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Where Is Brenda Spencer Now? – See Blurt

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Sanford's Mistakes

Re Jay Allen Sanford's coverage in "Blurt" of Gary Wilson (March 3).

Unfortunately, it's difficult to catch every journalistic error and fact-check every statement in such a large publication, but readers should be aware of these mistakes:

(1) Motel Records reissued *You Think You Really Know Me* (just barely beating out L.A.-based Stones Throw Records) a few years ago.

(2) Wilson's new material has already been released on Stones Throw Records. *Mary Had Brown Hair* was released late last year to mixed reviews.

> G. Renteria via e-mail

Hollow Error

About your Letters (March 3): Jay Allen Sanford deserves a pat on the back for answering his critic about the "Blurt" cop-killer bullets. So many times errors or other valid questions raised by letter writers simply get no response. Jay's answer was good, as far as it went. He also should get a good swift kick in the ass. Why? 'Cause he didn't cop to and explain his error about hollow points being "illegal in most states," which his critic pointed out.

So here is Mr. Sanford's opportunity to redeem a scooch of journalistic credibility: *Where* did he get the info such bullets were illegal? *Why not* tell us? How come it is so god-awful difficult to give a full disclosure? And to admit a mistake?

Issue the editor a bullwhip.

> Mike Clark Chula Vista

Jay Allen Sanford responds: The claim I made was based on the original wire service report of the arrest, which states this style of ammunition is illegal. After over two hours of trying to get a straight answer from the NRA and searching online (and finding over a dozen contrary claims about the subject), I gave up and took the wire report at face value.

No Surprises

Re "Leavin' on a Jet Plane" (February 24).

I am glad someone is watching the actions of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, but I don't know why anyone would be surprised that the authority has already reached a decision.

In a KPBS story aired on November 14, 2002, about Joe W. Craver — the former chair of Mayor Murphy's failed Blue Ribbon Committee on City Finances and Mayor Murphy's ap-it was stated: "Craver says he'll remain site-neutral until the authority is up and running, but he concedes, Miramar seems like a perfect location." This was prior to the establishment of the authority in January of 2003 and certainly is a new twist on neutrality. He had not even started earning his \$139,000 salary.

I am also not surprised that the authority is carrying out a "contract against the county." A legacy of poor planning and the inability of the city and the county to say no to developers has left no site that will not radically alter the quality of life of someone. The authority will not show you those issues in their glossy brochures (what is the connection between biotech and an expanded airport, anyway, hypertension?). Probably the first and last time the authority ever recognized quality-oflife issues was when Joe W. Craver told an audience of angry Coronado residents, "We're not going to aggravate your problems. To me, that's un-American." If anyone believes that,

then I have an airport site to sell you.

Name Withheld via e-mail

Marry Posthaste

To Miss McMayor, the young lady who found the idea of sex to be "revolting" ("Symbol of Stupidity," February 24): If this is truly the case, my recommenda*continued on page 86*

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Out of the past If Pete Wilson is coming back to be mayor of San Diego again, can his



old pal Dick Silberman be far behind? So it seemed last week, a day after KPBS talking head Gloria Penner floated the idea of Wilson's taking over from beleaguered fellow Republican Dick Murphy. Wilson, who has been living like a prince Dick Silberman in a tony Los Angeles neigh-

borhood ever since being termed out as governor in 1998, was mayor here from 1971 until he beat then-governor Jerry Brown for the U.S. Senate in 1982. Erstwhile "managed growth" backer Wilson presided over massive upzoning of formerly empty spaces like North City West (now prosaically known as Carmel Valley) on behalf of big builders like Weyerhaeuser's Pardee, which just happened to be helping bankroll his campaigns. The traffic and sprawl that resulted are well known; Wilson's role is largely forgotten. Democrat Silberman, later convicted and sent to federal prison for masterminding a drug money-laundering scheme, was once a Wilson intimate, chairing the boards of the city's transit authority and its downtown redevelopment arm. Silberman, a major political monevman for the ambitious mayor, was said to be a particular favorite of the late **Otto Bos**, a beefy former Union-Tribune city hall reporter who ran Wilson's tough-guy political operation. That ended when Silberman jumped ship to become Jerry Brown's secretary for business and commerce, as well as chief fundraiser for Democrat Brown's increasingly eccentric presidential bids. After those failed, Silberman married ex-San Diego city councilwoman Susan Golding, a Republican, and financed her successful 1984 race against Democrat Lynn Schenk, herself an ex-Silberman intimate. In between, the nattily dressing former Jack-in-the-Box wonder boy briefly wooed the late U-T publisher Helen Copley, said to be devastated by their subsequent breakup. After San Diego mayor-to-be Golding divorced him and he got out of the slammer, Silberman moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, married an attractive younger woman, and sired a child. Then last week, just as Penner and others were talking up the possibility of Wilson's return to power here, a notably robust-looking Silberman, now 75 and attired in his customary three-piece pinstriped banker's suit and polished wingtips, was also back in San Diego, happily holding forth over martinis with friends and business associates at happy hour in the lobby bar of downtown's Wyndham Emerald Plaza hotel.

Daze of school All was sweetness and light last Tuesday night as the San Diego Unified school board voted 5-0 to turn Gompers Middle School and three other troubled poverty-area institutions into so-called independent charter schools. Part of the big sell included widely publicized promises from UCSD to operate Gompers along the lines of the richly endowed Preuss School, a charter high school the university runs at its La Jolla campus that caters to brainy stu-

dents from poor parts of town. "We would like to move from a culture of survival to a culture of learning," Preuss founder and UCSD provost **Cecil Lytle** was quoted by the *Union-Tribune* as saying. The paper, which strongly backed the charters in its editorial columns, then offered, "Under Gompers' charter petition, the middle school will partner with the University of California San Diego and model its academic program after the successful Preuss School." The story added that "UCSD students will serve as tutors and mentors for Gompers students." But if a February 22 letter from UCSD acting vice chancellor David R. Miller to board president Luis Acle is any indication, the charter may expect tough sledding. "Please understand that UCSD is not planning to assume any direct financial, management or administrative role in a Gompers Charter," the letter said. Miller went on to say that "funding may be subject to serious budget cuts, and we are not able to guarantee the extent of our commitment of tutors, parent education, teacher professional development, etc."

La Jolla bust-out Foes of San Diego city councilman Scott Peters are rallying to deny the



wealthy La Jolla Democrat another term on the state coastal commission. A recent e-mail from Kathrvn Burton, who ran against Peters last year, urges opponents to write assembly speaker Fabian Nuñez, who has appointment

power over the seat. "A coastal district as large as

the San Diego Coast District should have broader representation on the Commission than currently exists with two commissioners from La Jolla," writes Burton. "In January 2005, Mr. Peters led the Coastal Commission vote to reduce public access on public trust lands at La Jolla Shores Beach ... to the benefit of the property owners and patrons of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. La Jolla Shores is one of the most heavily used beaches in all San Diego and can ill afford to have designated public swimming areas buoyed off for private benefit." ... Ex-state assembly speaker and former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown has become a \$10,000-a-month lobbyist



for the La Ouinta-based Salton Sea Authority, a group that is trying to wrest the sea's developmental destiny from state control. Their top target: Democratic state senator Denise Ducheny of San Diego, whom they are

Denise Ducheny pressing to write a bill to give the authority power over \$300 million ear-

marked for rehabbing the brackish sea. — Matt Potter

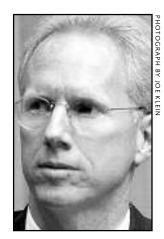
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The Celebrity Factor

By Don Bauder

urors who had spent eight days hearing a medical malpractice case were stunned when it was declared a mistrial February 28. Julie Parker.

All 15 jurors told the plaintiff's attorneys that they would have found the physician responsible for the death of a child during delivery, according to a lawyer who polled them. Four hours after the mistrial was



Paul Pfingst

declared, 10 of the jurors submitted sworn affidavits declaring that superior court Judge S. Charles Wickersham repeatedly scratched the back of the defense counsel, former district attorney Paul Pfingst, while kicking the backsides of plaintiff's lawyers, Nancy Sussman and

Neal Obermeyer

Sussman has filed to have Wickersham removed from any retrial of the case, Leticia Lopez vs. Dr. James Schaefer, et al. Also, Sussman has filed complaints with the California Commission on



Judge Wickersham

Judicial Performance and the city attorney's office. Among her many complaints - also mentioned by jurors in their affidavits --- was that Wickersham yelled at her in the presence of the jury, thus prejudicing her client's case, and also slept during the trial.

On Tuesday, Wickersham recused himself from the case, although denying all of Sussman's allegations of his misconduct. Wickersham noted that the most serious allegation was that he "colluded with counsel for the defendant in granting a motion for mistrial." The judge noted that the allegations have "created a substantial doubt" on his capacity to be impartial.

Both Sussman and Parker smell a rat. They say that on the day of the mistrial declaration, Pfingst showed up as one of the attorneys for the city manager's office in the battle between the pension board and City Attorney Michael Aguirre. Wickersham happens to be a friend of Mayor Dick Murphy. Last fall, the judge was randomly selected by computer to hear one of the election suits involving Murphy. Citing a "personal relationship" with Murphy, Wickersham recused himself. Later, all the superior court judges were recused.

On the same day that the jurors registered their complaints, Pfingst, now with establishment law firm of Higgs Fletcher & Mack, wrote to Sussman, denouncing her statements to jurors continued on page 6

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Is Cheri an **Axe Murderer?**

By Joe Deegan

n her 1995 trial for the murder of Susan Taylor, Cheri Lynn Dale didn't get a chance to explain to the jury where she was

and what she was doing on the day of the brutal killing. Her court-appointed attorney Michael Berg chose not to put her on the stand. Dale's mother and stepfather, Connielou and Charles Caldwell, and her stepbrother Fred Caldwell, wanted to tell the story for her. They thought Berg promised them he would call them to testify; they recalled Berg telling the judge they would be called as witnesses. "When Berg told the court, 'The defense rests,' we fell through the floor," says Charles Caldwell, 77. "We couldn't believe it.'

"As a result," according to Fred Caldwell, 50, "the jury heard only the prosecution's version of the murder." They still deliberated for nearly a week, but on April 25, 1995,

they found Cheri Dale guilty of first-degree murder. Several days later, Judge David Gill gave her a prison sentence of 26 years to life.

Connielou was at work, but Charles and Fred Caldwell spoke with me in their modest Leucadia home. To get help with Cheri Dale's case in the years after her conviction, they have contacted over 40 government officials, including California's attorney general. All of them say it's not their job or they're too busy to help. Now they want to publicize Dale's story.

The Caldwells told me that Cheri Dale got mixed up in a North County drug scene when she was 17. By the time she was 20, she was in the habit of buying methamphetamines at a drug house

on Torrejon Place in Carlsbad. On Thursday morning, January 25, 1990, other visitors to the house found Susan Taylor, 26, bludgeoned to death. She had taken 46 blows to the head and numerous others to the body. At the time, Taylor had been living in the house for five or six days while she prepared to move to another residence.

Cheri Dale often stayed at friends' homes; when she was high on drugs, her mother did not allow her into the Caldwell home. But on the Tuesday and Wednesday nights before the killing, according to the Caldwells, Dale slept drug-free at home on the family couch. During times like that, they said, mother and daughter were close. On Wednesday, January 24, the pair drove to the courthouse in San Marcos, where Dale paid the fine on a traffic ticket. The family still has the \$405 receipt for the payment with Dale's signature on it. Later in the day, they bought videos to watch together that night.

But before they went home, Dale asked her mother to drive to the Torrejon Place

address so she could pick up a red telephone shaped like a Porsche; she had bought it for her brother Fred's birthday. Others in the house had used it several days earlier, and Dale had forgotten it there.

By the time Fred Caldwell got home later that Wednesday afternoon, mother and daughter had left in the car again. But he remembers seeing the phone on the dining room table, and he saw it in the same place the next morning, before 9:00 a.m., he says. He also noticed that his sister Cheri Lynn was asleep on the couch.

According to court records, Carlsbad police said Susan Taylor was killed between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. During the trial, deputy district attorney Thomas Manning would claim that Dale had been awake for a week on a methamphetamine bender that drove her to kill Taylor.

The Caldwells hoped that the red "car" phone would add outside verification to their account of Dale's whereabouts on the morning of the murder. According to Fred Caldwell, Carlsbad police investigations turned up five



people who hung out at the

Torrejon Place house and re-

membered seeing the phone.

But defense attorney Berg

paid attention only to the tes-

timony of the house's owner,

Lisa Stanton. She did not re-

member seeing the phone,

and in trial Berg did not use

the testimony of witnesses

Cheri Lynn Dale

who did recall the phone.

In a recent phone conversation, Berg presented an alibi for Dale by trying to show that the real killer was one of the other suspects in the case. But as the prosecution "shot down" each of them, he lost belief in Dale's innocence, while still doing his best to defend her. He thinks that a comment Dale made during police questioning turned the jury against her. "The police have her on tape saying that the victim must have been 'hit and bit,' "said Berg, "and that was before they revealed what evidence was on the body."

A reputed bite mark was found on Susan Taylor's upper arm, and forensic dentist Norman Sperber testified that the mark was consistent with five of Dale's teeth. The Caldwells recall, however, that Sperber explained "consistent" to be at the low end of trustworthy evidence, "absolutely certain," the highest.

Instead, say the Caldwells, they overheard a juror after the trial say that the most damaging statement Dale made to police was that she was at the drug house on the morning of the murder. "I defy the district attorney's [®] Manning to find on tape $\frac{R}{2}$ where she says that," says Charles Caldwell. "She didn't asay that. It's a lie, but Manning repeated it all through the trial."



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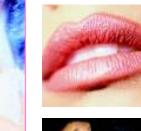
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and others. "You have made false and unsupportable accusations against both Judge Wickersham and myself ... " Pfingst wrote. "I demand that you cease making any additional defamatory statements or I will be required to take legal action. Furthermore, I demand that you provide a retraction to each person to whom you have published the defamation and provide proof of the retraction. It is my intent to bring this matter to the attention of the state bar."

Pfingst's letter "is a violation of the ethical conduct code," says Parker. "You can't threaten" an opposing attorney who is reporting alleged misconduct, she says.

After Wickersham declared the surprising mistrial around 11:00 a.m. February 28, Parker and Sussman took the 15 jurors to the presiding judge, who refused to speak with the jurors. After a delay of four hours, the two lawyers questioned 10 of the jurors under oath.

Juror Ryan Sullivan called the mistrial "a great injustice" and the Wickersham/Pfingst relationship a "good old boys club. The process of a fair and equal justice system in Judge Wickersham's courtroom was never present. I'm scared for every citizen of this great country to think that fairness and equality have no role in our justice system."

Juror Judith Macander said, "The judge was clearly in favor of the defendant's attorney and biased towards the plaintiff's attorneys."

Dennis Fagan said of Wickersham, "He repeatedly belittled Ms. Sussman and Ms. Parker" and raised his voice to them, while "he showed unusual deference [and] courtesy to defense attorney Paul Pfingst. I feel very strongly that something strange was going on between Judge Wickersham and Paul Pfingst throughout the duration of this trial."

Joyce Floyd echoed those

words: "I believe the judge and Mr. Pfingst had something going on together, and that's why there was a mistrial."

Patty Totina said, "I felt like Judge Wickersham had almost, like, a good old boy relationship with Mr. Pfingst and made that evident in his conversations with him and his rulings during the proceedings."

Glenn Rosbrook sensed "a disposition on the part of the judge which favored the defendant and was biased against the plaintiff."

"The judge was somewhat enamored by having Mr. Pfingst in the courtroom, being a celebrity," said Dave Grosch, complaining Lopez. Rand Power said Wickersham "seemed to give these two ladies [the plaintiff's attorneys] a bad time whenever they wanted to speak, and he seemed to shield Mr.

Pfingst from having any

that "no justice was done" for

problems." "Mrs. Lopez, the plaintiff, was not given a fair trial," said Michael Olpin.

"Judge Wickersham clearly showed preferential treatment for Mr. Pfingst and a bias against Ms. Parker and Ms. Sussman," said Cedric Tabuena. "My opinion was that the evidence was clearly in favor of the plaintiff."

Several of the jurors said

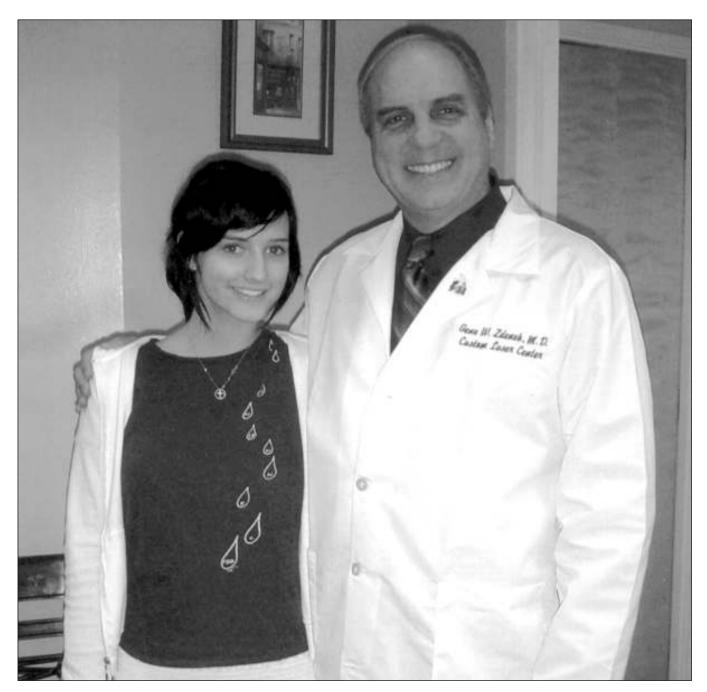
under oath that Wickersham slept at some points during the trial. Sussman said, in her official statements of disqualification of Wickersham, "Judge Wickersham has fallen asleep during the plaintiff's case in chief. I have seen him do so at least four times in which his head nodded back."

Richard Verlasky, a neutral attorney in the courtroom, said he was "completely floored" to learn of the mistrial. He believed the jury was going to come back with a judgment favorable to the plaintiff. He did mention that Wickersham told him Sussman had difficulty framing questions "and jumped *continued on page 8*



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I interviewed some others who were in the courtroom. Dr. Walter Coulson, a retired professor of pathology from the University of California at Los Angeles, was to testify for the plaintiff on February 28. "It seemed to me that the entire proceedings over two hours were almost as if it had been somehow previously rehearsed," said Coulson. "At least the judge knew what the outcome would be but went through the two hours, making points for a mistrial, and perhaps against a mistrial, but always marching forward to a final verdict of a mistrial. It was almost as if he were acting."

Warren Parr, who was asked to visit the court by Sussman, said, "What struck me most was the judge's incompetence. It was just stunning to me. He spent two hours contradicting himself. He said he was uncomfortable with the trial; if he let it continue, something bad was going to happen."

Pfingst asked for the mistrial. On February 28, he said that throughout the case, "Plaintiff's counsel has repeatedly and unceasingly asked improper questions." This caused him to object numerous times, giving jurors the impression he was "trying to hide something." He claimed that the plaintiff's lawyers were trying to insert impermissible evidence. They attempted "trial by ambush" by introducing the topic of a type of baby heart rhythm, which his client said was caused by anemia.

But Sussman and Parker rebutted that it was the defendant who had introduced this topic. They then put an expert witness on the stand who said that this abnormal rhythm was not caused by anemia but by lack of oxygen. They accuse Pfingst of "egregious misconduct" and said he had introduced impermissible hearsay

s evidence.

At one point in the trial,

the defendant had been

asked a question about pre-

vious medical procedural er-

rors he had made. Pfingst

had not objected to the ques-

tion. Pfingst later said, "I'm

not an ob/gyn" and admit-

ted he didn't know about the

topic. "I told the court at this

time I don't know anything

about this," Pfingst had said

in court. "I am learning

about it for the first time."

Sussman and Parker, who

both specialize in such liti-

gation, claimed ignorance is

fury, as well as confusion,

Wickersham granted the

mistrial, admitting that he

After much sound and

no defense.

had made errors during the case.

In an interview, Pfingst defended Wickersham. "He was not sleeping on the bench," said the former district attorney. Wickersham "was incredibly patient with Sussman as she asked a series of objectionable questions that a first-year law student would know were objectionable." Wickersham did not return a call for comment.

