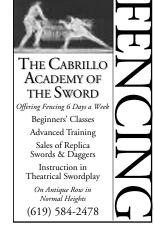


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HOLD ME WHEN I'm here. Love me en I'm gone. I won't always be here love me when I'm gone. Peace now. **JOHN M.,** where are you? Anyone knowing of John M. respond to Doris in this column of the Reader.

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MATCHES

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HAROLD & MAUDE FRIENDSHIP wanted. Young man, 22, with learning dis-abilities looking for a mature woman to share fun with. Movies, music, walks shopping, etc. (3/16) \$\infty\$34326

FRIENDSHIP. Average lady, 52, Pacific Beach, wants to find average friends for weekend movies and coffee. I like Fashion Valley Theatres. Age/income not important. (3/9) \$\alpha\$34260

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DANCE PARTINER. Male seeks female dance partner; free-style dancing, funk rock and roll. Be energetic, nonsmoker, light drinker. I am 63, passion for dancing. (3/16) \$\infty\$34327

LANGUAGE EXCHANGE. I would like you to drill me in Arabic words and conversation. I drill you in English or Spanish. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34049

FISHING PARTNER WANTED, able to fish during week/weekends. I provide boat, you share food cost and cleanup. Albacore, rock cod, harpoon, swordfish, etc. (3/16) \$\overline{\alpha}\$34305

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LET'S HAVE FUN! Professional, 33, 5'4", curvy, happy sweet, sensual, active, affectionate. Seeking nice guy, 29-45, nonsmoker, educated, caring, humorous, communicative, fun, for sincere relationship. (3/9) \$\alpha\$34036

CLASSY, DESIRABLE, slender, good looking, 60s. Seeking classy gentleman, trustworthy, educated, intelligent, health conscious, financially successful, fun loving, adventuresome, sincere, honest, reliable, giving, homeowner only. (3/9) 334011

LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY. Possibilities are endless. Female, 70, young, adventurous, spontaneous, intrigued with life and all it offers. Laughter comes easy, dreams do come true. (3/9) 🕿 34028

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ATTRACTIVE, SOMEWHAT opinionated, somewhat easygoing, physically fit, healthy eater. Loves walking, dogs, running, yoga, tennis, reading. Desires intelligent, financially stable, positive, nurturing male, 50-60. (3/9) 23-34018

OCEANSIDE, SINGLE WHITE female 57, 5'5", 130lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes Seeking kind, caring gentleman for dating, possible long-term relation-ship. (3/9) **3**34016

GODDESS SEEKS WARRIOR! Intelligent, black, beautiful, tall, sexy, childless lady, summons unencumbered, emotionally stable, humble, humorous, white male, 28-48, strong, with diverse interests. (3/9) \$\mathbf{T} 34013

Interests. (3/9) 27-34-013 CUTE, CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, energetic Enjoy beach, concerts, boating, laughing, dancing, kissing, etc. Seeking fun, successful, at-tractive, romantic, fit, great kisser, 34-48, (3/16) 27-34045

VERY EXOTIC AND VERY attractive woman. Seeking someone gentle, spiritual, successful and attractive. I am a very successful musician and love to ride bikes. (3/16) \$\overline{\alpha}\$34043

GERMAN BORN, long blonde hair, green eyes, 5'6", curvaceous, very good looking. Seeking tall, degreed, humorous professional. Enjoy weekend adventures, music and your cooking. 40-50. (3/9) ☎34035

50. (3/9) ★34035 FOR A GOOD TIME, CALL 43, slim, attractive blonde. Seeking fun, excitement, possible romance. Enjoy dancing, hiking, movies, theatre. You 36-47, white, slim, attractive, fun. (3/9) ★34029

Pretty black female, 51, easygoing, intelligent. Seeking single black male, mature, attractive, tall, stable, trustworthy and passionate. (3/9) \$\frac{\tag{3}}{2}\$4017

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, blonde/blue, 5'6", 52. Seeking kind, easygoing, white gentleman, 6'+, 59-67. I'm fit, pleasant, honest, sense of humor. Enjoy movies, music, theater, life. (3/9) \$\frac{1}{4}\$34031

TIRED OF KISSING DRUNKEN frogs! Cute white girl, 46, no children, low main-Cute white girl, 46, no children, low maintenance, nature lover. Looking for humorous, affectionate, white guy, full/partial weekends free. (3/9) \$\infty\$34034

gent, romantic. Seeking gentleman, 43-50, for a rewarding, romantic, serious relationship. Please be romantic, exciting, wanting a serious relationship. Let's meet. (3/16) \$\infty\$34040

TALL, CURVACEOUS, PLAYFUL redhauf, curvaceous, Playful fed-head, 50s, attractive, personable, adven-turous, caring, sensitive, educated. Seeking East County nonsmoker, honest, professional, attractive, humorous, gen-erous, spiritual, affectionate, sincere gentleman. (3/16) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$34047

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EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no-baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 59*+. (3/9) 13/4030