The jurors favored the plaintiff because "we hadn't gotten to the defense case," Pfingst said. He claimed his letter to Sussman was not threatening. "I'm just giving her an opportunity to withdraw the statements. People say things in the heat of the moment." Pfingst said he can't remember whether he worked on that pension-related case later that day.

"The jury saw right through Pfingst," said Parker in an interview. "You can only keep that veneer of falsehood so long. All he said was smoke and mirrors. We had a unanimous decision going. The reason a mistrial was called was that Nancy and I made [Pfingst] look stupid." She calls the mistrial "a legal Mulligan" — an errant golf shot that is re-hit without a taking a penalty.

Sussman said Wickersham's motivation seemed to be: "Let's get Mr. Pfingst out of this any way I can."



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Caldwell maintains that Manning concocted the story based on information Cheri Dale told police: that she'd gone to the house to buy drugs four days before the murder. "That day, Cheri approached the front door, which was ajar, and heard a fight going on inside the house. So she left," says Caldwell, who notes that neighbors told police that fights regularly occurred in the house.

But Dale also told police she slipped into the house, hid in a closet just inside the front door, and listened to the fighting. What Manning did, Caldwell argues, is transfer this story to the following Thursday, thus placing Dale inside the house at the time of the murder. According to court documents, Manning maintained in his closing arguments at trial that Dale spent more than two hours in the house, first committing the murder and then cleaning herself up meticulously.

Caldwell has copies of the crime-scene photos; they show blood and bits of brain all over the back bedroom where Taylor was killed, even in the adjacent hall. "Manning wanted to have it both ways. First, he has a drug frenzy driving Cheri to commit a brutal murder," says Caldwell. "Then he has her calmly and deliberately cleaning up afterward."

Court records show the district attorney's Manning referring throughout the trial to a bag of bloody clothes he insinuates were Dale's. Police never found such a bag, nor did they find a roofing axe thought to have been the murder weapon. But the idea of the bloody clothes is what turned Carlsbad police on to Dale in the first place. At the time, Cheri Dale was married to Jeff Hilner, the man who gave police the tip.

Like Dale, Hilner was a regular visitor at the house on Torrejon Place. According to ≤ court records, Hilner for March years has been in and out of jail on felony charges of running a meth lab and creating $\overset{\mathfrak{g}}{\approx}$ Molotov cocktails. In the ^{Se} months after Susan Taylor's Di murder, according to Charles San Caldwell, Hilner pursued **♀** Dale to the point of stalking.

Dale finally agreed to marry him in June of 1991, telling her family it was the only way to deal with him. After they were married, Charles Caldwell says, Hilner beat Dale and stabbed her in the arm. When she became pregnant, he punched her in the stomach, causing a miscarriage. The Caldwells have copies of medical records of the incidents and the 911 calls reporting the attacks.

According to Dale's father Charles, on the occasion of

the stabbing, an emergencyroom attendant found the tip of a knife broken off in Dale's arm. When he asked her what happened, she told him a dog bit her. "That dog has some funny teeth," he replied.

To guarantee safety for

their daughter, Charles and Connielou Caldwell sent Dale to Texas to stay with relatives. Hilner, whose probation forbid him from leaving California, became enraged and threatened to burn down the Caldwells' house. When Dale

had escaped Hilner before, by hiding with friends, her husband would later go to the friends' houses and trash them. After he threatened the Caldwells, he showed up at their house with a can of gasoline. But Charles Cald-





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well says he chased Hilner away with a handgun. "I was so furious, I think I might have shot him," he says.

In the meantime, Hilner was thrown into jail again, this time for pointing a gun at one of Dale's cousins. According to court records, on January 7, 1992, almost two years after Susan Taylor's murder, Hilner told prison guards that his wife killed Taylor and hid a bag of bloody clothes in a Leucadia residence. Police did not find

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the clothes at the home. But Carlsbad detective Robert Wicks and deputy district attorney Manning went to Texas, where they interrogated Dale for five hours. They also took samples of her hair and dental imprints.

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On the basis of analysis by a Germantown, Maryland, crime lab, the prosecution claimed that Dale's hair matched hair found clutched in Susan Taylor's hand on the day of her murder. On August 23, 1993, Wick and Manning again went to Texas, where they used the hair comparison as probable

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victim's hand. It later turned

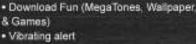




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cause to arrest Dale. In the meantime, the prosecution lost the "rope" of hair purportedly found in the

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up in the back seat of the detective's car. Then the Maryland crime lab did a second analysis of the hair and reversed its original conclusion. The hair found in the victim's hand, they said, could not have been Dale's.

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The first attorney appointed to defend Dale accused Manning and Wick of perjury and falsifying evidence in their warrant for her arrest. He tried to get the court to dismiss the charges. Instead, the court removed the first attorney from the case due to "conflict of interest." After replacing the first attorney, Michael Berg dropped the move to dismiss charges against Dale. But the prosecution never again used hair-analysis evidence in the case.

After Dale's trial was over, she and her family appealed the guilty verdict to a higher court. Although they lost the effort, their appellate attorney, Russell Babcock, got "a very uneasy feeling about what happened to Dale." Although Babcock reports that less than 5 percent of criminal verdicts get overturned on appeal, he thinks this case might have warranted it. "The prosecution never showed that Cheri Dale had a good motive for murder. And it was hard to see how a petite woman [Dale weighs 110 pounds] could have murdered anyone so brutally."

In the original trial's closing argument, defense attorney Berg insisted to the jury that all the evidence presented against Dale was circumstantial. That left plenty of room, he argued, to question whether the prosecution had established Dale's innocence "beyond a reasonable doubt." Berg's summation also castigated the police's bungling of evidence in the case.

These days Dale, now 35, calls her parents weekly from the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla. "She and her mother usually talk about things she can and can't do on the inside," says Charles Caldwell. side," says Charles Caldwell. "She loves a welding class she's now taking."

Several months after the Several months after the o Render March trial, Caldwell says he read in the paper that Carlsbad po-lice detective Wick got a pro-motion. "The article," he remotion. "The article," he re-10, members, "said Wick got it 100 for solving the Susan Taylor μ murder case."





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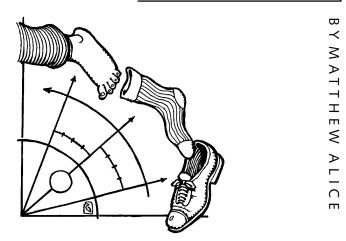
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



Matt:

ution by Rick Geary

I don't mean to be morbid, maybe just inappropriate, but over the years I keep hearing of pedestrians being hit by cars who literally fly out of their shoes. I'm not talking about your basic Birkenstocks or slippers, but rather laced or buckled shoes. Is it the tremendous force that cause a person to fly out of their shoes or is something more going on?

— Inappropriate Paul, the net

Lucky for us, firefighter-paramedics love talking about this stuff. We checked with the San Diego service and hit paydirt. Yeah, people do get knocked out of low-cut, tie-on shoes (not hightops or lace-up boots), but maybe not with he frequency you suspect. From one medic's personal experience, it happens when someone is hit with tremendous force in the upper torso. That knocks the upper body back, the legs trail behind, then snap forward. Under certain shoelace circumstances, that would fling footwear many yards from the accident site. He has seen shoes left near the point of impact, but the mechanism would be similar. The trailing foot somehow slides out of the shoe as the body curves backwards with the impact. If the unfortunate victim didn't do a good job of securing his Nikes before he set out, the force acting on the body will be different from that acting on the shoes. Our source says all patients he's seen who have been knocked out of their shoes were in really bad shape from the vehicle impact so he was a little too busy saving lives to see how well the victim's shoes were tied. He also recalls that a firefighter working at the side of the freeway was hit and knocked out of his turnouts — those big, black, honkin' thigh-high boots they wear. But they're not secured to your feet or legs, so you can be lifted right out of them. So see? Once again Mom was right. Stop and tie those shoe laces. Otherwise you'll not only end up with a major crushing chest injury but be out \$80 for new footwear.

Matt:

My boss told me today that kiwi fruit is a genetically engineered fruit crossing a peach with a banana. PUH-lease tell me this is a farce!

— Gretchen, the net

Would you rather be right or employed? Of course it's a farce, but does your boss want to hear that? Tell him that kiwi fruit is actually part grape, part hamster. Then tell him that a nectarine is a cross between a plum and a peach. Most people believe that, but it's bunk too. A nectarine is just a mutant peach that found a market. No gene tinkering involved.

Heymatt:

What's the difference between a hare and a rabbit? Size? Musical stylings?

— Jav, the net

Hair. Hair stylings. Well, actually baby hair. Hares are born with hair, rabbits aren't. Hare babies have their eyes open, rabbit babies don't. Hare babies can hop around shortly after birth, rabbit babies just lie there for a while. After a few weeks, though, it's a little harder to tell. But imagine a cottontail next to a jackrabbit: the jackrabbit has longer ears, longer back legs, and is somewhat bigger. That's because a jackrabbit is a hare, which generally outsize cottontails and others of the rabbit clan.

Matt:

I cannot urinate with some guy standing next to me at the men's room. I know I'm not the only one. I see others afflicted with this block. On a radio show I heard of a course one could take to remedy the problem. I can't count on finding a men's washroom without company. Please advise.

— C.N.T.P.E.E., S.D.

Our pee-spit question a couple of weeks ago shook loose some interesting mail. This was the most heartfelt, though. I'm not sure I can direct you to a pee class, C., but danged if there isn't an international association for the urinarily challenged. Every affliction from gout to the vapors seems to have a nonprofit support and research group these days, so why not paruresis? That's what it's called when you're trying to raise money for it. Around the water cooler it's called shy bladder syndrome or bashful bladder. The International Paruresis Association (*paruresis.org*) says 17 million guys and gals suffer from it. In the big book of psychological disorders, it's classified as a social phobia, a type of performance anxiety. The cure is behavior modification. The IPA has every resource a pee-shy person could want. And darned if they aren't in the forefront of a new area of employment law. They're raising money for the Tom Smith Legal Defense Fund, to help a paruretic employee who was fired by the Caterpillar Co. for not being able to produce a urine sample on demand for drug testing.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

Race Day

bounce over to *www.iditarod.com*, click on "Race Updates," watch the page load, let loose a sincere but muted, "This is good," pick up the phone, and dial a number in Fairbanks. The receiver clicks, and without waiting to hear a hello, I cheerfully announce, "DeeDee is out of Finger Lake with 16 dogs. First place. Swenson is a minute back, also with 16 dogs. You owe me 50 bucks."

A baritone voice mutters, "Punk-ass Swenson."

It's March, time for the Iditarod column. For new readers, Iditarod refers to the 1000miles-plus sled-dog race that runs from Anchorage to Nome. Sort of. The Anchorage start is for TV. The municipality trucks in snow; locals crowd saloons, line the streets; mushers don their racing gear, gather their dogs, hook 'em up, mush down Fourth Avenue, wave at the cameras, turn onto Cordova Street, mush past the city limits, a little farther, then stop, load their dogs onto trucks, drive 70 miles to Wasilla, spend the night, get up, dress, gather their dogs, and start the real race. The Anchorage start isn't timed.

Because of GLOBAL WARMING, snow is iffy in Alaska this time of year. This year, due to the lack of snow on the ground, the start was moved to Willow, 30 miles up the road from Wasilla. Same thing happened last year. In 2003, in search of snow, the start was moved 360 miles up the road to Fairbanks.

There are 79 mushers in the 2005 race. This year all the heavyweights have signed on. Mitch Seavey (defending champion), Robert Sorlie (2003 winner), Martin Buser (four-time winner), Doug Swingley (four-time winner), Jeff King (three-time winner), and Rick Swenson (five-time winner) are here. DeeDee Jonrowe, Charlie Boulding, Ramy Brooks, Ed Iten, John Baker, Ramy Smyth, and a dozen others who could have won — damn near did win — one or more Iditarods, are on the trail too

There are always a number of mushers who race for reasons other than winning. One is Rachael Scdoris, 20, from Bend, Oregon. Her goal is to finish. Scdoris can see shapes and shadows but is legally blind. It may not surprise you to learn that she is the first blind person to compete in the Iditarod. Iditarod authorities are allowing Scdoris to use a "visual interpreter." The interpreter is fellow musher and competitor Paul Ellering, who will talk to Scdoris by radio and describe the trail ahead.

Sounds nuts to me, but I'll be rooting for her. Follows is a little of what she'll be going up against. Will the radio work for ten days under racing conditions? It's going to be over 40 degrees during the day for much of the race, too hot for dogs to run. So, mushers run in the late afternoon and at night when it's cool. Ellering's not going to be able to see much at night. At times, he's going to be busy with his own problems and won't be able to tell Scdoris when to lean, when to break, or when to turn. In places, the trail is much rougher than civilians imagine. There are rocks, boulders, spots of snow, spots of bare earth, a jungle of shrubs, thin ice on one zillion creeks, moose, bears, buffalo, steep grades, sharp turns — and that's if the weather is perfect. Get a wind blowing, get a storm happening, and things can get lifethreatening in less time than it has taken you to read this.

DeeDee Jonrowe, 51, is the front-runner as I write this. She began mushing in 1979 and entered the Iditarod the following year. She has 13 top-ten finishes, including second place in 1993 and '98. Although never winning the Iditarod, Jonrowe has won other top-tier sleddog races: Copper Basin 300, Klondike 300, and the John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon.

Between 1985 and 1990, a woman won the Iditarod five out of six times. There was a saying going around at the time, "Alaska, where men are men and women win the Iditarod." It was an ironic jab, but for men folk, after the third or fourth female victory, the statement became a little too real, and many Alaskan men froze whenever "Iditarod" and "woman" were used in the same sentence. That time is long past, and DeeDee Jonrowe, by a long mile, has become the favorite of both sexes.

She earned her way in. This is her 22nd Iditarod. Jonrowe is a U of Alaska alumna. Been married to the same man for 29 years. Here's a quote from the Big Lake Baptist Church parishioner: "The Iditarod provides me more uninterrupted opportunity to talk with God than at home." She built her dog sled and oversees her dog kennel, home to 96 dogs. In the fall of 2002 DeeDee was diagnosed with breast cancer. She completed chemotherapy three weeks before the 2003 Iditarod started. Then, she mushed to Nome and finished 18th.

The Iditarod finish will be streamed live at www.iditarod.com

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Ramey Smyth	12 to 1	Hugh Neff	12 to 1	Biornar Andersen	12 to 1	
Gregg Hickman	15 to 1	Sonny Lindner	15 to 1	Melanie Gould	15 to 1	
Robert Bundtzen	18 to 1	Jessie Royer	18 to 1	Jessica Hendricks	20 to 1	
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Tall, barbed-wire fences surround R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility near the San Diego-Mexico border. Approximately 5500 inmates call the blue-and-white cement buildings home. Twice a year Kairos Prison Ministry runs a threeday weekend program for the inmates. All visitors sign in and acknowledge that in the event they are taken hostage, the authorities will not barter for their lives.

Kairos volunteers arrive at 6 a.m. and stay until 8 p.m. The volunteers talk to the inmates about God, love, and forgiveness. On the last day, over 100 visitors attend a celebration ceremony to show support for these inmates.

Donovan is separated into three yards, based on the crime and danger the prisoners represent. In the maximum-security yard, 60 men participated in the

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program. These inmates came by invitation of other Christian prisoners. The celebration was held in the yard chapel. The chapel walls were decorated with 60 hand-drawn posters from churches and local schools. One poster from Valley Christian School read, "Jesus loves you" and "We are praying for you," surrounded by students' signatures. Streamers decorated the ceilings, and a table was set with homemade cookies.

In the chapel, guests sat on one side of the room and prisoners and volunteers sat on the other. The prisoners wore darkblue jumpsuits with "Prisoner" written in yellow

on their pant legs. The ceremony began with a band of guests and inmates singing songs such as "Do Lord, Be My Body" and "I Saw the Light." After the songs, a dozen prisoners came forward to give testimonies.

"This has been a new experience for me. I always refer to myself as a convict, even when I'm out on the street. I have had a life of gang involvement and drug addiction. This weekend I have seen that I am a human. Some of us have never seen this type of love in our lives," said Don.

"I gave myself to the Lord two days ago. This is amazing. I was in tears," said Donnell. "I've been in prison 13 and a half years. I am scheduled to be out in four months. I'm scared, I don't know what's out there for me, but as long as I keep walking with God, I'll be all right."

Other inmates spoke about the hope they have now, the love they felt. After the testimonies, Jack, the yard pastor, walked to the front. Jack said 360 people volunteered to help the Donovan ministry. "Five-thousand-dozen cookies were made for the prisoners to eat and hand out to other inmates," said Jack. "[The Kairos program] transcends denominational differences — Pentecostals, Baptists, Episcopalians, Catholics, and Methodists. The Christian community is bigger than denominations." Pastor Jack then spoke about the hope the program offered. "We have guys who never have the possibility of going back on the street, but they have hope." At the end of the meeting, an inmate named Dexter walked up to the yard pastor and said he wanted to accept the Lord as his savior. Three men laid their hands on him and led him in a prayer to confess his sins, ask for forgiveness, and accept Jesus Christ as the King of his life. At the end of the prayer, the people in the room stood up and cheered. Dexter wiped away tears from his eyes.

Chaplain Bill Brown walked forward to close the ceremony. "I am tickled to be here and see what God is doing. If you are feeling something, it is the living God and His Spirit because he's trying to give you a message of hope, peace, and joy," said Brown. He looked at the inmates and continued, "You don't need to wait until you get out of prison to experience these things. You all are invited to be a part of the body of Christ."

After the ceremony, the prisoners and visitors mingled around homemade cookies and punch. "For many, the ceremony was a miracle. The third yard has been on lockdown since last September," said Charlie Woerner, a Kairos volunteer. (Lockdown means the prisoners are not allowed outside of their cells.) The warden signed off just days before the Kairos Ministry weekend, allowing it to happen. Woerner

attributed this to God answering prayers.

Walter, a 19-yearold, said he accepted Jesus six months ago at the last Kairos weekend. Since then, he has gone back to college to study psychology. He is scheduled for release this November. "I lost contact with my family outside of here. I've been doing my time alone; now I have a community," said Walter. He remarked that this weekend surpassed his expectations. "There were a lot of rough guys in this group. A lot of these guys were involved in gang violence.'

Chuck has been

involved in Kairos for three and a half years. Chuck told me he was still in prison because of the three-strikes law. I asked him his experience with the prisoners who became Christians during the weekend. "Half of the people walk the walk," said Chuck. "The other half fall back into their old life because of the peer pressure."

Chaplain Brown told me the impact of Kairos is significant in prisons. "The prison is divided by language, race, and by gangs. The blacks are separated into the Bloods and Crips, and the whites by Aryan Brotherhood and biker gangs. When a man comes to Christ we are all to love one another. I've seen white men with a giant swastika tattoo holding hands and praying with a black man," said Brown. "Sometimes the shot-callers take offense and tell these guys not to affiliate with other races. We've had [Christian] brothers beat up for walking their Christian faith."

Brown showed me a study by the Florida Department of Corrections. Of the 33 inmates released who serve in the Kairos program, the recidivism rate, or how often an inmate is convicted after release, is 9 percent. In comparison, the statewide rate is approximately 28 percent. "We are seeing guys come to the Lord and get out on parole and stay out. Now they want to come back into prison as a volunteer," said Brown.

— Drew E. Goodmanson



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Dear Saffron,

Another night and I am wide awake, readying again for long hours of tossing and turning. I am a 50-year-old female, have been married four years, and I have been celibate for almost four years. My wonderful, beloved husband has absolutely no interest in sex. Zero. I knew he had a low sex drive when I married him, but he tried so hard to make it up to me with other physical attentions and imaginative situations, I thought I/we could change that in time. We have tried all the "special" pills, equipment, therapy, etc. In all other ways, he is the most loving, kind, generous man any woman would want in her life. He used to be a world-class cuddler, but even that has fallen by the wayside. I find it terribly ironic that most of my friends, both older and younger, complain about having to make love to their partners more than once a week. I wish I had even that! I am in the prime of my life, a place that I thought if I ever survived my children/life/work, sex would be the most delicious icing on my cake. I have always had strong sexual desires, but now I find myself becoming increasingly angry from watching one of the most vibrant, colorful, special parts of me wither and fade away. I have tried to talk to my husband, over candles, in bed, in the car, dinner, etc., but he just says he's sorry, that he loves me and would do anything for me, but sex is not on the list. He says whatever desire he ever had has been long gone. Even when he was young, sex was not important. I am not a model, but I exercise, take care of myself, wear beautiful things to bed, and on more than one occasion have taken the initiative to get the fires started. On the outside, we are a mostly happy, loving couple. We travel, eat out, entertain, and in general enjoy our life. Can a couple of people who are best friends in life live the rest of that life without sex? I feel like a martyr, though I know many women who would love to have what I have, who could live without sex forever. But that is not me. If I could come to terms with this, perhaps I could live this life without regret.

SLEEPLESS IN SANTEE

Dear Sleepless,

Thanks for your bravery in writing such a candid and heartfelt letter! Differences in sex drive between members of a couple are one of the most common sources of marital strife. This problem is much more prevalent than one might think. The situation you're in can be extremely frustrating, painful, and depressing. Step one is for you to visit your family doctor as a couple and discuss this problem to learn what the causes of your husband's low sex drive might be and what options there are in terms of treatment, lifestyle adjustments, etc. Go alone if your husband isn't willing. And find a psychotherapist who specializes in marriage and family counseling, again, preferably with your husband, but if that's not feasible, alone. It will take great patience and persistence to find the right doctor and/or therapist (your husband could additionally consult a licensed nutritionist and/or acupuncturist - they have sometimes been helpful in such cases) who is knowledgeable about sexuality and who you are truly comfortable with so that you can work together to find ways to work with or around this distressing disparity in libidos. Please don't give up.

Hi Saffron,

In response to "In Limbo in Lemon Grove," the 30-year-old woman who was considering moving out because her boyfriend had turned into a namecalling slacker at home, I have a suggestion about improving their relationship. Men tend to assume that we women instinctively understand and acknowledge their efforts to become a good provider (financially speaking). The boyfriend has been working two jobs while trying to establish his own business - seems like a lot of effort to get on his own feet and become financially wealthy and provide for his woman/future family. Although I wouldn't suggest that "In Limbo" temporarily turn into a homemaker and take care of their home life all by herself, I could imagine that a little more support (and less "nagging"?) might give him the emotional support he needs to work on their future and also stop him from nasty name-calling. He has shown interest in changing his ways to make her happy before maybe he'll do it again once he sees that his efforts will be appreciated. C.L. IN ENCINITAS

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• Comon, Eve. Spend a few more pennies and enjoy your ramen," chided my old college buddy Canisius. "There are some really good ramens out there, and they don't take any longer to prepare." Canisius is a longtime bachelor and has become something of a packagedramen connoisseur. He was out for a visit, escaping the chill of a Wiscon-

sin winter, and had caught me heating up a bowl of bargain-basement noodles. L was skepti-

I was skeptical. "Gourmet ramen" sounded a little like "gourmet cheese curls." So I took his claim as a challenge, hit a few local markets, and dragged Patrick and Canisius to Ranch 99 Market (858-974-8899) in Clairemont Mesa. "It's like ramen Mecca here," marveled Canisius as he scanned the aisle and picked up some of his

scanned the aisle and picked up some of his favorites. We headed home and called my friends Kate and Anna, recent college grads with fresh memories of late-night ramen feasts. They came over to help us slurp through our 15 entries.

Steam frosted the kitchen windows as Canisius boiled up ramen, three pots at a time. Kate asked for chopsticks — "I want to make the experience authenticl" she cried — but had to settle for a fork. We started with what we knew: chicken-flavor Nissin Top Ramen (**\$.12** for a 3 oz. packet at Vons). All agreed, now that we were paying attention and not just filling our bellies, that the noodles resembled Styrofoam and the broth was bland. Pork-flavored Maruchan Ramen [**\$.20** for 3 oz. at Vons] fared better. "The noodles are

for 3 oz. at Vons] fared better. "The noodles are fluffier," noted Kate. "The broth is briny," added Anna. "There's more flavor, but it's from the salt," concluded Patrick. The bargain-basement ramens weren't

The bargain-basement ramens weren't the worst of it, though. That title belonged to the curry-flavor Westbrae Natural Ramen (**\$1.99** for 3 oz. at Henry's). "The gummy noodles stick to your teeth," moaned Kate. "And the buckwheat flavor of the noodles is overpowering," added Canisius. "The only thing stronger is the bitterness of the curry in the broth." He was a little less offended by the Thai Kitchen's spring onion ramen (**\$.79** for 3 oz. at

Whole Foods). "The broth smells like scallions, but it tastes like Lipton onion soup mix the kind you add to sour cream to make dip." Said Anna, "The noodles liquefy in your mouth." Beef-flavored

Beet-flavored ramen from Sapporo Ichiban (**\$.79** for 3.5 oz. at Vons) restored our hopes. "The salt is more subtle," I cooed, "and the noodles have a fatty richness." Kate agreed but thought a whole bowl would be heavy going.

Canisius smiled as he started in on the Ranch 99 Market ramens — now we would see what ramen could do, he assured us. The chicken-flavor Nissin Demai ramen (**\$.49** for 3.5 oz.) was the perfect counter to the Sapporo. "The noodles are fluffy — tender yet light," said Kate. "It's like they're the Brawny of noodles," said Canisius. "They're super-absorbent, soaking up broth and flavor."

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ramen.

A foodie friend of mine once told me that real-deal, freshly made ramen is judged by the quality of its broth. So I was intrigued by the next eight ramens, all of which came with two or three flavor packets for constructing the broth. Samyang produced the next two entries (both **\$.69** for 4.23 oz.), and both noodles and broth were miles ahead of everything we'd had so far. "A nice gluten chew to the noodles," observed Canisius. Added Anna, "I can taste each one individually, and they're smooth, like glass. And the broth is meaty." The chief difference between them was that the ramen from the red package gave hints of chili

flavor. The noodles in the Nongshim Kimchi ramen (**\$.79** for 4.23 oz.) were like silk ribbons. "I get lots of carrot flavor," said Patrick, "and a creeping heat that wafts up into my sinus." He kept going back to the bowl, until he got a taste of the Nongshim seafood ramen (**\$.79** for 4.41 oz.). "It smells like a tidal pool, but the broth is like concentrated fish stock," he said. "It's complex; I get lots of flavors onion, seaweed, spice, fish. And the noodles are like Rapunzel's hair."

He championed the seafood ramen against the next offering: Myojo Chukazanmai soybean-paste ramen (**\$1.31** for 3.83 oz.). Kate argued that it was like a meal in a bowl. "The thick broth clings to the twisty noodles. And there's lots of sesame flavor, and peanuts, with a balance of sweetness and soy. The Myojo is working its magic on me.

The last three packets all hailed from Thailand. "Are those really ramen?" asked Anna. "I thought ramen came from Japan, and these noodles look different." "I think of ramen as referring to any packaged noodle soup," answered Canisius as he stirred. I had done my homework, and I whipped out Julia Moskin's New York Times article on the subject. Turns out ramen is a Chinese dish that caught on in Japan in the '50s. Instant ramen came along in 1958, when the founder of Nissin Foods, Momofuku Ando, decided to deep-fry the springy ramen noodles in order to preserve them. Ramen as served in ramen shops consists of soup, chef's tare (soy sauce, sugar, and rice wine), noodles made springy by the addition of baking soda to the dough, and traditional toppings such as roast pork, hard-cooked egg, scallions, mushrooms,

bamboo shoots, and slices of fish cake. The matter settled (sort of), we got back to eating. The Mama flat-rice-noodle clear soup (**\$.29** for 1.75 oz.) was a disappointment: slippery noodles, oily broth, and a sour flavor that stood out on our tongues.

Where Mama failed, Wai Wai Sour soup (**\$.29** for 2.1 oz.) succeeded. Thin spiral noodles, pliant yet firm, swam in a broth oozing with lemongrass and spice. We finished the evening with Mama's

we minimed the evening with Mama's Pad Thai (**\$.49** for 2.47 oz.). All delighted in the delicate, sweet flavor, the spicy peanut finish, and the noodles that slid down the throat like raw oysters.

The favorites: Canisius liked the Wai Wai sour soup; Patrick the Nongshim seafood ramen; Anna the Nongshim Kimchi ramen; and Kate and I, the Myojo Chukazanmai soybean-paste ramen. Definitely worth the extra cents.



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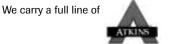


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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Word was out that *Blood on the Tracks* was Dylan's return home to serious stuff away from the karma clichés and kitsch he indulged in for kicks.... To me, sequestered in Clairemont and light-years removed from the magic of San Francisco (where grassroots rockers embody everything the fan wants to find in himself), the record seems like cheapshot cannibalizations of a dead style.

— "POTSHOTS FROM CLAIREMONT," Ted Burke, March 13, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Bada...received a number of samples from the museum, including a skull from the bluffs north of Del Mar and part of another that had been found at the site of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club when it was being built.... The skull fragment from La Jolla Shores had been dated at 44,000 years old, and the Del Mar skull at 48,000 years old.... Six years after his announcement Bada's date for the Del Mar skull remains unaccepted by the majority of anthropologists and archaeologists in the United States. — "ON THE PATH OF THE OLD ONES."

Gordon Smith, March 13, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Wars come and go, governments rise and fall, but fishing remains an eternal verity. And for Ed Lam, fishing has been an escape into peace that netted an unwanted notoriety. He started out trying to catch some fresh catfish on Lake Murray one day and finds himself with honors bestowed by national sportsmen's magazines and constant recognition by fishermen. "People come to shake my hand all the time," says the diminutive Vietnamese. "Sometimes I have to hide. Out on the lakes, sounds carry half a mile, and I hear 'Where's Ed Lam, where's Ed Lam?' They try to follow me. Sometimes I pull my hat down so they don't know who I am."

- CITY LIGHTS: "THE CATFISH KING,"
- Neal Matthews, March 14, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

It's ALWAYS tragic to step on a snail. Lawn snails...street snails (in precincts where applicable)...pond snails. *Crunch*, they're done: could Arthur effing Miller be tragicker? Tramper yer *own* snail, tho, and you've reached the acme — the ajax! — the *pinnacle* of a gastropod illfortune. (Aeschylus could not do you justice.)

You...me...you would have to be dwunk and I was. Couple beers, me and my snail, the petite little slimmer was outside my door in the rain. Streetlamps reflecting off his delicate shell, I lifted cautiously with midfin-



San Diego Reader, March 13, 1980

ger and thumb, inviting him in for a Pabst Blue Ribbon. We shared a sudsy glass: he, crawling upside the vessel with shell in tow, bending down at the lip to dip face in froth; I sipping/slugging in conventional manner.

— "HOUSEPETS I'VE IN ALL LIKELIHOOD KILLED

OR MAIMED," Richard Meltzer, March 15, 1990

Ten Years Ago

The children's father was in his last year of graduate school. We were dirt poor. Some mornings I was so depressed I could barely turn on the flame under the coffeepot. No matter how hard I scrubbed, the stove stayed dirty. The linoleum stayed dirty. Hems undid themselves on the girls' dresses. They scribbled in their Little Golden Books. Sarah, one morning, hit Rebecca in the eye with a hammer. "I want her to watch me and not Captain Kangaroo" is why she said she did it.

I married too young. I was still wild. How would I tame myself? He couldn't. Meals cooked, pots scrubbed, floors swept, husband's huge shirts ironed with no creases on the difficult plackets, vegetable gardens, canning, picking, preserving, sewing the girls' dresses, scrub, scrub, scrub: I made myself do it.

— "BARBARIAN PIE PLANT," Judith Moore, March 9, 1995

Five Years Ago

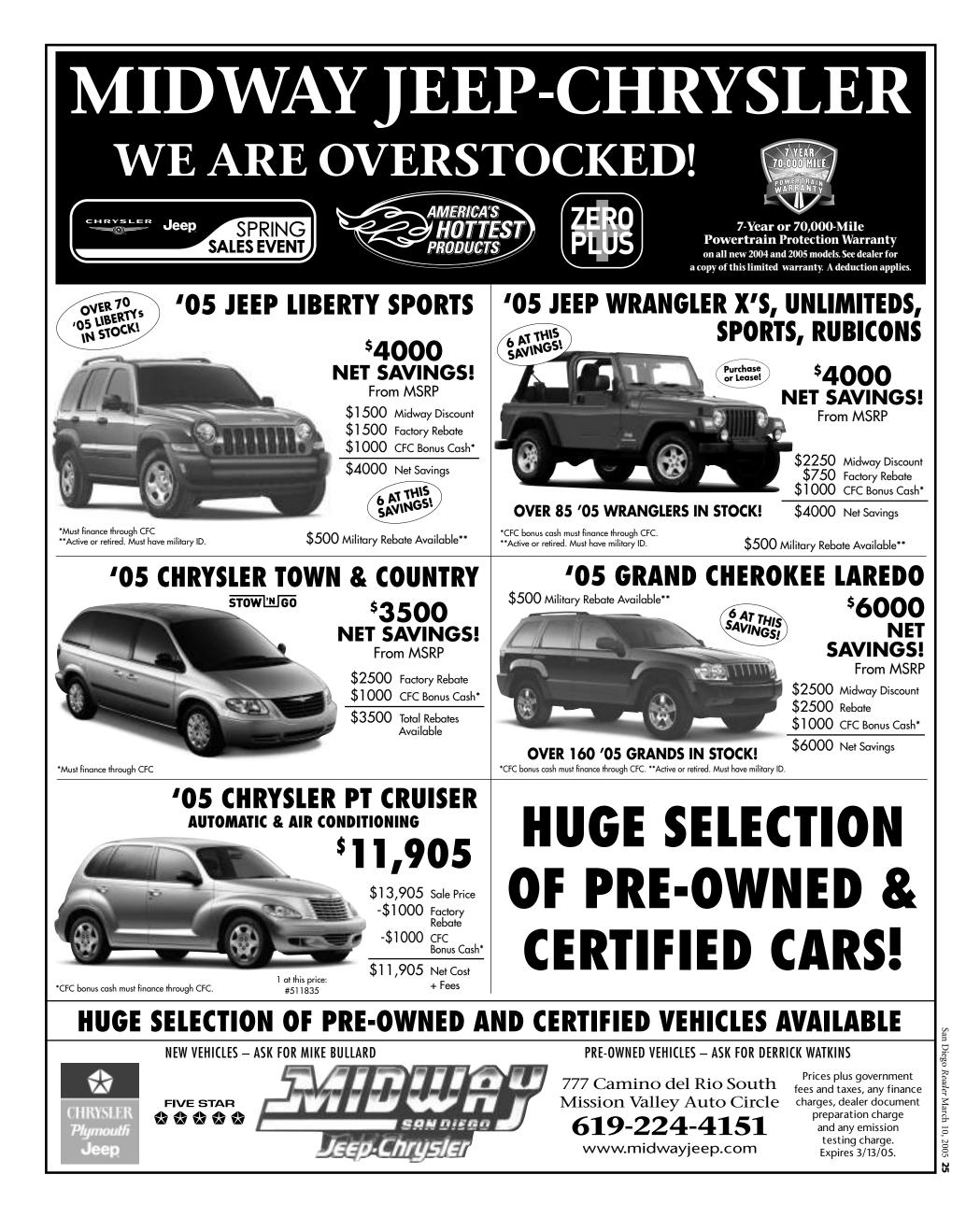
"If I listened to everybody's opinion I'd go crazy," says Poltz, wiping his mouth after we put back two kamikazes at the Arizona Café.

"Like when I was dating Jewel and playing in her band, I got this one review. It said, 'Jewel attracts — boyfriend distracts.' If I hear a song of mine on the radio, I'll turn it off because I don't want to listen to what the DJ says afterward. I like to play my life with blinders on."

- SCENE: "YOU AREN'T ANY BETTER THAN

A GOOD PLUMBER," Ed Decker, March 9, 2000

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Crasher

NORTH, SOUTH, AND SIDEWAYS

by Josh Board

got a couple of phone calls about parties on a Saturday. The first was from a guy in Mexico who had seen my story about the party I attended in Tijuana. He said, "I'm glad it was showing that there are nicer sides to TJ, because there are many. My friend owns a winery, and there is a party you should come to."

The other call I got was from a girl I met at a party a year ago. She said, "Instead of going to all these crazy parties where people get drunk and want to fight, why not go to an upscale one in La Jolla?"

All this sounded great to me. The party in La Jolla started in the late afternoon. It was a big house, and I immediately thought about the show on MTV where they follow girls around as they plan their Sweet 16 birthday parties. The first episode that aired featured a La Jolla party with the band Unwritten Law being hired to play.

This wasn't a birthday party, but one for Valentine's Day. I asked Caryn, who was throwing it, why it wasn't on Monday the 14th. She said, "Who wants to go to a party on Monday when they have school or work the next day?"

I showed up as everyone was finishing dinner. There was a choice of chicken, fish, or steak. (Note to self: Show up to parties on time and you won't have to hit Taco



Bell's drive-thru.) The dining room was set up nicely, and most of the guests were dressed up. Other people were sitting outside by the pool.

There was a table set up with lots of shrimp, crab, and other seafood. I've never seen that many appetizers set up at a party.

There was also a room with five hookah pipes set up with strawberry- and apple-flavored tobaccos. One person said, "What's

"You still owe me a nice dinner,

you cheap bastard."

the point of smoking those if you aren't going to get wasted?"

A few people were trying to decide whether to go swimming. They debated whether you had to wait an hour after eating. One heavyset guy did a cannonball, soaking lots of people. He said, "I the victim. He swam to the side, took his shoes and socks off, and continued swimming in his jeans and polo shirt.

just ate and I'm risking it." One

girl said under her breath, "When

threw him in with all his clothes

on. Everyone laughed, including

Two guys grabbed a third and

doesn't he eat?"

When these guys grabbed a girl to throw in, she was screaming for them not to. "I don't want to get my hair wet. I just had it

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done today."

Top: Roberto and his wife; bottom left: smoking hookah; bottom left: crowd of partiers

They threw her in anyway. She quickly swam to the side, got out, and tried punching one of the guys. He was laughing as he blocked her punches. She grabbed a towel, dried off, and immediately left the party.

Two different guys at the party brought guitars and started playing. When Caryn mentioned the drum set in another room, the musicians made it over there. And with a baby grand nearby, there was a jam session. Caryn started doing a drum solo, and someone said, "She sounds like Travis Barker [of blink-182] on speed." When they started playing a Jimmy Eat World

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song, someone told her the drums were too loud and drowning out the guitars.

Drummers never get respect. Just ask Ringo.

There was a bartender hired to fix drinks. Even though most of the crowd looked to be in their early 20s or older, I wondered if bartenders hired for parties have to deal with checking IDs. I assume at a private home they really don't care, and it's not as if vice is going to show up. I asked the bartender if he liked working parties like this. He said, "It's usually easy money. But these girls keep ordering all these fruity drinks. It's not like they want a beer or a Jack and Coke. I should've brought my tiny umbrellas."

I noticed that when the dinner ended a lot of the older people left. I asked one young couple who kept making out (and smoking) if they felt more comfortable now that some of the parents had left. The guy said, "I'm just stoked this party is on Valentine's Day. I would've had to take her to an expensive restaurant. Instead we get to come here and eat for free." She smiled and said, "You still owe me a nice dinner, you cheap bastard."

He said, "Hey, I gave you flowers. What did you give me?" She said, "You'll see later."