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Wanna have fun, romance, laugh? Petite, loving, curvaceous, voluptuous bundle desires 56-66, white, smart, humorous, considerate, happy successful nonsmoker. (3/9) 34021

COME FLY WITH ME. The best is yet to be! Mature. Caucasian female to meet be! Mature, Caucasian female to meetall, Caucasian male, 70+, nonsmoker for possible friendship and companionship. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34048

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, mom, 32, honest, caring, financially secure. Seeks attractive gentleman, 30-40, for dining, dancing, movies, and lots of fun. Nonsmoker/drugs. (3/9) \$\infty\$ 34023 ABOVE AVERAGE FEMALE, late 50s

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PRETTY LADY, NONSMOKER, slender, affectionate, stáble, would like to meet a nice gentleman, 55-70, for friendship, maybe more, movies, dancing, walking, hiking, enjoying life, etc. (3/16)

CHEERFUL, HAPPY, love outdoors, sunshine, gardening, cooking, friends, family, laughing, theater, old movies, travel, thoughful, aware, independent. Are you nice man, 55-65? Great. Hello. (3/9)

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SWEET, nice legs/fig ure, curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, chiless, homeowner. Seeking fit nonsmoker, successful, generous, upscale, compatible, 35+, Caucasian/Asian bachelor. (3/16) 34037

ACTIVE, PETITE, SENIOR lady of color rom Central America. Caring, very affectionate with a great sense of humor. You: 35+, let's meet for coffee. (3/16)

VERY ATTRACTIVE, dark-haired lady, who's petite, fit, active, happy, energetic, artistic given in life. You are active, fit, happy, outgoing, spirited male, 49+, nonsmoker. (3/16) \$\infty\$34046

nonsmoker. (3/16) \$\tilde{\Pi} 34046\$ **DON'T GIVE UP!** Very pretty lady with nice figure awaits your call if you are 57+, tall, communicative, fun loving, romantic, good kisser and hugger. (3/9) \$\tilde{\Pi} 34026\$ **TENDER-HEARTED, TALL,** tan, terrific, teacher, traveler. Youthful figure intact, good listener, fun, sense of humor, romantic, healthy, intelligent. Seeking nantic, healthy, intelligent. Seeking same, late 60s, early 70s. (3/9) 🕿 34024

GOT GOD? Tall, affectionate, unencumbered female, 41. Seeking loving, marriage-minded, dedicated Christian, 34-50, who's positive-minded,

financially/emotionally stable. Travel and animal lover. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34050

SEEKING SINGLE WHITE MALE, 32-55. serious relationship with black female, 47, not into playing games in a relationship. Hope we'll talk. Only serious need respond. (3/9) \$\infty\$34019

115lbs., athletic, 60, classy, intelligent. Seeking attractive, caucasian, profes-sional, well-groomed, nonsmoker, 5'8"+, athletic, humorous. Dancing, theater,

SEEKING ONE MAN, single white female, blonde/green, fit, attractive, 46, 5'3", blonde/green, fit, attractive, 46, 5'3", 120lbs., enjoy ocean, walks, movies. Seeking male, fit, attractive, strong, kind, 30s-40s. (3/9) \$\tilde{\pi} 34014\$

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, secure. (3/16) \$\infty\$34041

hair, blue eyes. Seeking honest gentle-man who enjoys sports, walking, out-doors, and who would like to share other activities. (3/9) 34033

respond. (3/9) \$\tilde{x}\$34019

WANTEDI A GOOD MAN to appreciate me. Let's have moonlight dinners, walks on beach, concerts. Please be financially secure, ready for relationship, 35-50. (3/16) \$\tilde{x}\$34051 VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 5'3"

movies, walking, travel, dining. (3/16)

SINGLE MOM WITH A BOY, young looking, 35 and young at heart, 5'8", Caucasian, thin, beautiful. Seeking relationship with enthusiastic, genuine white male, 30ish. (3/9) \$\alpha\$34015

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic, slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 40-52, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. Enjoy

cated, second language, enjoys art, boating, hiking, volunteer, agriculture, archeology. Seeking upscale, handsome grandpa for music, tango, RV, hobbies, home, global experiences. (3/9)

sports, culture, and travel. Let's talk. (3/9)

ATTRACTIVE, WHOLESOME, 64, edu-

PASSIONATE, SEXY, WARM, fun-loving lady, 56. Seeking 48-60, friendship to lady, 56. Seeking 48-60, friendship to long-term relationship. Must be gentleman with sense of humor. Are you out there? (3/16) \$\alpha\$34042

ASIAN FILIPINA WIDOW, easygoing, 59 years old, enjoy food, movies; loyal, sincere. Seeking man for love or friendship, energetic, 59-70 years old, passionate, same interests. (3/9) \$\infty\$34012

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LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette, very loving and sincere, nonsmoker. Seeking long-term relation-ship. Let's go for it, big boy! (3/9)