I asked Caryn why there weren't

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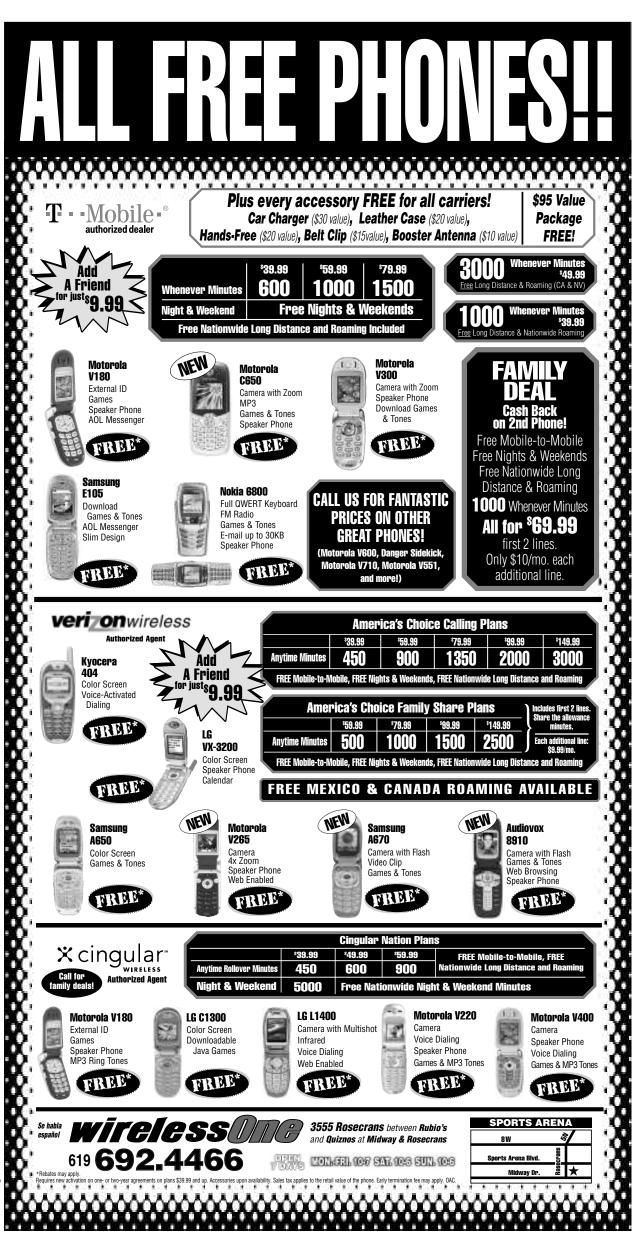
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more couples at this party. She said, "There are a few. And we have a little drama going on. That girl over there likes that tall guy. Another girl here likes him too, and she told her not to talk to him. I have a feeling it's going to get ugly."

Another girl who showed up ran into an old boyfriend. Caryn said, "That would've been fine, except that he brought his new girlfriend." Those three stayed far away from each other the entire night.

There was a bubble machine going and lots of red and silver balloons everywhere. The only thing missing was chocolate. Screw the shrimp! I wanted some chocolate! Maybe I'd get some at the wine party in Tijuana.

As I was saying goodbye, there was a big fight in one of the rooms. The two girls who liked the same guy were yelling at each other. Someone said to me, "Can you believe that? She walked in on the two of them. How embarrassing is that?"

I jumped in my car and left the beautiful homes of La Jolla for the...the charming city of Tijuana.

I didn't want to find this winery in Tijuana. I get nervous driving down there, and I'm bad with directions. It looked simple enough to just go down Paseo de los Héroes for a few miles and tum on one street before getting to the winery on Boulevard Agua Caliente. But it was just as easy to hand a cab driver \$5 and pay the \$8 to park at the border.

The party was for a group of women who all worked together in the food industry. They were all speaking Spanish and I felt a bit out of place. So I headed over to talk to owner Roberto de la Madrid Mateus. He poured me some red wine and said, "Mexico's most important wine region is Baja California. We like to promote the wine culture."

I asked, "Is this location any good? You aren't that close to the border."

He said, "We are sort of near downtown, near the twin towers. We have restaurants and a golf course nearby. It's an excellent location. Obviously, American college kids come to TJ to drink Dos Equis for a dollar at the discos. We provide the wine for a number of restaurants around here, and we do wine tastings, but not a lot of Americans come here. Unfortunately, they can only bring one liter of alcohol per person back across. We probably won't ever get much business from Americans."

I was munching on some cheeses and admitted I know very little about wine. We ended up talking about the movie *Sideways* for almost an hour. And when he asked if I liked the wine he was pouring me, I said it was great. I admitted I wouldn't know the difference between the cheap stuff and the expensive. Roberto said that is common, even among a few of the connoisseurs. He told me the bottle we were drinking sold for \$40.

I walked over to the party, since I hadn't spent time with any of the 25 women gathered here. I saw they had food on one table and were sitting at three other tables. I smiled, but the only conversation I worked my way into was when a woman asked me if I knew someone at the party. I told her why I was there, and she seemed confused by my explanation. She said, "You just go to parties where you know no one? How is that fun for you?"

I went back to talk to the owner. I mentioned his English was perfect (with just a hint of an accent). He told me he went to high school at Mount Miguel High in Spring Valley.

After my second glass of wine, I was feeling tipsy. I'd had a long day of partying with the La Jolla kids, so I bid him adieu. He insisted on having his friend drive me to the border, instead of my taking a cab.

He told me to come back sometime, and I promised I would. But thinking about it on my way back to the border, I realized I just don't love wine enough to justify the trip. I also started trying to do the math on what a liter of wine would cost. Is that a bottle? Two bottles?

Next time I'm down south, I'll probably stick to the Dos Equis. ■

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by Barbarella

Character is so largely affected by association, that we cannot afford to be indifferent as to who or what our friends are.

— Anonymous

here's Mary?" Carolyn asked as revelers began to arrive.

"Not invited," I said.

"What? How can you just *not* invite her? You guys are, like, best friends, aren't you?" She was flummoxed.

"I'm cleaning house, and she's on the list," I said. "It's no big deal. There are plenty of people coming. If she shows up, I'm sure I'll cope."

"Cleaning house" is a term I picked up from a self-help book during my "quest for emotional independence" phase. For me, the phrase means reevaluating the people in my life and determining whether or not I want them to be there. When I lived in L.A. I met scores of prospective friends — and found myself cleaning house every three months. It's true I'd hung out with Mary frequently, partying hard, staying up late at night, high out of our minds, analyzing our lives by picking apart people we knew. Then one day something changed and I thought: *I don't want this person in my life anymore.*

Lately, I've been in this pensive state of mind, redefining what friendship means to *me*, and discovering there are fewer people than I had imagined who fulfill my felicitous, symbiotic-friendship need.

Whether it is because I have matured or am busier than usual, I'm hyperaware that I do not want to waste my time on one-sided relationships; I'm ready to clip back the bush in order to allow selected buds to thrive and bloom. I don't *have* to spend time with people I don't care for — time-wasters, energy vampires, my dad would say. "Black holes, devouring every bit of time and energy you have, and giving only blackness in return." Perhaps it's not that dramatic, but there's still some serious spring cleaning to be done.

Cleaning House

The first step in my process of evaluation is to ponder the traits my friends can expect of *me*: kindness, laughter, insight, and inspiration. Certain people float above the rest — good friends who exhibit all of these traits and more. Then another handful of names comes to mind: fun folks I want to have around but maybe not every day. Finally, I'm left with a few names that don't fit anywhere; thick grains left at the bottom that refused to emulsify. These are the people I must scrub away.

Just as you need different cleaning products

for different areas of your home, various methods must be employed to wipe from your life different breeds of toxic people. Blunt honesty works best for those who betray.

"I am no longer your friend," I said to someone over lunch a few years ago. Prior to this eye-opening meal, she had begun to act strangely. I'd overheard her lying about inconsequential things, witnessed her exacerbating tense situations by playing people against each other, and other such juvenile behavior. The day it all came to a head — when I caught her lying to me — I felt betrayed and abandoned. For two days, I mourned the friendship as though I'd lost a sister. The following week I told her, "I am no longer your friend. I don't even care what the truth is anymore." And that was it.

When I outgrow a friend — when our values diverge drastically but no actual offense has been committed — I casually transition the person from the revered spot of "friend" to the distanced spot of "acquaintance." My ex-friend Lori is a perfect example. We were tight for two years, and then she started saying things like, "Oh, thank *Goddess* you're here" and changed



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her name to something ridiculous, like High Priestess Lilith Pashmina. In my opinion, she had gone off the proverbial deep end. I have no interest in putting up with anyone who takes herself and her newly discovered pseudo-spirituality/sexuality/lifestyle too seriously.

You can't come right out and say, "I think you're full of shit" to someone you outgrow because chances are a friend who has convinced herself that her behavior is on par with the divine path of righteousness rather than what it is - self-gratifying, egotistical nonsense — is not likely to come to her senses anytime soon

What you can do is stop putting forth any effort. I wouldn't care if I were to attend a function and run into Lori - or whatever the fuck her name is nowadays. I'd smile, go through the social pleasantries, and make my escape. She has thus been effectively cleansed from the clutter of my mental living room and placed neatly on a shelf in the garage.

There is nothing wrong with choosing your company. Those who are not selective about whom they let into their lives tend to waste the most time and experience the most drama. One year, I was trapped in obligating circumstances for weeks at a time, and I have sworn never again to put myself in such a position.

"Sure, you can stay with me" is the stupidest sentence one can say to one who is an insidious parasite. Helpless people are - you guessed it - impossible to help. After being put out time and again, after bitching to others about how so-and-so is ruining my life with her dependence on me, I am able to sense an oncoming leech from a distance, and my tolerance for them is nil.

The words "I was never able to do BLANK because BLANK" are enough to make me delete someone's info from my cell phone. I have no room for self-proclaimed martyrs. When cleaning house, it is always ridding myself of perpetual victims that takes the most elbow grease. Because of too many exasperating experiences with "victims," I spot them quickly and avoid them like a bad hair day.

The way I see it, if you are in unhappy circumstances, chances are you're the one who put yourself there, and you're the one who's going to have to lift yourself out. Constantly moaning for sympathy and singing the "Oh, poor, pitiful me" song is not going to effect a change in your life situation. If I see you making a serious effort to help yourself up again, I will be the first one by your side to lend an arm

I had one friend tell me for years how much she hated her life. Despite my attempts to help her fix it, she continued to make poor

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decisions, constantly putting herself in less than desirable situations. Why do you bother? I asked myself. Good question, I answered, and stopped bothering.

The overly needy can be soaked up with the same sponge as martyrs and are just as easy to spot. Unfortunately, I sometimes fall

into this category. Despite the quality of friendship I can offer, I am what you might call "high maintenance." For this reason, I wouldn't be surprised if many people have cleaned me out of their lives, unwilling to be part of the audience I occasionally require. This is always for the best. I can't stand to be

around someone like me for too long. I'm a talkative bitch, and the spotlight can only shine on one person at a time. I can sit back and watch, but if someone is hoarding, monopolizing, and annoying, I will not hesitate to produce a cane from the side curtain and pull the pest off my stage.

Honestly, I'm astonished that people actually want to be my friend. But for those who do, I will strive to meet my own requirements and offer laughter, kindness, insight, and inspiration. As for the nonreciprocal few, it's time to fetch the cleanser and clean house.





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"You're in the pit for #13?" I asked.

"Exactly," he said. "I need someone who can suit up now." "I don't have a car. For that

matter, I don't even have a license." "You're the only one who can

do it. I saw you take Wards Ferry Road in your dad's old Ford pickup at 80 miles an hour," he urged.

"Lots of kids did that back then," I answered.

"Yeah, but not with two kegs, a hot tub, and 17 people in back."

He had a point.

I ran to meet him at the gate to the pits, and he stuffed me into a white fire suit and helmet. And, with only 12 laps to go I shot out onto the track like lightning. I muscled my way through the pack, scraped my quarter panels past the competition, and maneuvered the champagne-colored four-door Corolla into the lead. But it wasn't

HE #13 STREET STOCK CAR rounded the corner and violently smashed sideways into the wall, and the crowd let out a cheer. The ensuing spinout and flip-over left the car a smoking, flaming tin can, and the driver barely escaped unharmed. Just then, a man in black headphones and a ball cap pointed to me from the chain-link fence separating the grandstands and the pits. Incredulously, I pointed to myself and looked around. I couldn't believe it. I mouthed the question, "Me?" and he nodded.

> I quickly recognized this man as a high school buddy of mine. He yelled at me over the whining engines and air ratchets firing off behind him, "You've got to race for my team! I just lost a driver."





over yet. On the last lap a fierce black-and-gold Monte Carlo threatened to take my victory, but as the checkered flag waved, I nosed the "Go Barb" license plate over the finish line and took my place in the winner's circle.

My prize for grinding out the fastest time on the track was a fire truck full of strippers. They placed wreaths around my neck and a microphone in my hand. I pointed to the stands and acknowledged my instantaneous fan base. And as I uttered the echoing, tearful words of gratitude to those who'd helped me along the way, I caught sight of my friends Barb and David. They were far off in the stands, but I could see them perfectly. Waving to Barb and thanking her for the use of her car, I could hear her say, so clearly, "Are we in the boondocks yet?"

"I'm sorry, what?" I asked. "What are you doing, daydreaming? Get out of the car. We should eat before we get to the races," she fired. She and David looked at me expectedly from the doorway of the Latino Taco Shop.

"Oh, yeah," I said. "I knew that," and I followed them in. At the door I turned back and looked around the shopping center for clues as to how to get to the track, but Déjà Vu's Love Boutique porno shop and nearby Chevron weren't included in my directions.

The taco shop was brightly lit in hues of yellow and orange. The walls featured large photomurals of an idyllic paradise far away from El Cajon. Between bites of carne asada, rice, and beans I talked Barb's ear off about how excited I was to be going to the races. She listened intently to my ramblings while she methodically separated her burrito into very distinct separate piles on her paper plate and ate the beans individually on tortilla chips. David and I watched her for close to five minutes, at which point he whispered in my direction, "O-C-D," in an attempt to explain her odd behavior, but I was already accustomed to her strange eating habits. Barb assured us it was merely a "minor preference."

It was five minutes past 4:00 p.m. when Barb had finished sacrificing frijole villagers to tortilla pterodactyls, and she finally said, "All right, let's go. The parking lot and track are open. Let's get a good spot." Still uncertain as to where the hell we were, I went back to the counter to ask. The small Mexican man spoke quickly, his hands gesticulating wildly. The directions were accurate and helpful; unfortunately, no one in my party spoke Spanish. I pointed, and he nodded with a "*Sí*." Good enough for me. Turning to leave, we thanked the small mustachioed man for the food and directions, clacked our brown plastic tray into the receptacle for brown plastic trays, then set out for our destination.

Not knowing what to expect, I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of bumper stickers. The last 20 minutes on the 8 east had filled my head with questions. How many things could a die-cut vinyl Calvin possibly piss on? Would the rebel flag or the American flag be the most prominent display of colors? Would it look as if the Confederate Army had set up a splinter cell in the East County of San Diego? And who

The last 20 minutes on the 8 East had filled my head with questions.



belongs to the NASCAR numbers 3 and 8? Being metropolitan urbanites, we were naturally fearful of anything east of the 15.

From the backseat of the Barbmobile, I watched rugged offroad trucks with their bodies lifted in angles and positions Henry Ford never meant them to be. Orangehaired old ladies in Plymouths and Malibus with mirrors duct taped into place passed by, horns blaring. Barb is one of those women who drives in the second-to-fastest lane doing 50 mph and singing wildly. That afternoon, David and I were her captive audience as she belted out the entire soundtrack



to The Little Mermaid. Before we headed out, David had to make several trips back and forth from the car

to his apartment for things he had forgotten: earplugs, the camera, his sunglasses. Barb and I sat impatiently in the car, and she kept saying, "We've got to get there in time," and he'd return, only to turn right back

around and head back upstairs with Barb sighing, "Dammit." She was in a hurry and let fly with the pointing

and cursing at other drivers until surface streets gave way to the 15 north. From then on, it was a onewoman show of Ariel and Sebastian's hijinks.

The Dust, Guts, and Wall

Giant tractor tires, painted white, stood guard at the dusty entrance to the Cajon Speedway parking lot. I was surprised to see the lot was nearly empty. We parked three rows back from the entrance gate, an easy walk. David hopped out and immediately started testing light levels and fussing with his digital camera. Barb, adjusting her sunglasses one last time and applying a final touch-up to her

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lipstick, prepared for her big debut at Cajon Speedway. Throwing her boa across her shoulder, she put one high heel out and yelled, "This is dirt!"

"Of course it's dirty," I said. "There's a lot of dust and debris..."

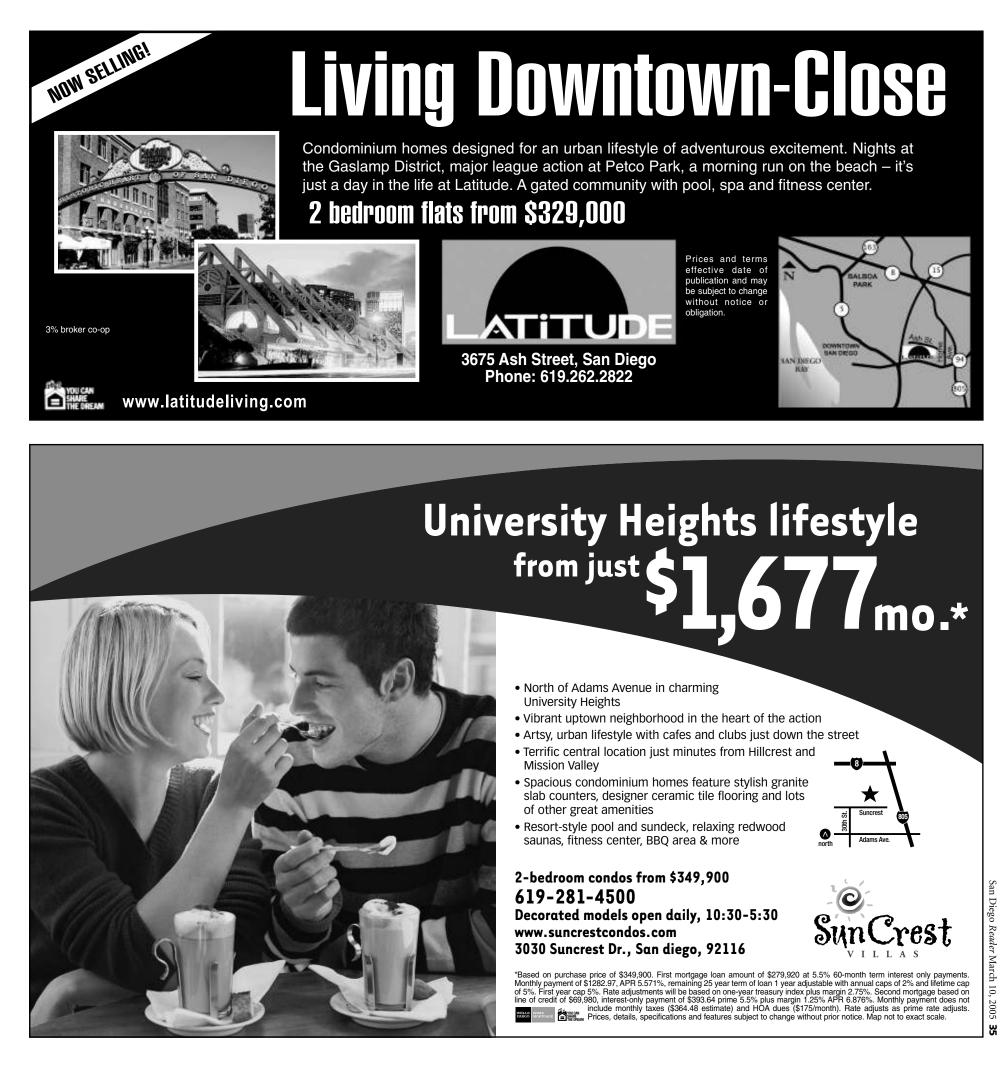
"No, it's not 'dirty,' it's dirt. The parking lot is dirt. If these heels are ruined, I'm having your ass," she joked. Barb's favorite role, besides that of any musical Disney cartoon, is that of the prima donna. This bitchiness is hilarious to her friends but would probably be misunderstood by outsiders. Others would have no way of knowing that she'd driven and paid for our tickets, serenading us all the while.

Getting out of the car, Barb asked David, "What do I do with this?" referring to her parking stub. David said, "Just put one on your dash and keep the other with you." "Oh," she said in surprise, "do I give this stub to a parking attendant?"

"No, Barb. There's no valet service at Cajon Speedway," David replied coolly. Once inside the

gate, a fancy baseball cap with "Cajon

Speedway" emblazoned on the front was shoved into our hands, and a smiling face said, "Cap Night. First 2000 people get a hat." Admittedly, I was more excited about the lids than my companions. Barb and David were



grateful, but if it doesn't have feathers Barb won't put it on her head. I'm not sure there is such a thing, but David wondered about the thread count of his new chapeau.

I, on the other hand, yelled, "Wow! Cool, look at that. That's a great hat."

I removed my favorite Stihl chainsaws headpiece and replaced it with the brand-new Cajon Speedway cap. Surprisingly, it was of good quality, constructed from hefty material in a fetching red, white, and blue graphic arrangement. Giddiness came, not creeping, but in a crashing wave over me. Not for the hat. Not for the races. Not just for the opportunity to meet and talk to others like me, but for everything. I ran through the avenue behind the bleachers, where the candy, beer, and toy

merchants were lined up. To the left were the main office and bathrooms; to the right, the stands stood tall overlooking the cyclone fence and wall that separate spectators from careening speed machines. A brown Crown Victoria with a stuffed cow and handpainted numbers came crashing into the considerable concrete blockade just yards in front of me.

The ripping and booming of mechanical power plants was deafening.

"Isn't this awesome!" I screamed. "What?" Barb asked.

"Awesome, isn't this awesome?" I yelled again, but it was no use. There was no way she could understand what I was saying. And the brown Crown Vic took another tirescreeching lap past us. The three of us

were intent on getting into the pits, which Barb called "The VIP Room." We didn't even know if there were pits, but dammit, we wanted in to whatever restricted area the track could offer. We walked around the

and back into normal noise levels, I spotted it — the gate to the forbidden. The sign read, "No Entry into the Pits without Passes," so we stormed up to the security guard and demanded to be let in. He pointed

On one occasion, an eager driver stomped his accelerator and overtook the car ahead of him from the outside before the green flag.

grounds looking for forbidden places into which a press pass and a smile might grant us access. Making our way to the south side of the stadium, away from the bellowing open pipes on the oval track

us to the head office and said, "Gotta have a pass. Can't get in without a pass." Rubber dust spit

like a fine mist from the paved oval track in great clouds whenever a race car passed. We

hadn't noticed that we were nearly covered in it until we got into the artificial light and airconditioning of the front office. We brushed it from our arms and shirts as the manager watched us from behind the counter. "Can I help you folks?" Yes, you see, there's a lot of black dust out there, and we thought we'd come in for a quick shake off in your crisp, clean lobby. You don't mind, do you? If we were going to woo this man into giving us pit passes, this probably wasn't the best way to start. "What's your

names?" he asked, and then checked his roster.

"Oh, we're not on any list, you see ... "

"If you're not on the list, you can't get pit passes," he interrupted. This was my cue to turn around and head for the door from

which I entered, but Barb grabbed my shirt sleeve. She saw this as a challenge she could handle.

"But we're writers. He's writing a story about the speedway, and this is our photographer," she said as she pointed to David. Barb pressed on while I read a newspaper article tacked to the wall that bemoaned the uncertainty of the speedway's future.

The man behind the counter noticed I was reading about the lease with the county expiring, and he added, "Yep. Might not be here next year. This might be our last season.

"Sorry, folks. You should've called ahead or written us a letter. I can't do anything for you."

Again, I turned to leave and Barb yanked me back by my collar. Barb has the gift of

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charm and conversational ease the way I have the gift of eating and breathing. Having zero people skills, I was thrilled when the manager said, "Okay. Okay. I'll let *one* of you go back, but that's it." Five minutes later we walked out of that office with three pit passes, a history of the track, and a season schedule.

Between the new ball caps, a digital dictator, a notebook, a digital camera, schedules, histories, and Barb's purse, we were walking around like bedouins, our arms cradled with gatherings from the field. We knew we couldn't drag all this crap around with us, and it was decided that I would stow some of our junk in the car.

Upon reaching the gate to get out I was turned *back into the speedway* because I had a pit pass. The gate attendee said, "If you have a pit pass, you have to go out through the office."

"What the hell kind of rule is that?" I grumbled and plodded back to the office. My gas-station-bought flip-flops were clapclapping on the tile as I crossed the office floor, heading to the dusty parking lot. As I passed through the lobby on my way back, a girl thought quickly of how Barb would handle such adversity. What could I say to get this high schooler to let me back into the

The whole place smelled like boiling hot dogs and burning alcohol fuel.

behind the counter said, "Sorry. You can't have flip-flops in the pits. I need to take your pass. I noticed you were wearing them when you went out." I races with that holiest of documents stapled to my left sleeve. I formulated a cunning plan. I would wow this girl with a tale of my greatness, my need to be in the action and on hand with the drivers. As I launched into my bewitching story of daring, all that came out of my mouth was, "Okay, sorry." I stood dumbfounded as the teenager ripped the paper pass from my shirt sleeve. I damned San Diego's perfect sandal weather and my ineptitude. The front office giveth, and the front office taketh away.

I climbed the broad creaking steps to the top of the twostory-tall amphitheater and looked back into the sun. My gaze followed the streaking shadow cast by the flagpole down the stairs to the south side of the track, where Old Glory snapped and popped in the wind. Taking up two city blocks just beneath the Stars and Stripes is the pit area. The pits were buzzing with men in coveralls rolling tires and sliding under cars in a scramble to ready their machines for racing. Once ready, the cars leaped out onto the oblong track from the south corner. Buzzing the length of the stands, the racers had time to mash the

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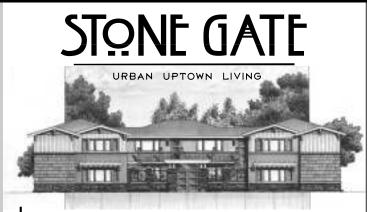
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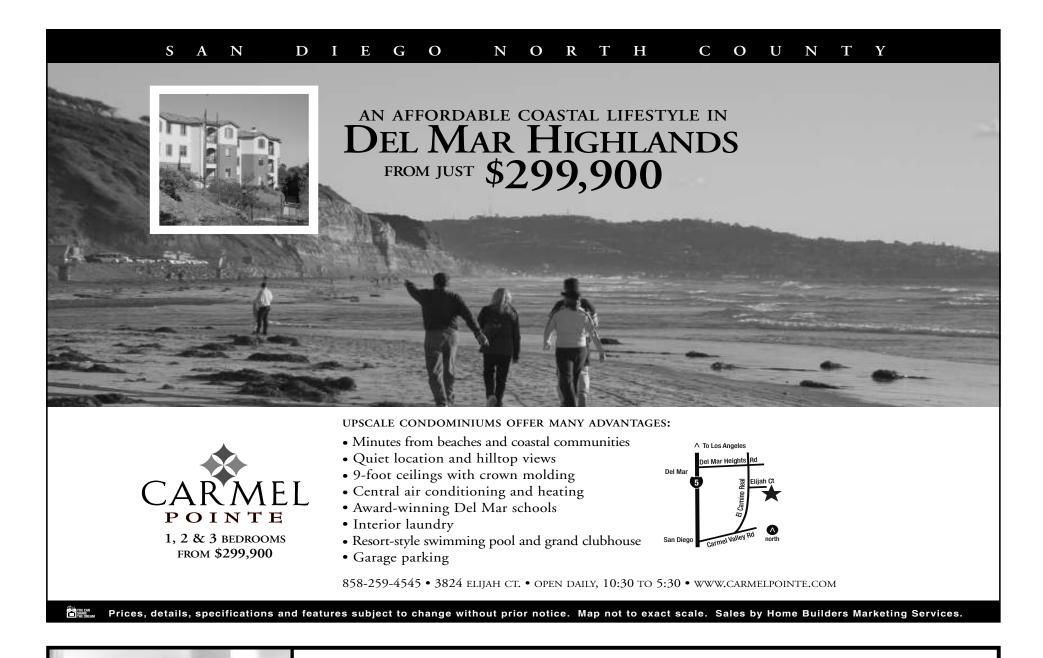


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gas only a few seconds before laying on the brakes. The automobiles then tore ass around the corner and flew back past the Stars and Stripes for another lap.

Behind me, on the ground, people were filtering in through the front gate and into the concession area, where they were assaulted by the smell of pretzels and the hammering noise of engines. I scanned the crowd for my friends and bounded down the whitewashed wooden steps to rejoin them.

The roar of engines steadily increased and suddenly dropped to give way to squealing tires as the cars flew closer to the stands and then away to round the far corner. We marched through the vending area, past the miniature American flags hanging from the



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and BSed with their friends and neighbors. The camaraderie of the racers was what I missed most. The

whole place smelled like boiling hot dogs and burning alcohol fuel. Beneath the bleachers, sunlight filtered through the stands, mixing with the dust-filled air to erect a maze of light. David and Barb were at the races for the first time in their lives, but I was home

A Family Tradition

When other kids' parents took them to Monterey, it would be for sailing, swimming, and camping. When my dad took me it was to attend the Super-Bike championships at Laguna Seca raceway. We'd regularly have family days at a topfuel funny car drag in Stockton or the onemile dirt oval track in Sacramento. My family loves anything to do with internal combustion engines and the seemingly endless manifestations of body

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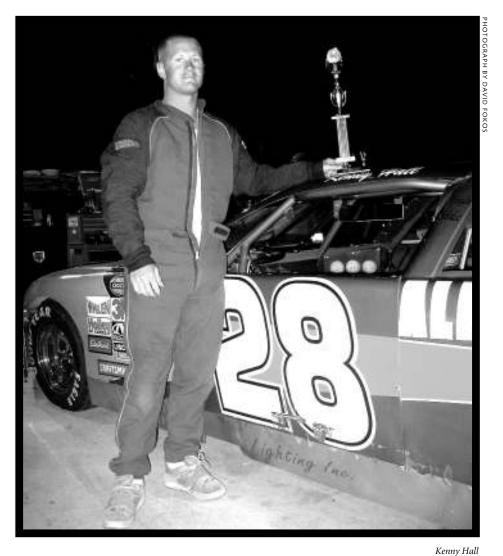
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style, wheels, and gearing. Flip through a photo album of my childhood: There's me on my dad's Ducati motorcycle. There's me in my uncle's Corvette. There's me at the drags, at Sears Point, at Hot August Nights. There's a picture of me when I was 14 in the 21st anniversary edition of Easyriders magazine.

My dad was born into the generation of chrome and candy paint and has turned his interest into devotion. When he was a kid he would take his parents' Model A out cruising, and he still speaks of the day he saw an Oldsmobile Rocket 88 for the first time. "Until Olds came out with the Rocket 88, cars were junk. They all had flatheads that didn't produce shit for power and would overheat. But when Olds rolled out that overhead valve design, everything changed." His gaze drifts away when he thinks of his teenage years and the yearning he held for large-cubic-inch V-8 engines.

One of my father's favorite jokes is "Why do the limeys like hot beer? Because Lucas



made refrigerators too." Apparently, Lucas was a manufacturer of gauges - speedometers, tachometers, ammeters, and the like. These gauges were mainly used by British motorcycle makers like Triumph, BSA, and Norton, built in and around the '50s and '60s. As you can guess, the gauges are known

to be faulty. Now, unless you are one of the — maybe dozen people who have the encyclopedic knowledge of cars and motorcycles that my dad does, you would not understand this. When I was 15, I

owned over a dozen vehicles and helped my uncle build a '68 Dodge Charger. By the

time I was 17 he helped me build a '68 Chevy pickup. My uncle and I would sit on the front porch of his house and haggle, "I'll give you the Nova for the Camaro and a 327." He'd respond, "Bullshit. That Camaro's in better shape than that Nova. I'll trade you the Camaro for the Nova,

but I keep the 327 and you help me paint the lowrider pickup." Deal. Vivid still-frame

memories of my childhood include "King" Kenny Roberts doing a wheelie through the Sturn and the smoking patch of bleach in a predrag burnout by Kenny Bernstein. I haven't been as interested in cars since then. When I hit my early 20s I gave up hotrodding and haven't been to any races since. Climbing back up into the bleachers at Cajon Speedway, tasting the dust and smelling burnt rubber, put me right back on that hot blacktop of my youth.

Mime, Balloon Artist...Racer I was rejoicing that

they took my pit pass when I read the sign, "Absolutely No Alcohol with Pit Passes." The vendors made sure I didn't have one and then poured sweet salvation into my red plastic cup. A Bud Light at the races will cost you \$5.50, but it's a small price to pay to enjoy this wholly American activity with a tall glass of beer. My cold beer in hand, I took in the carnival atmosphere the vending area offered. Strains of ZZ Top wafted through the air, merchants hocked tiny metal replica cars of NASCAR heroes, and a seated ancient gentleman with a hearing aid the size of a bagel yelled out, "Programs! Two bucks!"

When I see concessions and hear the roar of engines, my thoughts return to the county fairs of my youth. As a little kid in a small town I always wanted to be older and act cooler than the dorkiness that ruled my behavior would allow. An interest in cars and beer went a long way to set this doofus free. Still, I carry with me indelible memories of stark shadows cast by artificial lighting in crowded arenas. I was always looking for that girl I had a secret crush on, testing my knowledge of all things automotive with other boys, and drinking beer from coolers found in pickup beds.

I was on my second cold one when Barb and David returned from the pits, excited about the treasures they had collected while behind the iron curtain of race-



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dom. "I got to hang out with the drivers" and "I got great shots of the cars," they assured me. The first person they spoke with was Kenny Hall, who races in the street stock class. His 2002 Monte Carlo was a 78 Ventura last year, but with the help of his family he'd turned it into an allfiberglass bad boy and was poised to win it tonight. Kenny was only 20 years old and racing motorcycles when he had a nasty spill and a bad case of temporary amnesia. His racing in-laws set to work building him a car to get him off those damn motorcycles. One of Kenny's

biggest rivals is Neil, in the #217 street stock car. Neil and Kenny have traded spots in the winner's circle all season, which makes for interesting talk at the dinner table. Kenny is married to Neil's sister. On and off the track, their family enjoys the same love of mechanical toys my father and I share. For fun, they take their families out to the desert to ride dirt bikes and four-wheelers and between racing weekends work on each other's cars to keep them in top shape.

Tonight would be the last night for Neil to spin his wheels around the blacktop. After ten years of racing he was hanging his fire suit up for good in exchange for more time riding with his friends and loved ones. He was leaving highpaced competition and banging around the inside of a tin can for relaxed-paced concentration on the things that really mattered. I convinced Barb

I convinced Barb to come along with me back to the beer shed. David was nearly losing his composure. "I have to go to the other side of the track." He

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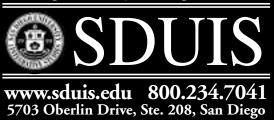
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was worried about his photographs. "I can't get the light I need, I just can't..." While Barb and I started to descend the stairs, David was fiddling with his camera and scratching his head, saying, "Well, I need a slow shutter speed to get the cars, but it's just too bright right here." As we rounded the corner he was just setting out to get his shots.

With the track's future at stake, I wondered about its past. In the beer garden I asked a friendly fellow named KC just how long he'd been working the races. His draftpouring partner said, "That's kind of an unfair question."

"Why's that?" KC said, "Well, my mom worked here when she was pregnant with me, so I guess I've been here since before I was born. My folks own the concessions,



and I come out every weekend to work the booths." KC told us he was a workaday police officer. There may have been a slightly awkward moment between me and KC, seeing as how if I'm awake I'm usually violating some law. I thought about the terms of my probation and the beer in my hand, but after a few seconds, we eased into our skin and put our everyday lives behind us and sat there, just two race fans. I asked him what kept him coming out to the track week after week.

"It's the people, the families, and the characters you meet," he said.

That was the cue for "Wierd Marvin" [*sic*] to enter, stage right. Wearing a purple fire suit and shaking hands as if he was running for mayor, the tall, thin man came upon us. He stopped in to say hi to KC.

"Hi, nice to meet you," I said. "What's your name?" He smiled and said, "Wierd Marvin, with the *ei* reversed because I'm so weird."

"This purple outfit is stunning. Is it for racing?" Barb asked.

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"Yep. I run the Purple Pinto Eater, that's in the pony stock class," he informed us. Mary was fulfilling

a lifelong dream to race.

"I've been around these races forever. My dad raced at Balboa in the '50s, and we came out here when *it* came out here. I've been around these races all my life."

Marvin, his dad, and the races came out to Cajon Speedway from Balboa Stadium in 1961. In the mid-'60s the track was expanded and paved. The speedway's past is rocky, but it's held on.

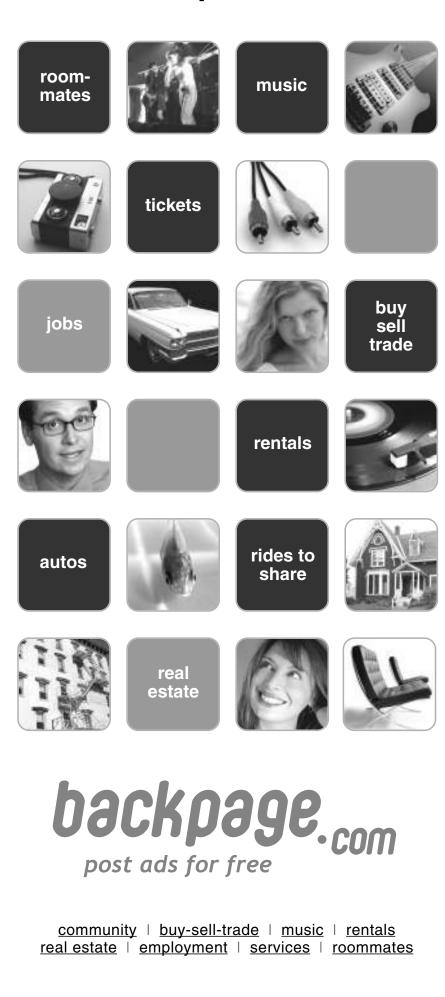
After Marvin had spent years entertaining the crowds in other ways, the racing community came together to buy him a car.

"I'm not just a driver. I'm a balloon artist and mime. I've entertained out here for years, and I finally got a car," Marvin told us.

"I'm sorry, what?" "Yep. I'm a mime," he confirmed. "I became a mime because nobody could hear my stupid jokes. Well, I better get to the pits." And with that, Wierd Marvin, balloon artist, mime, and racer, was gone.

While Barb and I were walking back from the beer hut we ran into David. "I got a couple good pics, but the lighting just isn't right yet. Everyone here seems to have a sense of humor. There are a lot of cars with stuffed animals attached to the door posts, and look at this." He showed me his camera, and the image caught on the tiny screen was of a rear bumper with the words "Stay Back 500 Feet" spray painted on it. "They all seem to have a lot of fun out here." "David, my friend," I said, "there's

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a man back there in a purple outfit who drives a purple Pinto that you have to get a picture of. He's a racer, a balloon artist, and a mime. It just doesn't get any better than that. That is pure American gold, sir."

France, Scotland, Thailand, and Brazil, I'm confident, could not produce one damned mime, balloon artist, racer between them. And here was one in our own back yard. When we got to the stands, people were

settling in for the qualifiers and heat races, and I was settling into a complimentary Bud Light from KC. In the row in front of us two women were figuring out who owned a backpack that was left on the seats. The way they

were greeting other groups of people and setting up chairs that were built specifically for bleachers told us they were track regulars.

"Well, we sit here every weekend. It's just that my husband didn't come out and put down a sheet." It was then that I noticed the many spots in the stands covered with sheets or blankets that had been duct taped in



place, marking the bona fide race fans' usual spots. True com-

on fabric that was the

and Neil's family were firmly planted on an

expanse of orange

trimmed with blue

"Well, we're not in

your way, are we? Did we take your seats?"

owner of the backpack.

"No, no, not at all.

Barb asked, as the

woman found the

Hi, my name's

tape.

Andrea." I asked, "So you come out every week-

There was a spinout. A car bashed the considerably bulky wall and filled the field with smoke.

end?" Which is exactly petition supporters sat what she had just told me. Dumbass, I same colors as the cars they cheered on. Kenny thought. "Yeah, my husband

drives the tow truck for the track," she answered, "and we just love to come out to watch them race."

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sions, and maintenance. Were they all paid for by the same measly ten-dollar admission charge?

"No, he volunteers; there are a lot of volunteers. People like to help out at the races. It's a hobby to a lot of people who don't race. There's the tow-truck driver and the fire truck..."

"Is that the Coors

Light Fire and Rescue Truck?" I asked, thinking I was being really funny but more likely coming off as an asshole.

"Yep, that's the one. They're mostly older guys — retirees, I think," she said. I was going to crack a joke about pouring beer on flaming crashes but decided to quit while I was behind. An arriving collection of weekly race fans yelled something unintelligible to Andrea. "You know those

folks?" "Oh, yeah," she said, "they're here every week. Their son

races." "Wow, their whole family comes out for this," I noticed about the pack of people.

she out here to watch the ere races." eir son See Who Can Stuff the Largest Breasts into

the Smallest Shirt Contest During qualifiers and heat races Barb paid little attention to the track and instead chose to comment on our fellow spectators. "Look at that poor woman's awful hair. Oh, those roots," or "Isn't that little girl adorable?" Her favorite observations usually had to do with what we later named "The See Who Can Stuff the Largest Breasts into the Smallest Shirt Contest." If cup size in San Diego was being graded, this place would throw off the curve. And it seemed that for this hot summer night, nothing but the smallest of tank tops would do. Green tank tops, burgundy tank tops, and the ever-popular white, ribbed tank tops commonly known as a "wife beater" – abounded, but only in the tightest sizes one could find.