EARLY 50s, VERY ATTRACTIVE, slim, fun loving, great cook, romantic, financially-stable Latina, smart. Seeking 5'8"+ male, fit, 47-53; enjoys dancing, camping, great moral values. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34052

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PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, young look ing, 68, love travel, cruises, movies. Stable finance. East County. Like to share life with like minded lady. (3/16)

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SAILOR, SINGLE WHITE male in search

ing, 45-55, slim, athletic, with time to play. (3/16) **2** 34333

DO YOU WATCH SURVIVOR? Are you like Angie? Do you have tattoos, pierc-ings, wear glasses and smoke? Let's meet for coffee and conversa-tion. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34336 MATURE, WHITE, nonjudgmental, honest male. Seeking perceptive, amusing, attractive woman. I reside in Oceanside. (3/9) \$\textit{\textit{T}} 34286

CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL, fit, 48, 5'10". Seeking slender, 33-48, non-smoking, who loves dogs, steak, long weekends, Chargers, getaways, affec-

tionate, caring, considerate, for soul mate. (3/9) \$\infty\$34277

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SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl (7 years), 46 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond, blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing thin woman. (3/9) \$\mathbf{3}\text{34271}\$

GOOD LOOKING, PHYSICALLY fit, 5'10" brown hair, blue eyes, employed with healthy lifestyle and cottage near beach. College educated. Seeking fit female for monogamous relation-ship. (3/9) 🕿 34267

big plus. Seeking soul mate. Smoking OK. (3/9) 34269

WHITE WOMAN WANTED by attractive black artist (property owner) for passionate one-on-one relationship. Be large 180lbs.+, proportioned, attractive and seeks a permanent commitment. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34323

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confi-

CHARMINUS, HANDSOME, TALL, confident, romantic, fun-loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsible. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmoking. (3/16) \$\frac{1}{2}\$34319\$

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. (3/9) \$\frac{1}{2}\$34261

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YOUTHFUL, 75, SHARING life, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, conversations with compassionate, nonsmoking, healthy lady, radius of 15 miles around Lakeside. Sharing expenses, trips, etc. (3/9) \$\mathbf{\alpha}\$ 34263

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SENIOR GOOD GUY, romantic, good-natured, seeks petite tennis and life partner. Nonsmoking, fun loving, opti-mistic, open-minded woman over 60, please. I'm 5'7", 175lbs. (3/9) \$\frac{\text{x}}{3}\$ 34275

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ATTRACTIVE GENTLEMAN. 37. finan cially secure, physically fit, black. Enjoy dancing, movies, walks, music, sports. Seeking attractive, fit lady who's honest, professional, adventurous, joyful. Let's talk. (3/9) 🛣 34270

858, WHITE, HANDSOME, 55. 5'9". well groomed, great qualities and romantic. Wants long-term relationship with attractive, intelligent, nordic type. Age is not an issue. (3/16) \$\frac{1}{2}\$34328

STABLE, SECURE, down to earth, easygoing male, 57, seeks female companion to share life's weekend adventures. Have jeep, wants to travel. Let's talk. (3/9) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 34283

FLIGHT TO PARADISE. 53, sensitive, caring man, with time for you. Looking for a woman who appreciates the value of friendship and relationships. I enjoy movies, dning out or in, walking. (3/16) \$\tilde{\tau}\$ 34317

CAUCASIAN, 50s, 6', architect, designer, builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open, communicative, loves life. No cats, please. (3/16) 🕿 34324

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CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable, white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34330

VERY HANDSOME, SUCCESSFUL, educated North Coastal homeowner, 30, childless, world traveler, spontaneous yet easygoing, funny, gentle, generous and sexy. You're 20-40, beautiful, fun and bodacious! (3/9) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 34294

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HOPELESSLY ROMANTIC divorced Jewish male, mid-60s, homeowner, financially and emotionally secure. To meet Caucasian lady, 50-70, for fine dining, movies, theater, arts and more. (3/16) \$\alpha\$34337

LOYAL, AFFECTIONATE, HONEST, caring, animal loving, enjoys life, non-drinker, single, white male, 6', blue eyes, 170lbs. Seeks single female with same interests, race unimportant. (3/9)

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SEEKING MISCHIEF, MAYHEM, earth trekking? Attractive, successful Jewish guy from midwest, 40. Seeking creative and adventurous woman with open heart. Healthy rebels and nonconformists welcome. (3/16) \$\mathref{a}\$ 34308

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6'1", young 59. (3/9) \$\alpha\$ 34290

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AFFECTIONATE, SENSUAL, spiritual one, 45. Seeking short, well formed spirit with sexy legs, long dark hair, and kissing lips for physical relationship and possibly more. (3/9) \$\alpha\$ 34281

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Yes, I'll try again, Divorced white male. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced white male, 60+, healthy, caring, financially secure. Seeking attractive, loving, fit, divorced, white, 53-67. (3/16) \$\infty\$ 34299