"Yeah, there's a lot

of kids here, a lot of

parents and grandpar-

ents." She pointed out

"Right there are four

generations of people

a group of people.

Between races and Barb's comments on the varying bust sizes of passers-by, I occasionally checked the big flashing LED sign at the south end of the track. The black plastic frame would scroll little white squares to spell out messages for the fans: "HAPPY" flash flash "21ST" flash flash "BIRTHDAY" flash flash "ANDREW." At the maddeningly slow pace of flashing words, it would take a good minute to get a brief message all the way through, but I could not tear myself away from it once I

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"Really?" I asked mockingly. "Yeah, during halftime," she said confidently.

Halftime, huh? Barb was getting bored and started playing Scrabble on her Palm Pilot, but I was still thrilled with the races. I was glad we'd gotten out early to watch the qualifiers and heats.

The qualifiers and heats were a progression through the categories. First was the



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pony stock. These tiny cars, modified beyond any shadow of what

Pintos were in the '70s, ripped around the track — each driver

going as fast as he or she could, with no competition but the

clock. When it was time for the bomber class to race, everyone

cheered. The bombers were, by far, the most eccentric. With each new car came a new stuffed toy hanging out the passenger window — chickens, cows, and Scooby-Doo each hung on for fluffy life as their floppy heads bobbed in the wind. When #38 spun out and hit the wall, someone in the crowd velled, "BOMBERS!"

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gled metal. Each line, dent, and gouge tell of a time when the pack was tight or the wall was unforgiving. They look like demolition cars between derbies.

If you took all of the bombers there that night and parked them haphazardly in front of a mobile home, you'd have a picture of my grandparents' home. In fact, local kids can count on coming out to my grandfather's and taking away an old Dodge Diplomat or Lincoln Continental

for the destruction derby. Each year I'd sit in the stands while a dull gold or green sedan roughly the size of a mini-mart would smash around in the ring. I'd always brag to my buddies, "They got that car from Gram and Pop. Yep, she looks like a winner."

The T-Shirt Tradition

Our people-watching turned from casual to intense as more and more fans filled the stands. Little kids with glowing bracelets and

trucker hats paraded in front of the benches. Thinking this would be a male-dominated arena, I was astonished to find that women easily outnumbered men, and I couldn't believe it when I saw quite a few mothers buying tin NASCAR replicas or posters of famous drivers for their daughters. Barb and I took to

reading T-shirts aloud: "10 Four, Good Buddy!" I'd call to her. "Kickin' Asphalt and Takin' Numbers!" she'd yell at me. I thought that Big Johnson had gone out of business in the early '90s. But to see the sheer number of people adorning themselves with Big Johnson Baseball Bats or Big Johnson Monster Trucks I was now

starting to believe that the Johnson family was poised to take over the textile industry. I figured that either they were still plying menswear on a large scale or, like Sundaygo-to-meetin' clothes, these decades-old garments were kept safe and only trotted out for this Saturday-night NASCAR worship service.

I looked at my own T-shirt. It was a Harley-Davidson shirt with an eagle and motorcycle gracing the front. My dad bought it for me from Sturgis, South Dakota, when he had gone back for the annual bike rally. Harley shirts are one of the few traditions my father and I share. Wherever one of us goes he gets the other a



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Harley shirt. He's given me shirts from Merced and Laughlin, and I've given him shirts from Las Vegas and Barcelona. We each have shirts from Laguna Seca and the Sacramento Mile races we've attended together.

The heat races were by far the coolest events of the night. The LED sign intermittently read "4 LAP" flash flash "TROPHY DASH!" flash flash. The top four qualifiers of each class race for four laps. Without the clutter of the pack and the marathon timing of the main events, the heat races are quickpaced and the drivers daring. It was not



uncommon for drivers to swing to the outside of the track and lay the hammer down. Each individual class had its own daredevils and cliff-hangers, with the winner usually only inches in front at the finish line. We latched on to Andrea to explain the esoteric rule system. Previously, Barb, David, and I had tried to figure out what was going on down on the track, but we were baffled. In my oval-track virginity I lamely asked, "Is this the main event? How come there are only four cars?"

"No, the main event is a lot longer," Andrea explained. "These are just the guys with the top lap times. They race before the main event to see who gets what position in the field. These are called 'heat races.' "

"Okay, so there are qualifying laps, then heat races. Then the winner of the heat race gets the lead position?" I asked.





Research Institute Call 858-784-STOP (7867) or visit www.scripps.edu/np/dcp

OUTPATIENT SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital is currently enrolling subjects in a new clinical research trial for people suffering from Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective disorders.

Eligible patients will receive medical care at no cost and will be reimbursed for time and travel expenses.

Please call if you:

- Are between ages 18 and 60
- Are currently experiencing an inadequate response to current antipsychotic medication
- $\bullet\,$ Have not taken Zyprexa* (olanzapine) for more than eight weeks at one time

For more information, call Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital's Clinical Research department at (858) 715-8709.



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BIPOLAR DISORDER

If you or someone you know: ✓ Has been diagnosed with Bipolar 1 Disorder ✓ Has been treated for manic and depressive episodes ✓ Is currently suffering from symptoms of major depression...

...then you may be interested in participating in a clinical research trial currently being conducted at **PCSD~Feighner Research Center**.

To learn more about this study, please call **877-FOR-INFO (877-367-4636)**. Study participants receive investigational medication and all study-related tests at no cost. Compensation for time and travel is also available.

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Insomnia can affect the quality of your life and your partner's.

Restless sleeper? Wake up tired? Chronic problems falling and/or staying asleep? If your sleep is not normal, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for the possible treatment of Insomnia.

Every study conducted by California Clinical Trials is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

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Outpatient Research Study

Are you currently taking *Zyprexa, *Risperdal, *Seroquel, *Abilify or *Geodon and still having troubling symptoms or side effects? If so, you may qualify to try an investigational medication for Schizophrenia.



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Anxiety

doesn't just stress your mind. We know it can ...

- Decrease your immune response
- Increase fats in the bloodstream
- Decrease your physical and mental functioning
- Be mistaken for medical conditions Inter
- tions Interfere with sleep

If you are between the ages of 18 and 64, you may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication for Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

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If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:

- You will receive up to \$500 for your time and travel.
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Trouble getting a good night's sleep because of painful knees or hips?



If you have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the hips and/or knees, wake up at night in pain and are otherwise in good health, we may have a clinical trial that's right for you. California Clinical Trials has been selected to study a once-a-day medication currently approved for the treatment of chronic moderate to severe pain in order to see how treating pain can improve the quality of sleep in osteoarthritis patients suffering from painful hips and/or knees.

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Still Depressed?

Are you still experiencing several of these symptoms?

- Sadness
- Little or no interest in activities
- Change in weight or appetite
 Difficulty cleaning on cleaning
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping more than usual
 Fatigue, loss of energy, or feeling overtired
- Fatigue, loss of energy, or feeling overfired
 Difficulty concentrating, thinking or making decisions
- Feelings of worthlessness or guilt nearly every day
- Thoughts that life isn't worth living
- Feeling of restlessness or being "slowed down"

Have you tried available antidepressants such as Prozac, Zoloft, Celexa, Lexapro, Effexor, Wellbutrin, and others? Have you been unimpressed with the results? You may be eligible to join a research study of an investigational medication. You must be 18 years or older to participate.

For more information, please call Optimum Health Services at: (619) 667-4567

Healthy Volunteers Needed for a Clinical Trial!

Medical Associates Research Group is conducting a research study, for people ages 50-75, to compare two medicines when taken with aspirin. You will receive a physical exam and blood tests. You will have two endoscopies during the study (pictures of your digestive tract–esophagus [food pipe], stomach, intestines). All study procedures are at no cost to you. Qualified participants may receive patient compensation up to **\$300**.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT US AT: Medical Associates Research Group (858) 277-7177



Services are available at no charge.

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a clinical trial with investigational medication.

Participants receive visits with a psychiatrist, study-related medication, lab work, and staff support.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact: **(619) 688-6565**

"No. The fastest guy gets last position because there are passing points. He can get a lot of points just by passing people. And besides, putting the fastest guy first kind of defeats the purpose of racing." This struck me as an awfully egalitarian approach to what I had previously considered to be a cutthroat, cat-and-mouse endeavor.

"Are you guys going to be here next weekend? Because I think next weekend are the train races, and they're great."

"They bring trains out here?" is the single stupidest question I've ever asked in my entire life.

"No," she said politely, "they hook three cars together and race them around in a figure eight through the dirt area and back onto the track. The strategy of the race is to basically not get creamed by the other cars," but I was sure she was thinking, *No*, *asshole, they do not bring trains out here.* As the heat win-

ners sat in the center of the track, a red 2005 Dodge pickup pulled onto the track with a knockout blonde in the back. Andrea informed us that was the trophy girl and that each heat race winner got a trophy for the evening. The winner of each heat race lined his car up diagonally across the finish line. We cheered for each driver as the trophy girl

heat Barb asked, "How ro- do they get it to clear g. up? What are they h spreading on it?" car Our sixth-grade sense of humor took

they were doing.

"There's water on the

track, so nobody can race yet," she said.

over us, and we laughed like idiots when Andrea replied,

The crowd went crazy for the grandstanding smoke show. Standing, yelling, and turning to each other, the fans cheered the season winner for more.

handed him his gleaming cup, and we cheered the loudest for Kenny Hall and his orange-and-blue Monte Carlo.

Pregnancy, People Watching, and Kitty Litter

A group of men hustled out onto the track with brooms, and we asked Andrea what "Kitty litter."

People were still pouring in when the announcer welcomed us to Cajon Speedway, "The Fastest 3/8-Mile Paved Oval Track in the West!" Which to me sounded like "The Falafel King of Upper Northwest Yuma!" How many can there be?

Barb and I per-

RESEARCH STUDIES

Do you have Type 2 Diabetes?

The Whittier Institute for Diabetes is conducting a clinical research study of an investigational medication. You must be 18 years of age or older and cannot currently be on insulin to participate.

If you qualify, you will receive at no cost to you or your health insurance company:

- Investigational medication
- Study-related laboratory testing
- Study-related physical examination

Participation in this trial will be approximately 24 weeks.

Call to see if you qualify for our Type 2 Diabetes study: 858-626-5678

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- ✓ Taking insulin for Type 2 diabetes?
- ✓ A smoker with diabetes?
- ✓ An asthmatic with diabetes?
- ✓ 18-65 years of age?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, you may qualify for a new medical research study with the Profil Institute for Clinical Research.

Qualified Participants Will Receive:

- Study-related physical exams and lab work at no charge.
- ⇔ Compensation for your time and travel.



Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7 AM–8 PM E-mail: studies@profil-research.com

PARTY A LOT?



Are you drinking heavily on weekends or your days off of work or school?

Does your alcohol consumption cause problems in school or at work? <u>Do others complain about</u> your drinking?



Then this study may be for you!

Research Participants Needed

Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a clinical research study to evaluate an investigational non-stimulant drug vs. placebo (sugar pill) in adults who meet criteria for Alcohol Abuse or Dependence.

The purpose of the study is to see if this investigational drug reduces alcohol use.

NO COST for medical and psychological evaluations and study drug. Financial compensation will be given to eligible participants. Must be at least 21 years of age.



Contact UCSD Department of Psychiatry to inquire about this study or see if you qualify: 619-543-3697

DIABETES

Are you taking insulin shots OR a combination of pills and insulin shots for treatment of Type 2 Diabetes?

You may be eligible to participate in a research study of an investigational medication that may help to lower your blood sugar levels.

To be eligible you must: • Be 18 years or older • Have Type 2 Diabetes and be taking insulin alone or insulin in combination with diabetes pills • Meet other entry criteria

Participants will receive at no cost study-related medication and physical exams, lab tests, EKGs, glucose meter and test strips and financial compensation for time and travel.

For more information call: (858) 622-7212

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Do you have any of the following symptoms?

- Pelvic pain and/or discomfort
- Sensation of not emptying your
- bladder after urination
- Frequent and urgent urination
- Burning on urination
- Painful ejaculations

If you have experienced any of these symptoms for at least 3 of the past 6 months, please contact us at the number listed below. We are looking for **MEN aged 18-65 years old** with a clinical diagnosis of **Chronic, Non-Bacterial Prostatitis** to participate in a national research study. This study will evaluate the investigational use of an FDA approved medication.

You may benefit from the physical examinations, blood tests and review of your symptoms and will be reimbursed for your time and travel.

For more information please call: 619-460-0595

sisted with our contest of itty-bitty tops and heavy hooters, along with her very own contest as to who had the worst hair and clothing. "Whoa! I think we have a winner" and "Not even close. Check out what's coming down the aisle" are examples of our now embarrassingly brazen conversation. I could count on Barb to nudge me and say, "Look at that poor, poor dear. Did she do that with a lighter and a pair of toenail clippers?" commenting on one woman's tragic accident with weaving. Barb was on a roll. "Look at that woman. She's wearing hip-hugger jeans, a shirt tied

off under her boobs like Elly May, and a pair of heels!" I targeted the gal in question, and just as the spectators and music rose to the National Anthem the woman turned sideways and revealed a bare belly bulging with what had to be twins.

"Oo-oh say can you seeeEEEE!"

The Main Event!

"It's time for the main event!" a voice boomed over the speaker system. There were a record number of cars that night, and things were going to be tight. The yellow flag waved. Drivers were lining up in their predetermined positions, and the pace was slow. The crowd seemed nervous. "30 LAP!" flash flash "MAIN EVENT!" the LED flash-flashed.

The pace of the pack quickened. Lap after lap they circled, increasing speed imperceptibly. And when they were all lined up, the green flag dropped. Engines wound out and tires broke free from the bonds that kept them in contact with the blacktop. Smoke, steam, water, and gas all unfurled and sprayed in thin ropes from the compression of steel and chemicals. Air combined with high-octane fuel and sucked the oxygen from the atmosphere

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Do You Suffer from Frequent Heartburn?

Volunteers needed for study evaluating an approved medication for heartburn.

If you're suffering from frequent heartburn, it could be a sign of Acid Reflux, a medical condition that can affect your quality of life.

Now, as part of a national research study, local doctors are evaluating a medication already approved for the treatment of Acid Reflux.

To pre-qualify for this study, you:

- Are between 18 and 65 years of age Have been suffering from heartburn for at least
- the past three months and • Are currently experiencing heartburn at least
- 4 days per week

Qualified participants will receive a study-related medical evaluation and study medication at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel will be provided.



For more information, please contact: Medical Associates Research Group 858-277-5678

Legs with a mind of their own

Some people notice an uncomfortable feeling, sometimes even a burning sensation, which is relieved by getting up or moving especially during periods of inactivity, like in the evening or during sleep.

Restless legs can cause disagreeable sensations that lead to problems with sleep, general discomfort, and overall fatigue. We are currently enrolling a 2-week research study. Qualified participants will be compensated for their time. Clinic offers a 3month treatment program following the study. Call today to hear more!

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To qualify you must:

- be a man or woman 18 to 45 years old
- *be a non-smoker*

You may be compensated up to \$2,050 for your time and travel.

Call Mon-Fri for more information

866.818.3253 9665 Chesapeake Dr., Suite 200, San Diego, CA www.radiantresearch.com



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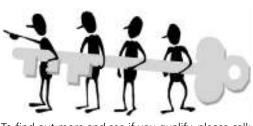
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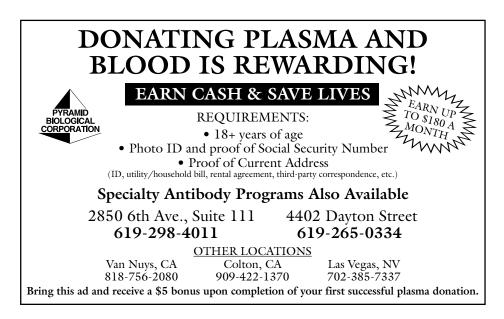
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Are You A Type 2 Diabetic Taking Insulin? **Research Opportunities Available!**

The Center for Metabolic Research is offering research opportunities for veterans and non-veterans who are Type 2 Diabetics currently taking insulin. Subjects who enroll receive study-related medical care at no cost and financial compensation for their time and travel.



To find out more and see if you qualify, please call: 858-642-1432 Center for Metabolic Research VA San Diego Medical Center



Volunteers Needed

Are you being treated for Chronic **Obstructive Pulmonary Disease?**

If you are a current or ex-smoker age 40 or over who has COPD, Wetlin Research is taking part in a national clinical research study to demonstrate the effectiveness of an oral investigational drug for COPD.

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> Call: **Medical Center for Clinical Research** 619-521-3186

around the track and stands.

With this many cars on such a short track, there were bound to be accidents. The spectators were breathless as fiberglass and metal ground together side to side, as the cars hurdled forward. The cars lapped faster and faster until I could no longer see their numbers. I could cheer only when others in our section were cheering.

Our heartbeats kept time with the pistons every time another car lost a little control and kicked the ass end out. The screeching of tires grew louder around the corners as the drivers pushed their cars as far as they dared. Faster and faster they circled. Number 227

pushed it too far and was the first to spin out. With catlike reflexes the others steered clear of the spinning racer and dashed to take his place. Spectators leaped from their seats cheering and straining to see through the fog and dust. The unnatural, chemical smell of smoking tires gagged

us, and out of the smoke came one of the cars with its front bumper dangling at an angle that threw off sparks from the rear and popped the driver's side up as if it were on hydraulic lifters

Somebody from behind us yelled, "Look! Number 217 is dragging his bumper. They've got to get him off the track. GET OFF

The crowd also started heckling the necking twentysomethings with "Pull the shade down!" and "Get a room!"

THE TRACK!" A black flag waved each time #217 got close to the seats, trying to get his attention and pull him into the pits. But he kept on, shooting the bumper from under the driver's-side front wheel out in a shower of sparks. The yellow flag waved to get everyone back in line and things calmed considerably.

the pits.

Before the next green flag dropped, #217 fired back onto the track from the depths of the pits without a front end at all. His missing grille revealed the mechanics of the radiator and an exposed front frame. He roared back into position, his car fixed with a permanent scowl.

Number 217 took

two more laps and was

working on his fiery

third when some men

from the pits got out

started waving him in.

now, and the cars easily

The pace was slower

steered clear of the

men in headphones.

Because of the crash,

opportunity to enter

the lap count was

frozen and other

drivers took this

onto the track and

RESEARCH STUDIES

ADHD/ADD

Research Participants Needed Medical researchers at UCSD are currently conducting a

clinical research study to evaluate an investigational drug compared to placebo for Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Participants must be between 18 and 55 years of age to be eligible.

Symptoms of ADHD may include:

- Being easily distracted
 Often losing things
 Making careless mistakes
 Difficulties organizing tasks or activities
- Forgetfulness

Medical and psychological evaluations and study drug will be provided at no cost. Eligible participants will also receive financial compensation. For more information, please call:

(619) 543-3697, UCSD Department of Psychiatry

do you have

HEPATITIS C?

Dr. Scott Letendre and his associates at the HNRC are conducting a research study to learn more about the effects of Hepatitis C on the brain, specifically related to thinking, memory, attention and concentration.

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

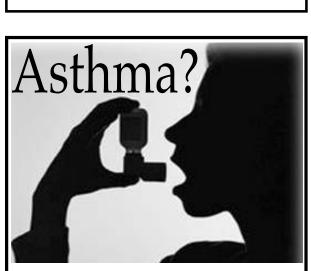
- ✓ Adults between ages 18-60 ✓ HIV+ and HIV- adults with known or
- suspected Hepatitis C infection
- ✓ No history of interferon treatment

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please call Marvin Hanashiro @ (619) 543-5041 or Jorge Manly-Gil @ (619) 543-5098



Radiant Research is seeking volunteers 18 years of age or older for a clinical research study for asthma.

If you suffer from asthma, you may qualify for this study. Qualified participants will receive all study-related testing and investigational medication at no charge and will be reimbursed for their time up to \$900.