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BEAUTIFUL PERSONALITY, handsome, loving heart, extremely kind, Berkeley grad, fit, playful, compassionate, communicative, joyful, mixed race, 53, 5'10", 175lbs. Race open. All calls returned, 38-55. (3/16) 34298

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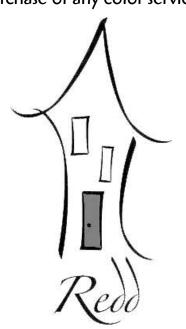
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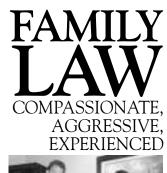
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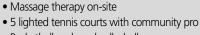
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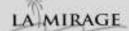
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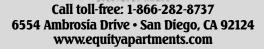
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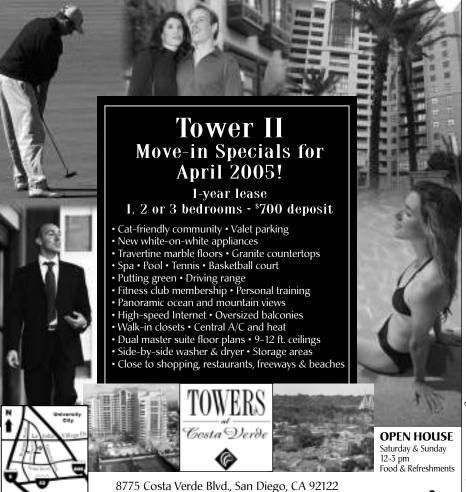
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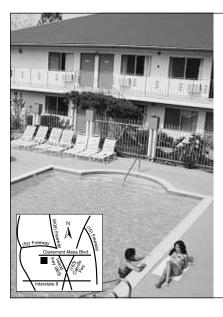
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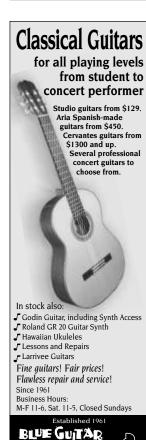
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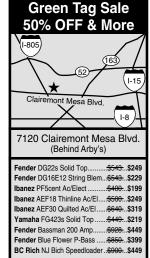
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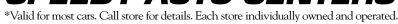
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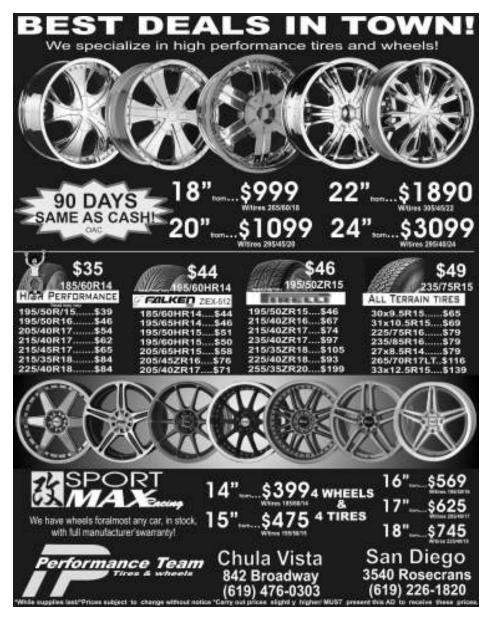
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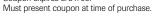
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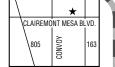
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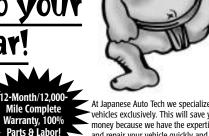
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The Eternal Temptation

— Virginia's *Roanoke Times* reported on Jan. 17 that a Wytheville police officer had to rescue a nine-year-old boy. With time on his hands while waiting for a school bus on a "bone-deep cold" morning, the boy decided to find out what would happen if he licked a metal pole. While awaiting someone to bring warm water to free the boy, the officer and the kid had the following conversation: "Have you learned anything?" "Uh-huh." "Are you going to do this again?" "Uh-uh."

Recent Alarming Headlines

— (1) "Fireworks Explode in Pants, Burn Boy" (a January story in New Orleans' Times-Picayune about an 11-year-old boy carrying bottle rockets in his pants while holding a sparkler). (2) "Cleric Suspect Misses Hearing Due to Long Toe Nails" (a January Reuters dispatch from London, reporting that radical Islamic rabble-rouser Abu Hamza al-Masri found it too painful to walk to court). (3) "Cops: Mom Used Hammer on Son Over Homework" (a January Associated Press report in which police charged a St. Louis woman with excessive supervision of homework, which allegedly also included pliers).

Mainstreaming Sex Workers

— In 2002, Germany legalized prostitution primarily for tax revenue and to make sex workers eligible for health-care benefits. At the same time, it declined to exempt brothels from those places of employment at which the jobless might be required to work in order to maintain their benefits. In December, there was a press report of a 25-year-old unemployed waitress complaining that she had been called for an interview at a brothel and feared that if she declined the job, her benefits would be cut. Germany's labor office said it would not do that, but a Hamburg lawyer said there have been cases of unemployed female call-center workers being offered telephone sex-line jobs via the government.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit!

— (1) Sehnsucht restaurant opened in Berlin recently, catering to people with anorexia and bulimia. (2) Frog farmers in the village of Bo Talo, Thailand, struggling with a glut in the local market, developed an export product for those who don't require their frogs to be fresh: frogin-a-can (which they hope will catch on as chicken and duck sales falter because of avian flu).

— The Japanese company Trane KK recently introduced the "lap pillow," a large foam headrest, in the shape of a woman's kneeling lower torso so that men can rest their heads on "her" legs.

Our Awesome Animal Friends

— A land-mine-detection outfit in Mozambique has upgraded from explosives-sniffing dogs to giant African hamster rats. According to a December Agence France-Presse dispatch, the lighter, more plentiful rats have noses that are just as sensitive and don't suffer dogs' need for affection and constant reassurances. ... Northern Arizona University professor Con Slobodchikoff spoke to the Albuquerque Journal in December about his two decades of prairie dog research. According to Slobodchikoff, prairie dogs in the Southwest

speak in different dialects but would likely understand each other; they can invent sounds for new things; and perhaps they can gossip.

— In a tourist park next to the zoo in Chiang Mai, Thailand, handlers have toilet-trained seven elephants. In photos published in Bangkok's *The Nation* in January and now available on the Internet, a five-year-old elephant is shown using a giant white, Western-style concrete toilet as if he were human, including using his trunk to pull a cord to flush.

— Recurring Themes: Michael Henson's dog became the latest one to "drive" after he pawed the gearshift of Henson's idling truck, sending it through the front of O'Reilly Auto Parts store in Springdale, Ark., in December. ... Matthew Harper's hunting dog became the latest one to shoot someone, stepping on a shotgun's trigger and blasting Harper in the arm, near Upper Klamath Lake in Oregon in October. ... Leana Beasley's rottweiler assistance dog became one of the latest to save her client's life by nose-punching a telephone's 911 button upon seeing Beasley suffer a grand mal seizure and then barking furiously into the receiver (Richland, Wash., October).

Creme de la Weird

— Paul Kelvin Hardy, 40, was arrested in Martinsburg, W.Va., after he broke into a couple's home on New Year's Eve, robbed them of \$540, held them at gunpoint for more than an hour, and then, when he noticed a piano in the house, ordered the husband to play two songs while Hardy sang. After the songfest, Hardy suggested they order pizza and meanwhile began playing with his gun. The siege ended and police were called when Hardy accidentally shot himself.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Cut Out for a Life of Crime: (1) Earmon Wilson, 44, walked into police headquarters in Buffalo, N.Y., in January and confessed to two burglaries at his apartment house, even though

he wasn't a suspect. He said his conscience was bothering him, which is what he said in October 1994 when he turned himself in for robbing a Buffalo bank. (2) In Cincinnati in December, Ronald Godfrey pleaded guilty to a burglary, which he was forced to attempt alone because, according to a prosecutor, his brother James (also a burglar) refused to work with him, saying Ronald was too dumb. In the December burglary, Ronald accidentally hit himself in the head with a crowbar, splattering the scene with blood, which police traced back to him.

Readers' Choice

— In a widely publicized move in January, Oklahoma state senator Frank Shurden proposed legislation to bring back the "sport" of cockfighting, which the state outlawed in 2002. To appease critics, Shurden suggested that the roosters wear tiny boxing gloves instead of the razor cleats on their legs and also wear electronic-sensitive vests in order to record hits so as to nonlethally determine the winner of a match.

The Continuing Crisis

— A 29-year-old woman who was killed in a one-car crash on New Year's Day in Rohnert Park, Calif., was "wearing" a live boa constrictor as a fashion accessory, which friends later said she liked to do. ... Two hospitals affiliated with Duke University notified about 4000 patients in January that they had accidentally "cleaned" surgical instruments in a petroleum-based hydraulic fluid (leaving them slightly sticky even though they were subsequently sterilized before use). ... Purdue University student Danlei Chen was arrested in January and charged with stabbing her husband during a sexual episode following a viewing of the movie Basic Instinct.

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ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 9310 Kearny Mesa Road Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. on 1/30/05

Investigation: I was dispatched to the Best Western Motel on an armed robbery that had just occurred. The



radio message said the suspects were three black males, wearing black ski masks, cover-

alls and gloves.

When I arrived, I met the clerk, Jamie. She was working alone behind the counter when the suspects entered the lobby. She was visibly upset. She saw a white four-door vehicle drive into the lot [and] saw three suspects exit this vehicle at once...the suspects entered the lobby and jumped over the counter. All three suspects were carrying small, flat, black handguns [and] yelled, "Give me the money!"