Call Toll Free Mon-Fri for more information Warren W. Pleskow, MD

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The gaps between cars closed from feet to inches, and then they were a cast of hawks flying in formation. Again, rubber screeched against asphalt louder with each lap. Drivers alternately slammed their accelerators on the straightaways and stood on their brakes in the turns. As the cars plowed into the corners, the intense demands made upon the cars' brakes heated the metal disks to a fire-hot orange. We could see the glow behind the wheels, and tiny sparks popped from the undercarriage. The crowd surged and receded in the stands like the tide as the cars passed from the near side of the track to the far side.

The section behind us cheered each time an orange-and-blue car shot past. This was Kenny and Neil's family. I couldn't tell one car from the other because they were going so fast. I could only differentiate between colors. Red and white, the family in the next section would scream. Orange and blue, the family behind us would scream.

Kids and teens ran up and down the aisles, puddling up in little groups and then evaporating. Hair of every color and spiked belts paraded in a fashion show in front of the stands. A young couple in pullover sweatshirts and tight jeans started making out in front of the stands, and along with the "Wooooo!" to the racers, the crowd also started heckling the necking twentysomethings with "Pull the shade down!" and "Get a room!"

The race stopped and started frequently. Another spinout and another yellow flag would signal the

ENDOMETRIOSIS RESEARCH STUDY



If you have endometriosis, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study evaluating a new investigational medication for pelvic pain due to endometriosis.

- In order to qualify, you must:
- ▶ Be a woman between 18 and 45 with regular menstrual periods
- ► Have endometriosis diagnosed by a surgical procedure (laparoscopy or laparotomy) within the past three years
- Have moderate to severe pelvic pain due to endometriosis for at least three months
- ▶ Be sexually active
- Have not had a surgical treatment for endometriosis in the past six months

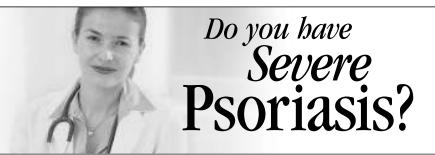
Other criteria apply. For more information, call: 858-505-8672

million women in North America are affected by endometriosis and its symptoms, including pelvic pain.

More than 5.5

- ▶ Not be using oral contraceptives for the past 30 days

→WOMEN'S Health Care



vith psoriasis needed for a medical research study

More than 4.5 million people in the United States are estimated to suffer from psoriasis. For many, psoriasis can become such a problem that it causes normal, daily activities to change or end. If you are struggling with psoriasis, we'd like to talk with you. Local doctors are conducting a medical research study to evaluate an investigational oral psoriasis medication.

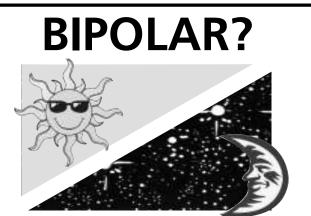
- You may qualify for this study if:
 - You are 18-70 years of age,
 - Your psoriasis covers at least 15% of your body, AND
 - You have had your psoriasis for at least 6 months.
 - If you are a woman, you must be either postmenopausal or surgically sterile.

Qualified participants will receive a study-related medical evaluation and study medication at no cost. A set reimbursement amount for time and travel will be provided.

To learn more about this local study, contact: Study Information by PPD, Inc.

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Ver: 1/12/05



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



For more information about this study, please contact: (619) 688-6565

Poor Bladder Control Is A Common Problem For Women

Millions of American women experience involuntary leakage of urine upon exertion, sneezing, or coughing that interrupts their active lifestyle. Are you one of them? If you are a woman and

• Are between the ages of 18 and 65

- Experience involuntary leakage of urine on exertion, sneezing,
- or coughing at least 7 times a week
- Have experienced this for over 3 months

You may be eligible to volunteer for a research study of an investigational medication.

Qualified participants will recieve a study-related physical exam and study medication. Please call

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1901 Fourth Avenue, Suite 200 • San Diego, CA 92101 For more information on this study.

PATIENTS WITH NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS NEEDED

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If you are interested, please call Luth Research at (619) 243-8052 and ask for Lisa.





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drivers to muster up and pace themselves. Each yellow caution flag took a couple of laps to get everyone in line. On one occasion, an eager driver stomped his accelerator and overtook the car ahead of him from the outside before the green flag. A man in black pants, a black hat, and headphones, who had until now stood stoically on the sidelines, ventured out onto the course. The next time the offending car passed, the man in black pointed directly at the driver, hiked his leg up, and pointed to his ass. Even we, the uninitiated, knew that this could only mean "You! To the rear!" When the positions were once again dropped and the race louder with each passon our feet. The 30-lap race was just 10 laps from the finish, and our sights were set on the power play for first place. Neil was battling #221 for the lead.

On the last lap, the front of the pack screeched through the turn, decelerated, accelerated, and shifted gears. There was a spinout. A car bashed the considerably bulky wall and filled the field with smoke. Brave racers pushed through to the front as the timid dropped in the pack. With a swirl of air clearing smoke from its path and steam clinging to its fender wells, the blue frontend, then orange mid and rear sections of Neil's Monte Carlo appeared. The crowd was on its feet, and as the checkered flag dropped, Neil crossed the finish line. This, his last night, would be his last win.

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Down on the pavement, #221 was parading around on a victory tour while Neil's car slipped back to the pit area. As he did high-rpm transmission drops and smoking burnouts, we asked Andrea why it wasn't Neil out there celebrating. "Oh, Neil won that last race, but #221 just won the points standing for the season." The crowd went crazy for the grandstanding smoke show. Standing, yelling, and turning to each other, the fans cheered the season winner for more.

Soon after the race ended, we were defeated. We were hot and worried about sunburn during the day, but the night air chilled our bones. Our emotions and anxiety for Kenny and Neil had welled up to the brim and were purged with clapping and shouting. Tired and spent, I asked the group if it was time to go, and they agreed. We gave our parting gratitude to Andrea for being our guide to this great American pastime.

On the way home we talked about the races. I vowed to make it back out to Cajon Speedway before its fate is sealed. The next day I saw my dad and gave him a fancy new red, white, and blue ball cap from a speedway that might not be there next year. Maybe it's time to start a new tradition.

— Ollie



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FORGIVEN, NOT FORGOTTEN

wo summers ago, when I was 14 years old, my best friend (who I will refer to as Jamie) invited me to spend a couple of weeks with her in Colorado and attend her 15th birthday party.

Jamie, the sweet and humorous individual I met in fifth grade, declared her family's plans to move to Denver toward the end of our second year in middle school. I was upset, though we promised to write letters and visit each other as much as possible. I kept my promise, writing letters almost weekly and traveling to Colorado to meet her each summer after her departure. I retained pleasant memories from each visit. So, I excitedly accepted Jamie's invitation to her 15th.

After meeting Jamie and her mother at the airport, we drove to her grandparents' house, her place of residence after three recent moves. I walked in carrying my bags and looked around. Chaos. Jamie's cousins were raising hell throughout the house and her grandmother was shouting for tranquillity in a hoarse voice. I could tell this wasn't an isolated incident. My suppositions were affirmed throughout the week as the children continued to act out and the throaty screams of an agitated elder continued to sound down the hallways and into each room.

I admit that Jamie's living arrangements weren't optimal and that the incessant noise may have affected our behavior toward one another during my sojourn. However, I wouldn't have gotten angry or upset if that was the only problem. Jamie's boyfriend was becoming annoyingly possessive. Every half hour, the phone would ring; every half hour, Jamie's neglect and agitation toward her "best friend" was reinforced. She would tell me that we were going driving, to spend "quality time" together, and would instead take me to her boyfriend's house where I sat in the living room alone. The day of the party came and Jamie was in one of her irritated moods. I tried to ignore it as we went to the park with her boyfriend and cousins to decorate. Soon, however, Jamie verbally attacked her cousins. When I told her it was wrong to treat her inoffensive relatives so horribly, she turned toward me and began screaming, accusing me of jealousy. "I hate you!" she hollered.

Although she apologized and we continue to talk, my relationship with Jamie is not the same. I have trouble trusting people's sincerity, knowing that a friendship of so many years can be carelessly discarded. I forgave Jamie, but I have never forgotten.

— Dara Arakian, El Capitan H.S.

ne of my oldest and dearest friends is a bit flippant when it comes to dating. She'll like a guy for about a week and by the time he likes her she's on to someone else. I like to think of Joanne as the Holly Golightly of Carlsbad High; she's chic, hip, and always on to something bigger and better. She's also territorial about the young men who happen to cross her path. Is it my fault that one of her victims happened to be totally cute and just my type?

There are not enough polite, goodlooking, non-morally bankrupt boys at Carlsbad High. I mentioned my admiration of Joanne's ex to a friend. By five o' clock that night, everybody in the western hemisphere (including my parents...a plot twist I have no intention of delving into) was under the impression that I was madly in love and had planned out the wedding down to the color of the bridesmaids' dresses.

Problems of immense proportions ensued. I received dozens of irate phone calls from Joanne, all of which I hung up on. I felt that she was being too possessive and not understanding of the shortage of decent fellows around; she felt I wasn't upholding my duties as a friend.

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We hardly spoke for a week (a *long* time in girl land). After several tense lunch periods, it was apparent that Joanne would not forgive my crime of having a crush on an ex-boyfriend. There was only one thing to do and I really didn't want to. I had to apologize. It was excruciating, but in the end, probably worth it. By the next morning we were both over it and we went shopping.

— Anne Baker, Carlsbad H.S.

hile living in Jacksonville, Florida, I had the two best friends any young boy could have imagined. They lived next door, shared the same interests, and were always able to go outside and play. The three of us spent the majority of the year together and grew close. However, our relationship faltered when we were all 12 years old.

I was out of town when my friends thought it'd be wise to break into my house and "borrow" two of my favorite Nintendo 64 video games. When I came home, having not played Nintendo in over a week, I noticed the cartridges were missing. I panicked and became angry; back then, Nintendo 64 games cost at least \$60. That was three months' allowance!

I suspected my friends were the thieves. The two of them had been fond of the missing games. I stormed outside, sprinted to my friend's front door, and rang the doorbell at least 17 times. They both answered. What is that music in the background? I thought. Is that the theme song from my missing game? Yes! I exploded and rammed my 100-pound body into the gut of my friend, knocking him breathless. I stepped inside. My other friend moved out of the way. In the living room, I grabbed the two games. I walked out of the house feeling more betrayed than angry.

For the longest time, I refused to talk to my friends. There were times when they tried to mend the relationship, but I was always unwilling. I was too hurt. However,

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"I WANTED

they kept at it, apologizing almost weekly for their stupid deed. I finally accepted and the three of us became best friends again. Looking back, I wish I had accepted their apology earlier.

— Patrick Cole, Eastlake H.S.

he phone call came only weeks after the start of my sophomore year. I repeated the message on my voice mail again and again in disbelief. It took a few times before I allowed the yelling, shouting, laughing, and whispering to sink into my head. All I remember were three people shouting derogatory

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names such as "chink" and "gook." It didn't take me too long to find out that they were not strangers, but were my "best friends" from middle school. When I entered middle school, I surrounded

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myself with friends who could give me the most attention — nothing else seemed to matter. Being "in" the group was not enough; I wanted everyone to talk about me, be like me, and be with me.

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Friendships were miles wide, but only an inch deep. I felt superior, always putting myself before others. I treated my best friends condescendingly, only to find them suppressing their pains and rarely fighting back to defend themselves.

It took almost a year before my best friend developed enough courage to tell me that I was "selfish, spoiled, and self-centered." I laughed at what she said and refused to believe it. The more I tried to push that thought away, the more she reminded me of how insultingly I treated her. We fought more often about trivial things and held grudges against each other.

Ultimately, she and I were no longer fond of each other and engaged in new relationships. I never saw her again after our eighth-grade promotion. We stood together on the platform that day, but didn't acknowledge each other — we shared more painful memories than good ones. I missed our friendship and wanted to explain myself that summer, but it was too late; she moved away before I had the chance to talk with her.

Years later, I received an e-mail with an unfamiliar return address. I opened it and read it once, twice, and for a third time. I sat in my seat for a moment with a big smile on my face.

As the sun rose that day, I felt my heart at peace with my best friend. I uncovered my ten-year-old piano and played my favorite piece, enjoying the warmth of the light on my shoulders.

> — Mimi Jun, Mt. Carmel H.S.

hen I was 14 years old, one of my new friends that I had met as a freshman in high school backstabbed me. I didn't realize that I was being attacked until it was too late to do anything but cry. This girl, who shall remain nameless, was friendly, outgoing, and an allaround nice person (or so I thought). Because she was becoming a close friend, I introduced her to my other friends. This was the

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beginning of a downward spiral.

First this girl started taking my other friends to expensive places and buying them little presents, never including me in anything. I knew this was happening because my friends one day came up to me and asked why I hadn't accepted any of the invitations to the places. I told them I hadn't been invited anywhere and their stories came out. All of them assured me that it must have been a mistake. When I decided to demand an explanation, she waved it off and then went crying to the others that I had verbally attacked her. They didn't completely believe her, but they didn't stand up for me either. That was the last straw, and now I stay away from them. I will not allow anyone to treat me that way again. Now I don't trust people as easily as I used to.

— Angel Sonada, Academy of Our Lady of Peace H.S.

ecently, my best friend Steven and I engaged in a cold war. We have been friends since first grade, competing over grades and enjoying working and studying together. As time progressed, the competition dissolved as Steven grew distracted by social pursuits. I began to exclude him from study groups, where he was once integral, and I avoided working with him on projects.

I started to see myself as academically superior to Steven - not for my intelligence, but for my dedication and abstention of brown-nosing teachers. My dominance in school provided me with confidence. Steven, startled as his grades dropped, perceived my confidence as conceit. Unlike Steven's social ease, in public I am often a stuttering child. While Steven resents my perceived cockiness, he thinks that he is more mature than me. He sees me as a child, as a kid sister, taking me for granted

by canceling plans, calling at any hour, and asking taxing favors. He neither notices my annoyance nor apologizes. In elementary and middle school, I didn't mind inconveniences; I was overjoyed to have the friendship of a popular kid.

When we entered high school, I grew annoyed at these inconveniences. Last summer I grew angry, particularly when Steven called me at three in the morning, while I was on vacation, to bluntly inform me of a friend's death.

We are both letting our friendship drift, never confronting one another directly. Without a word, this fight has transcended all other fights I've had in length and loss. While lately we are closer than we have been in months, we seem so distant that I still feel as though I am watching my oldest friendship implode. I'm not sure if a friendship can overcome such deep resentment. - Megan Zapanta,

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The Ern Malley poetry hoax refuses to die down. In 2002, nearly 60 years after two Australian servicemen invented a modern poet in a single afternoon, John Tranter's online magazine *Jacket* featured seven "new" Ern Malley poems: two by John Ashbery and five by John Kinsella. It's remarkable enough for newly written poems to surface from a poet deceased for 60 years. It's even more remarkable when that persistently productive, posthumously potent writer turns out never to have existed.

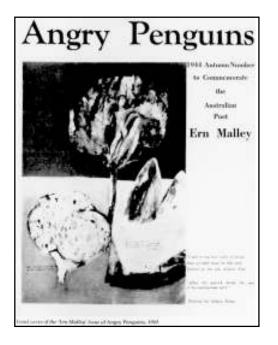
> New essays on Ern Malley — by Rebecca Warner and Judy Rowley — have appeared in print or been delivered at literary conferences in the past year. Now comes more evidence of the hoax poet's appeal. Peter Carey uses the story as the fulcrum of his new novel *My Life as a Fake* (Knopf, 2003). Everything else in this novel is trumped up, but the Malley hoax, which Carey retells in altered form, is true. In a novel of fabricated imitations it is the genuine fake. Though Carey changes the names of most of the personages involved — Ern Malley becomes Bob McCorkle — it is Malley's verse that he quotes and Malley's story, with its twists and paradoxes, that he appropriates.

Unlike most Australian literary developments, the Ern Malley hoax made international headlines when it was sprung in June 1944—not a slow news period. Two Sydney-based poets, James



McAuley and Harold Stewart, had whiled away a weekend in 1943 by creating the complete lifework of a nonexistent poet to whom they gave an identity, replete with birth and death dates and a surviving sister credited with having discovered the poet's manuscript. They called their creation Ern Malley: Ern, short for Ernest, perhaps in the spirit of Oscar Wilde's *Importance of Being Earnest*, in which characters make up names, assume false identities, and see them come to life; Malley, because it contained the French word for bad (*mal*), which in the hoaxers' judgment the poems certainly were.

Lieutenant James McAuley and Corporal Harold Stewart hated modernist poetry in general and despised the Adelaide wunderkind Max Harris in particular. Harris, at age 22, edited a selfstyled avant-garde literary magazine with a goofy



Max Harris

moniker, *Angry Penguins.* It was to him that McAuley and Stewart submitted all 16 of Malley's extant poems. Using the name of Ern's fictional sister Ethel, they attached a cover letter detailing the deceased poet's short, unhappy life. The poems came as a surprise to her, Ethel said.

She couldn't disguise her disapproval of her younger brother's bohemian ways.

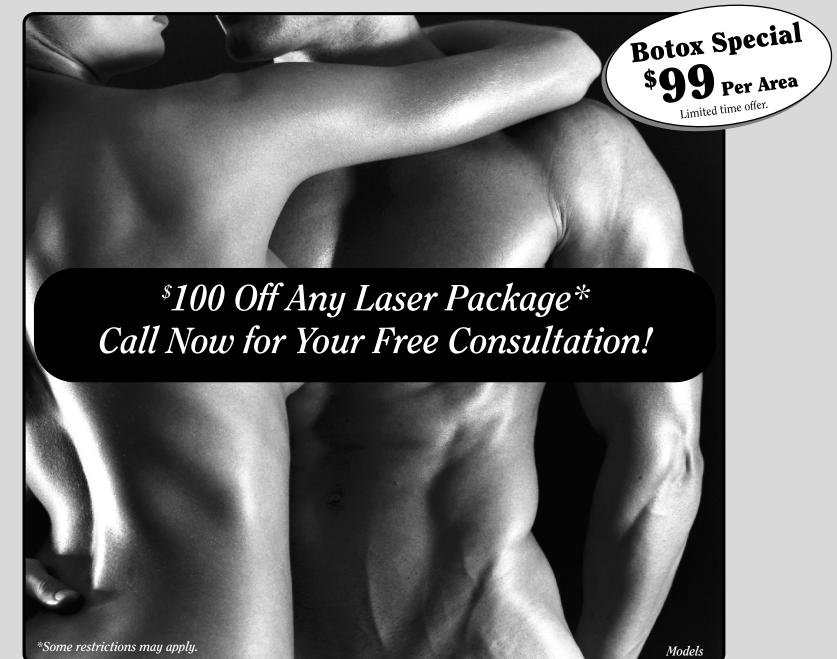
She wondered if they had any merit. She knew nothing about poetry herself and couldn't disguise her disapproval of her younger brother's bohemian ways. Ern was born in England in 1918, was taken



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to Australia when his father died two years later, and was brought up by Ethel after their mother died. He was then 15. He had dropped out of school and worked as a garage mechanic in Sydney and as an insurance salesman and part-time watch repairman in Melbourne. "From things he said I gathered he had been fond of a girl in Melbourne but had some sort of difference with her. I didn't want to ask him too much because he was nervy and irritable. The crisis came suddenly, and he passed away on Friday, the 23rd of July. As he wished, he was cremated at Rookwood." McAuley and Stewart had calculated the exact number of days that John Keats had spent on earth when he died shy of his 26th birthday, and they gave their hoax poet the same life span.

The hoaxers wanted to expose Harris to ridicule. If Angry Penguins went for their hoax poet, it would show that the editor and his cohorts couldn't tell the real from the fake. After all, in crafting the Malley poems,

they had gone out of their way to produce bogus verse. They lifted lines haphazardly from books opened at random, made nonsensical sentences, wove together misquotations and false allusions. They made certain the poems offered no coherence, no message, "only confused and inconsistent hints at a meaning held out as a bait to the reader." Max Harris fell for the bait hook, line, and sinker. He published, the hoaxers pounced, and to make matters even worse for the Angry Penguins crowd, the South Australian police seized the issue and filed obscenity charges. The trial, especially the testimony of police detective Vogelsang, is a masterpiece of unwitting self-parody. The beautifully named Vogelsang (from the German for "bird song") declared the poems to be indecent and for proof pointed at the word "incestuous" in one of them. On cross-examination he admitted he didn't know the meaning of the word.