Suspect #1 pointed his gun at Jamie and told her to get down on her knees. Suspect #1 ordered Jamie to open the cash drawer. Suspect #1 removed the cash drawer and handed it off to Suspect #2. Suspect #2 carried this cash drawer outside to their car. Suspect #1...asked where the "vault" was. She opened the cabinet under the front counter. He ordered her to give him the key. Suspect #1 attempted to lift the safe but it appeared to be too heavy for him. Suspect #3 picked up the safe, stepped over the counter door and walked outside to their car.

Suspect #1 started to disconnect the telephone and computer lines. He asked Jamie where her cell phone was. She told him she didn't have a cell phone. He demanded her money. Jamie handed him her purse. He removed her wallet and took all her money, about \$50 in cash. Suspect #1...disconnected the computer monitor on the counter and took it to the car.

Evidence: There was no video camera. All three sus-

pects were wearing gloves. I took five Polaroid photographs of the crime scene.

ARMED ROBBERY

Location: 700 North Johnson Avenue.

El Cajon

Time/Date: 1:11 p.m. on 2/1/05



Résumé of Incident: A Hispanic male walks into Bootworld and asks to see several pairs of boots. He then approaches the register area where there is a female clerk working. The suspect displays a handgun and tells the clerk he is robbing the store. The manager walks up to the clerk, and the clerk, using store code, tells the manager that the store is being robbed. The manager throws a box at the suspect, who subsequently points the gun at the clerks. The suspect takes the box of boots and runs out of the store, being followed by the manager. The suspect runs several hundred yards with the manager following and witnesses calling the police to update their location. At the intersection of Jackman and Petree, the suspect hops a wall dropping the box of boots. He then turns the gun towards the manager and fires a single round. The manager stops chasing the suspect. retrieves the boots and called 911 from his cellular phone. Police move into the area, setting up a perimeter

where the suspect was last seen. The suspect is found hiding in an exterior utility closet of a nearby business. He is taken into custody without incident, still in possession of the gun, which is determined to be a BB gun.

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Location: [800] Vale View Drive, Vista Time/Date: 2:39 p.m. on 2/3/05



Report: Deputies from the Vista Sheriff's Station received a radio call to assist the fire department with an illegal fire at a residence. Upon arrival, they observed 37-year-old Lakeside resident Bonita H. get out of a 1991 BMW parked on the property. They also observed 26-year-old transient Michael S. driving a 1990 Honda on the property. Deputies conducted records checks on the BMW and the Honda and learned that both vehicles were reported stolen. H. was taken into custody without incident. S. fled inside the residence where he was taken into custody. Four other stolen cars were found parked on the property and were in various stages of being stripped for

At approximately 5:13 p.m., Vista deputies responded to a radio call of a suspicious person looking into cars on South Santa Fe Avenue in Vista. Twenty-six-year-old Scott S., who lives at the residence in the 800 block of Vale View Drive, was subsequently found hiding in the restroom of the AM-PM at 1403 South Santa Fe Avenue. Deputies believed that Scott S. fled his residence when deputies arrived and he was taken into custody. Detectives from the San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Taskforce responded to the scene to conduct the follow up investigation and served a search warrant at the residence. A total of six stolen cars were recovered on the property with a value of approximately \$40,000, with several of the cars having been stolen within the last 24 hours

HIT AND RUN

Location: Park Boulevard and B Street,

Time/Date: 5:58 a.m. on 1/21/05

Synopsis: A 36-year-old male was



sleeping in a black bedroll on the grass of McDonald's. When the sprinkler system turned on, he moved the bedroll to a parking space right next to the drivethrough. An unknown type of vehicle entered the parking lot and ran over the victim's chest and abdomen area. It is unknown how long he continued to lay in the parking lot before someone saw him and called police. The victim suffered 10 fractured ribs, a fractured clavicle and a possible fractured pelvis.

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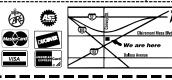
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I WAS ALWAYS CHASING CIGARETTES AROUND and grabbing them by the butt. The ashtray before me heaped with gray dust and leafy tubes of cotton. The barbecued tobacco stained my fingers and turned them into cobs of corn. And where was that big, bearded guy with the vial of Ketamine?

The lights behind the hardwood bar were lights in an underground subway station. Homunculi in suits and hats went up and down stairs from the taps to the olive tray. Metal plates, with holes to drain the liquid from overflowing pint glasses, served as platforms. That's where the little people boarded their trains. What was in that vial?

On the television above the bar — above the miniature subway station— was a woman trimming the buds off of a rose bush. She wasn't pruning back unruly leaves; instead she took the rusty macaw's beak of the shears and nipped right into the soft flesh of the petals. The brown metal slipped through the maroon skin, and a breeze pulled the remnants off in wisps.

The hallway rug caught my attention as it skittered into the women's restroom. I glanced around the bar and found a familiar face. "You ready for another one?" the oldster of ambiguous gender asked, pointing to my empty cocktail glass.

"No. No, thanks. I'm kind of screwed up, now," I answered. "Have you seen that guy — my friend I came in with?" This question only elicited a contorted face from the bartender. "Never mind. What time is it?"

"Quarter till eight," he/she answered.

"Damn, I was supposed to pick my truck up from the tire shop and drive to breakfast an hour ago," I mumbled.

"No, dude," said a beard in a silver jumpsuit, sitting one seat to my left. "It's almost eight at night," he croaked from behind glittery sunglasses. Had he been there the whole time?

"Give me another shot of K, and let's get out of here," I said. "The retired day-boozers look like they're about to riot," I said, eyeing the crowd of regulars who made that bar their home. They were huddled back in a corner, eyeing us. "Have we been in here for 14 hours?"

"I guess we have. The club closed at 4:00, and you said you had to take your truck to that tire shop across the street, but we stopped in for a drink at 6:00 — that's when this place opened. So, yeah. We've been here since then." His voice pitched and rolled as he simultaneously talked and exhaled cigarette smoke.

"All right, let's go. Too much TV will rot your brain."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

Not me. I'd rather scrape out a living as head B.O.-sniffer to Dennis Franz than fight for legroom with Regis Philbin's ego, even for an hour. People wonder why Kathy Lee was a raging bitch, but I wonder why she didn't snap sooner.

SURVIVOR: PALAU

CBS 8, 8:00 P.M.

I realized last Thursday that I would be a terrible Survivor. When it came time to vote, I would place potential candidates in two categories: those who have boobs, and those who don't - with top rank in the former category given by bra size. I would

work my way up through the men until they were all gone, and then start with the Acuppers. It's not fair, folks, but that's how my mind works.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

THE SMASHING MACHINE ON DVD **HBO DOCUMENTARY, 2002**

I've been terrorizing my roommate Renee with this for a while. I've threatened to tie her to the sofa and make her sit through the blood, gore, and basest acts of human nature portrayed in this film about ultimate fighting. "Look," I've told her. "If I had to sit through Jesus Christ, Vampire Hunter: The Musical, then you can watch Mark Kerr get his nose smashed in and inject himself with morphine."

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

THE BLUES BROTHERS (1980)

AMC 57, 5:30 P.M.

I watched The Blues Brothers over 70 times between the seventh and tenth grade. One night when I was 19, I sang "Soul Man" while wearing-my-asson-backwards-drunk in a bar in Yokosuka, Japan. I initially stomped up on stage to locate my friend Jake, who was absent from our group. While I was yelling, "Jake! Jake! Let's go, we're leaving!" into the singer's

microphone, the drummer counted out four clicks, and the band started to play. The lights blinded me, and the mic screeched with feedback, but I still recognized the song. I hit the beginning, "COMIN' TO YA! ON A DUSTY ROAD! GOOD LOVIN', I GOT A TRUCK-LOAD!" with perfect timing, sang it all the way through, and when it was over I shook hands with the band and stumbled off stage.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

THE VIEW

ABC 10. 10:00 A.M.

To counter the notion that women can't do anything except sit around the living room, gossip, and talk about shopping, Barbara Walters created a show by women, about women, and for women. The premise: five women sitting around in a living room, gossiping, and talking about pillows, nails, hair, and purses. Ah, progress.

BOOTY CALL (1997)

FX 68, 4:00 P.M.

Hollywood phones another one in. This movie ranks right up there with Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot and Mannequin: On the Move. The whole thing amounts to an hour of safe-sex instruction that is so literal that the producers of any after-school special would be ashamed to claim it as their own. It includes such thrilling dialogue as, "Dental Dam prevents the spread of disease," and "Lambskin condoms are porous, unlike latex." Whoopee!

BLIND DATE

WB 5. 11:30 A.M.

Dating in this modern age can be tough. What with the complexity of the Internet,



Blind Date

axe-murderers, and spray-on hair paste, it can be downright impossible. Here's a tip for anxious daters: to alleviate the pressure of meeting someone new, involve a camera

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

PERFECT PROPOSAL

TLC 36, 11:00AM

The Learning Channel's daytime programming is a dearth of anything informative. It consists of emotional triggers and devices such as proposals, weddings, and makeover stories. The Learning Channel would be more entertaining and educational if they programmed reruns of AirWolf. I'd at least be aware of tactical strategies to employ against rebel insurgents while piloting a futuristic helicopter.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

NBC 7. 1:00 P.M.

Last summer I was unemployed, didn't have a driver's license or cable TV. After scrubbing the kitchen for the 10,000th time, I settled into a nice routine of watching daytime soaps on the four stations my antenna picked up. Friends would drop by to drag me out of the house, and I'd simply respond, "Can't leave. Bo's back in town, and Marlena's possessed by a demon."

QUACKER FACTORY WITH JEANNE BICE OVC 25, 7:00 P.M.

There are a lot of things in this astonishing universe I don't know about. I don't know how time, space, and matter are interconnected. I don't know what women want. I don't know what the Quacker Factory with *Jeanne Bice* is, and I hope I never do.

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It is a monkey-house atmosphere with monkey noises. Various animal calls erupt regularly.

By John Brizzolara

First, I'll have to explain what I was doing in county jail on a Friday night. It will also, in part, explain the absence of this column for several weeks.

The charge was trespassing.

How this came about was a public intoxication charge, and I make no jokes here. This was a serious relapse on my part — any relapse is, for one thing, life threatening for someone like me with health to a large degree ruined by alcohol.

The thing was, I had no idea where I was when I was arrested the first time and given a "stay-away order." I really didn't understand the import of this stipulation and did not take it as seriously as I should have. I considered it more of a suggestion or guideline and not the equivalent of a restraining order.

Wrong.

At any rate, I thought some might be curious as to what Friday nights are like in San Diego County Jail. Oddly, they are not terribly different from Friday nights on the O.B. sea wall, at Brick by Brick, or a party at the home of some troubled 20/30-yearolds who still live with their parents, both of whom (the parents, that is) happen to be gone for the weekend.

So, returning to my arrest, I revisited the scene of my crime quite unwittingly. It was a set of outdoor tables near a business east of the Gaslamp. I was having a sandwich when, my guess is, an employee there recognized me as the sloppy drunk who had presented an eyesore weeks earlier. Two squad cars approached, I was cuffed and taken in.

I'll skip the humiliating preliminaries: (stripping in front of six or so other men and putting on jail blues and floppy rubber thongs) and get to what I found the most remarkable aspect of this Friday night. So many around me seemed to be having the time of their lives in the "modules" on both the seventh and eighth floors, where I was bunked alternately. I thought it had to do with some special Friday-night privileges. I was wrong again. At any given time there is much hilarity, the throwing of toilet-paper rolls off the balconies, mirth-inducing farting and belching, and conversation that invariably includes the words, "motherfucker," "nigger," "bitch," "Know what I'm sayin'?" and variations in Spanish. Several other phrases are common, but I see no reason to nauseate the reader. I was grateful for the Spanish I did not understand.

Which leads me to another observation. A huge percentage of the inmates are Hispanic, as if they'd been systematically rounded up in an attempt to intimidate them back over the border.

The sheriff's deputies for the most part have shaved heads and sadistic senses of humor. I asked for toilet paper in one of many holding cells we were herded into at seemingly random intervals and had a single sheet and then a second small sheet dangled in front of the door until I said please, which I could not do. The deputy thought this was the height of wit. They will speak to you as if you were there for murder or other animalistic behavior. Even the kindest of the female deputies or nurses will take on a tone while addressing an inmate as if they were about to swat your nose with a newspaper.

The entire place is kept refrigerator-cold ("the cooler"). The food will keep you alive, apparently, though it has nothing else to recommend it. Many get used to it after a month or so and will even steal it off each other's plates and laugh, as if to say, "Hey, I'm just messin' with you." Some eventually enjoy it. I would toss most of mine into the trash, as would many new arrivals. Lunch every day of the week consisted of bologna or salami, at times tinged green.

The harsh lighting is nearly constant, except for a slight dimming for a few hours in the early morning before breakfast at 4 a.m. I found it impossible to sleep. The echoing noises continue on an almost identical schedule, but many, still riding out speed highs, will speak overloud into the wee hours.

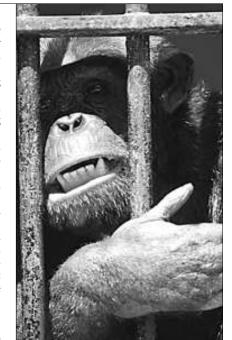
We are referred to by the deputies as "bodies." Any questions ("What time is it?") are mostly met with remarks like, "Why? You goin' somewhere?"

It is a monkey-house atmosphere with monkey noises. Pointless shouting and various animal calls ("Caw, caw, caw" — an unconvincing crow) erupt regularly.

The television, allowed on for short periods during the day, is mounted high (25 feet?) in a corner and is played at a deafening volume. Sports are the rule. This Friday night, it was the Sci-Fi Channel and BET.

The bathrooms are a nightmare of cold steel toilets, fouled, overflowing, and iammed with everything from entire rolls of toilet paper to magazine pages. The point, it seems clear, is that many were never acquainted with the functioning of the plumbing devices. The smell is, again, zoo-like.

Most inmates discuss their cases and the cases of others as if the modules were brimming



Behind bars at the monkey house

with Johnny Cochrans. Even to me — ignorant of so many aspects of the law and the criminal system — most of this conversation is clearly horseshit: everyone is innocent, especially the spousal abusers, the perpetraters of domestic violence; the cops screwed everyone (and I allow room for much credibility here); the SDPD and the sheriff's office do much in the way of inequity because they can.

My advice: obey the law, avoid the system, do not trespass, and do not walk on the grass. Do not open a bottle of beer in the park nor urinate in public. Of course, do not drive drunk, and if you take drugs make certain you never actually possess any at any time. Obey the rules of the road.

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