The poetry of Ern Malley initially succeeded on

the terms that McAuley and Stewart dictated. What they had written was parody, caricature. But it has lasted as poetry, and the continuing appeal of the work confirms that not the hoaxers but the hoaxed — especially Max Harris, who never modified his admiration of Malley's verse - have prevailed. It is not quite in spite of McAuley and Stewart that this happened; it is rather in the very nature of a successful

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hoax that it makes some predictions fulfill themselves. There are passages where the hoaxers succeed precisely in aping the thing they detest — but aping it so well that the result transcends their conscious aims. This stanza from "Sybilline" goes so far as to intimate that Malley does not exist:

On the vertical banners of praise.

In the hoaxers' minds, this was a broad clue about the nonidentity of the poet; to read these lines and not become suspicious was to be obtuse. But to the reader prepared for the experience — the reader prepared

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by Pound and Eliot and And now out of life, per-Stevens and Auden — the manent revenant, I assert: the caterpillar lines haunt like the living feet hand of Keats, extended as Of these predictions lead the poet contemplates his impending death: nowhere, -It is necessary to understand -That a poet may not exist, that his writings Are the incomplete circle and straight drop Of a question mark And yet I know I shall be raised up

As the man at the fair revolves His coloured deceitful board. The hoax made the news in 1944 as a victory for an old guard suspicious that the whole modernist experiment was phony. It stays news because the poems of Ern Malley remain, after all the controversy and debate, still in the minds of many the supreme achievement in modern Australian poetry. There is a marvelous com-

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Keats, I spin

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bination of mystery, grandeur, dark humor, and self-deprecating wit in Malley. These lines are from "Petit Testament":

> Set this down too: I have pursued rhyme, image, and metre,

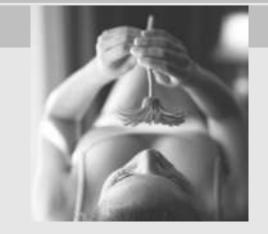
Known all the clefts in which the foot may stick, Stumbled often, stammered, But in time the fading voice grows wise And seizing the co-ordinates of all existence Traces the inevitable graph.

Malley writes as if aware of his ambiguous existential status - as if merely by existing he is transgressing. Who can resist a poet who describes himself as "an interloper, robber of dead men's dreams" and as "the black swan of trespass on alien waters"?

In May 1976, the faculty of the Brooklyn College MFA poetry program consisted of John Ashbery, Jill Hoffman, and me. Each of us contrived an examination question that the students had to answer satisfactorily, in the form of a short essay, in order to receive the degree. For his question, Ashbery quoted two poems in their entirety and wrote, "One of the two poems below is by a highly respected con-

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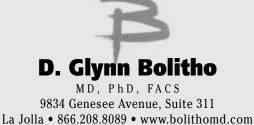




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temporary poet; the other is a hoax originally published to spoof the obscurity of much modern poetry. Which do you think is which?" There then followed the poems, unidentified by author or title:

- So much for the elves' wergild, the true governance
- of England, the gaunt warrior-gospel armoured in
- engraved stone. I wormed my way heavenward for
- ages amid barbaric ivy, scrollwork of fern.
- Exile or pilgrim set me once more upon that ground:
- my rich and desolate childhood. Dreamy, smugfaced, sick on outings — I who was taken to be a king of
- some kind, a prodigy, a maimed one.
- I have avoided your wide English eyes: But now I am whirled in their vortex. My blood becomes a Damaged Man Most like your Albion; And I must go with stone feet Down the staircase of flesh To where in a shuddering embrace My toppling opposites commit
- The obscene, the unforgivable rape.
- One moment of daylight let me have Like a white arm thrust Out of the dark and selfdenying wave And in the one moment Ι Shall irremediably attest How (though with sobs, and torn cries bleeding) My white swan of quiet-
- ness lies Sanctified on my black swan's breast.

Ashbery never revealed that one of the two poems was from the esteemed poet Geoffrey Hill's "Mercian Hymns"; the other was Ern Malley's "Sweet William." But you, dear reader, can surely tell the real from the fake. Can't you?

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Midsummer nights, I not infrequently put myself to sleep considering the taste of a warm ripe apricot. I imagine the apricot's sunrise color, the red blush along its curve. I imagine the apricot's heft in my palm. I recall its skin's softness. I imagine the fruit under my nose. I inhale. I break apart the apricot. I love to split these drupe fruits — the fleshy fruits, like peaches and plums, whose flesh surrounds a single hard stone that encloses the fruit's seed. I press both thumbs along

the fruit's curve and gently pull the fruit apart and expose the flesh. I study the smooth, hard seed. I get in there with my thumbnail and lift out the seed. I enjoy the stone's resistance. I set half the apricot in my left palm and with my right hand lift the other half to my mouth and suck and bite. When I get to the sucking and biting part, my fantasy apricot seems so real I'm sometimes surprised grainy orange juice isn't dribbling down my chin onto the pillow.

The other day I bought a dozen apricots. I stood on tiptoe and lifted down a white dinner plate. A cobalt blue line runs just inside the plate's edge. I arranged the apricots in a circle, along that blue line. I left the plate on the kitchen counter. Afternoon heat deepened the fruit's aroma, the way flushed skin intensifies a woman's perfume.

I might have considered apricot tart or apricot preserves or tossing a half dozen apricots in the Cuisinart and pulping them to pour over ice cream. I didn't. I thought about my father-in-law.

I see him as he was several years ago: a gnome shrunk down inside a bright Hawaiian shirt grown too large for him. Cigarette ash litters the shirt's red hibiscus. He reeks of whiskey. His face over the years has turned increasingly simian, as if his face sought its way back through elaborate genealogies to its first forebear. He looks like a mean tanned monkey.

My father-in-law had the best apricot tree in town. The town was and is a small town, set down in a Pacific Northwest valley. He was born there, from pioneer stock. He planted the apricot tree when he first moved back after the war and bought the house where my husband grew up. I Cigarette ash litters the shirt's red hibiscus. He reeks of whiskey.



once asked my father-in-law if he remembered what kind it was — Floragold? Goldrich? Moongold? Moorpark? Wenatchee Moorpark? He didn't remember. He said it was a few twigs and a root ball wrapped in burlap when he got

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it and that he'd also planted, at the same time, Bing cherries, pie cherries, pears, apples, peaches, plums. The vast orchard he had planned, he said, "didn't pan out." Winter took the other trees. Winters there were harsh. The apricot tree persisted.

He pruned the tree over the years, and the tree towered and spread. I am 5'5" and could stand beneath its lowest branches and still not have my head touch the tree's dark green, broad, heart-shaped leaves. Only a few sparse grass tufts prospered beneath its shade.

My father-in-law said he liked to look out the kitchen window and see that the white blossoms had set on the tree. "Means spring's here for good." An odd look flickered across his face when he said that, as if he were reliving a moment that felt good and hurt bad all in the same instant.

I stood in my father-in-law's yard late one spring morning. A few days earlier, he'd tilled his vegetable garden. The garden took up an entire lot. I gazed across the brown furrowed soil, which he had not yet begun to plant. The apricot tree stood at the garden's farthest edge. Beyond the tree, emerald green grass rolled out to the horizon. The tree rose to perhaps fifteen feet. Sun poured down on the white blossoms. The wind that blew all spring through the valley blew that day. The wind fluttered the apricot tree's branches. White petals rose into

Apricot blossom t

the air.

Ecstasy is difficult to write about. My father-in-law, I think, well may have known ecstasy when he looked out his kitchen window at those white blossoms. His simian face



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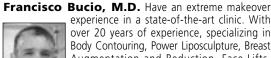
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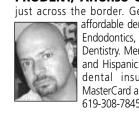
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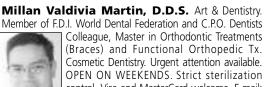
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with its creases and the red spots where he had skin cancers burned away, looked, I think, like it looked some Sundays at church.

He was a lay reader in our Episcopal parish. He often was appointed to read one of the lessons. Some Sundays before he drove into the parish parking lot and strode into the sacristy and slipped into the white surplice that lay readers wore, he played nine holes of golf and drank down I don't know how many Bloody Marys. So that by the time he stood to walk to the lectern, his gait was unsteady. When he read, he slurred his words.

Lay readers sit beyond

the altar rail and face the congregation. My fatherin-law not infrequently slept during the sermon. His tanned monkey face bobbed above the white surplice; when he snapped back into consciousness, he gasped. Children occasionally tittered.

After the sermon came the Mass. Most Episcopalians of my father-in-law's generation accept that the words said by the priest over bread and wine turn those elements into the Body and Blood of Christ. My fatherin-law believed that. When the priest extended the paten, transformed into Christ's flesh, toward my father-inlaw, his mean monkey face

took on that same look that he had when he said, about his apricot tree's white radiance, "Means spring's here for good."

Why I'd asked my father-in-law, "Do you or cherry trees, are either "self fruitful" or "self unfruitful." Varieties that bear fruit from pollination among their own flowers are "self fruitful." Those requiring

like apple or peach or pear

My mother-in-law said, "We'll just have to get used to it, burying folks. Soon, they'll all be gone."

remember what kind of apricot tree that is?" was that I wanted to plant an apricot tree alongside the fence in our yard. I studied up on apricot trees. Apricot,

pollen from another variety are "self unfruitful." Given that my father-inlaw had only one apricot tree and that it regularly put forth its white shroud

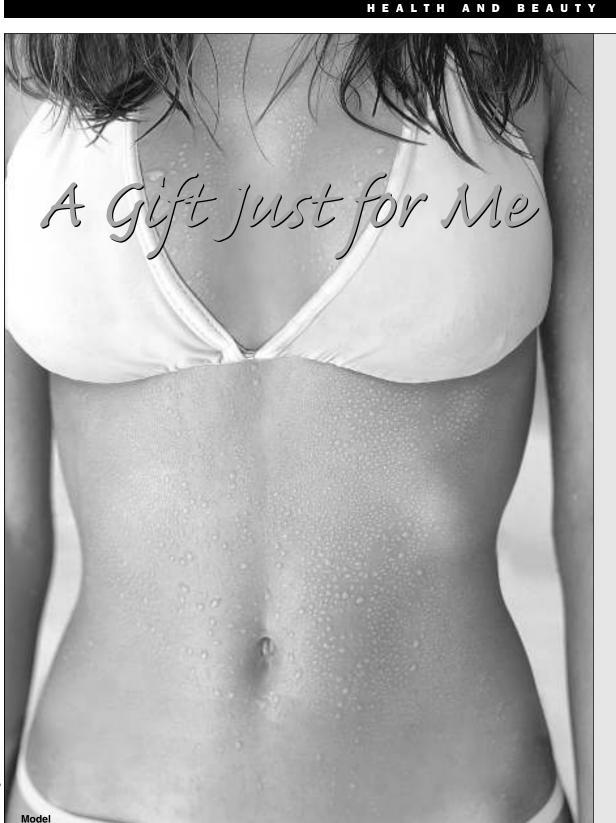
of flowers, followed by a profuse setting of fruit, it had to be self fruitful. It could not have been Goldrich, which is self unfruitful, and must have been, I think now, either Moorpark or Wenatchee Moorpark.

In-laws, for almost everyone, are difficult. Rarely do your in-laws believe that you are good enough for their child, and rarely are you. I had hoped to be gathered into my husband's family the way egg whites are folded into a cake batter. I wasn't. They would have preferred my husband marry a local girl like his younger brother did. They would have preferred someone

whose family they knew. I grew to dislike them,

in large part because they disliked me. But as much as I disliked them, I wanted them to like me and to approve their son's choice of me.

My father-in-law was a gifted, orderly gardener. His rows ran straight and were as weedless as his wife's kitchen floor was without crumb or stain. His Romaine and Bibb and Iceberg and Black Seeded Simpson lettuces, one head after the other, grew equidistant from one another. His Blue Lake pole beans ran up straight white string, as did his peas. His Straight Eight cukes dangled down among wide



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My father-in-law's name was Jack; my husband was Jack, Jr. My mother-in-law's name was Thelma. They did not ask that I call them "Mom and Dad." They did not suggest that I call them, as their friends did, "Jack and Thel." I called them nothing.

My mother-in-law, a full-time housewife, despised the domestic arts. She nevertheless kept a spotless house. She regularly stripped wax from her floors and spread new wax, she ironed her sheets. She sat at her Singer and she sewed matching print and plaid shirts for herself and her husband. She cut out and sewed cloth book jackets that she sold at the parish's annual Christmas bazaar.

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"I put meals on the table," and "Nothing fancy," was how my mother-in-law described her cooking. She cooked vegetables down to mush and meat until it looked like geology exhibits. My husband said that his mother "feared rawness." She hated her husband's garden produce."The vegetables," she sighed, "are so dirty." She often threw out the big Detroit Dark Red beets and the Royal Chantenay carrots that he carried in a zinc bucket from garden to kitchen. My husband

noted that his mother seemed to regard his father's gardening as some unspeakable, filthy habit. My fatherin-law brought in five-six apricots at a time that he ate out of hand. The rest he gave to me and to neigh-

bors. My mother-in-law would have none of them. She said apricots weren't "big, like peaches." She said that she liked canned fruit better than fresh. When my father-in-

law telephoned us or

dropped by our house to tell us the apricots were ready, we went with boxes and two small buckets. The stepladder waited under the tree. That ladder must have been 20 years old. It was metal and every year showed

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more rust.

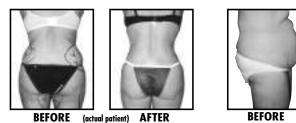
He stood to the side and watched us as we stood under his tree. My husband climbed up on the ladder and carefully, one after another, set the apricots in the bucket. Then, he climbed

down and handed me the full bucket, picked up the empty bucket and clambered back up the ladder. I, meantime, sat on my heels at the tree's edge, packing the delicate fruit. I took great pains to take the fruit from



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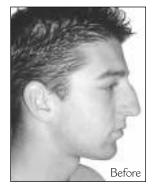
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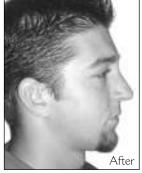
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RELIANT FRAXEL LASER the full bucket and lay it in the empty box. After I had one layer of apricots, I spread out several folds of paper towel over them and then began the next layer. The fruit was that fragile.

I could see while I arranged apricots, my fatherin-law take his measure of me. His eyes narrowed and his gaze held and studied me. I felt that he did not like what he saw.

My mother-in-law once said to me that she and I were fortunate in having "married up." Her father was a roistering chief of police in a mountain mining town even smaller than the one into which her husband was born. She meant the remark kindly, I knew even then, but it hurt me, and I would not have dared repeat what she said to either of my parents, who, at any rate, were long divorced and lived thousands of miles apart from each other and from me. We were pretty much a failure, as families go, my parents and I.

When we got our three or four boxes of fruit home,

I washed and pitted them. As one after another ripe fruit passed through my bare hands I easily understood why the Persians, who were growing apricots before the birth of Christ, called them "eggs of the sun." I made several apricot pies, and apricot preserves and apricot chutney. I had not faces out. You pour hot sugar syrup in the jars and then process them in the canning kettle. The cherry's red tincture bleeds into the orange apricot's interior.

I sent my husband over to his parents' house with a pie and several jars of preserves and canned apricots. I knew even then that my

motives were mixed. I gen-

uinely wanted to give some-

thing back to my father-in-

law for what he gave us; I

also wanted to show him I

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Several weeks after our

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I easily understood why the Persians, who were growing apricots before the birth of Christ, called them "eggs of the sun."

yet learned to make an apricot tart and would not, for years. If any apricots remained, I canned them, halved, in pint jars with Bing cherries. What you do is halve the apricot and stick into the hollow where the seed has grown, a whole cherry. You layer the raw fruit inside the canning jar so that the cherry-filled side

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this time to gather windfalls. Winds that blew through the valley in early summer blew ripe apricots onto the ground. The fruit, once it fell, deteriorated quickly. Skin split in the fall and the flesh turned brown. Wasps whirred above the toppled fruit. While my husband stripped the tree of the last fruit, I gathered windfalls. The decomposed fruit, I threw into a garbage sack; recently fallen fruit I packed into boxes for preserves and nectar. The last time I did this, a wasp stung my arm, right above the wrist. The sting was painful. The swelling, later, was ugly.

I think I am correct in believing that what we do not like in our in-laws — say, something as petty as bad table manners or as big as mean-spiritedness — is a habit or trait that we fear will surface in our mates. We worry that when love's initial bloom drops away, that a wife will bolt her food and keep her elbow on the table or that a husband will not give a friend or a child the benefit of the doubt. I had trouble with apricot tarts. I could make a tart that tasted good but didn't look pretty. I was young and lacked patience. The tart dough, richer than common piecrust dough, and more difficult to handle, turned ragged by the time I rolled it out and fit it into the tart tin. I had trouble slipping off the apricots'

> They brought silver pocket flasks filled with liquor and poured the liquor into their coffee.

skins without ripping the fruit's flesh. The custard that sits beneath the apricots, I didn't stir with sufficient assiduity and it had lumps. And, finally, because I did not keep the flame turned low enough, the apricot glaze that finishes off the tart turned past the promised gold to brown. I fretted and wept and regretted who and what I was and

to be as retired as he is retired." They not only sold the house, they sold almost all its furnishings. They bought a doublewide trailer in a court outside town. My father-in-law ate his breakfast downtown at Webster's Café. He hunkered, with his buddies, men he'd known since childhood, at the counter. They brought silver pocket flasks filled with

felt shame at the truth about

myself that ruined my tarts.

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declared herself "happy as

a clam," after my father-in-

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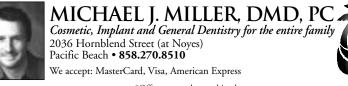
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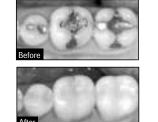
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liquor and poured the liquor into their coffee. Most mornings, after my father-in-law returned from breakfast, they played golf, she with the ladies and he with the men. Afternoons, they watched television and napped. Evenings, they drove out to the country club or sat in their matching brown leather recliners and watched their programs. In May, he set out tomato plants -Celebrity — in the tiny plot allotted each trailer.

Their friends began to die. My mother-in-law said, "We'll just have to get used to it, burying folks. Soon, they'll all be gone." Her remark upset my husband. He said his mother seemed to feel that she and his father would live forever, that when the last human on earth died, his parents believed they still would be standing. But what happened was that they began to falter. His mind started to go and her body began to ache. He would find himself downtown at Webster's and not remember how he got there. But even with two packs of unfiltered Camels a day and a lifetime of whiskey, his body hadn't even begun to give out. She became crippled with arthritis and forgot nothing.

As things turned out, I never got around to planting an apricot tree. I planted apples and pears, which long after I left my husband began to bear fruit.

If my father-in-law ever

My father-in-law is beyond my dislike. I am beyond his. He has entered apricots. He inhabits every bite.

knew what variety his apricot tree was, he would not know now. Senile dementia has gobbled his nerve cells and shrunk his brain tissue. I think of his head as almost empty. I imagine his head as a gourd that holds maybe a dozen dry seeds. I am older now, more

patient, and can produce an exemplary apricot tart. My father-in-law is beyond my dislike. I am beyond his. He has entered apricots. He inhabits every bite. I am unable to spit him out. We eat the bad with the good. Beauty teaches hard lessons.

I slowly roll out the pastry

and fit it into the tin. The

custard is smooth, rich, eggy,

and subtle. I cut halved apri-

cots. I use a sharp knife.

Each thin slice looks like a

pale orange crescent moon.

I arrange the apricot slices

atop the custard in con-

centric circles. I brush on

strained apricot jam. I do not

have to set the timer to

remember the oven.

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February 16, 2004

Do You Have

Reservations?

I wish I could tell a story of red roses and dark chocolate candies, of a paddleboat in a lake with a gentle breeze playing at our hair. I want nothing more than to describe a perfect day where a husband and wife forgot the world if only for that 24 hours and withdrew to a place previously unknown to them or to anyone. But that's not my Valentine story. In truth, I'm not remotely romantic and in confessing this I must also add that if I were to attempt to be romantic, my wife would suspect some sort of lechery on my part. But I love my wife and sometimes I want to find ways to express this without being cliched or feeling 15. So how do you make up for the fact that despite being warned by countless co-workers and friends to call for a reservation somewhere, you didn't? And after calling around and driving to various upscale places to find that the wait ranged from an hour and a half to two and a half hours, how do you recover from the absurdity of having to settle on the Sizzler? The Sizzler on Valentine's Day evening where even there the food took nearly an hour to reach our table and where the steak that should have been medium was rare and where the cashier who looked like a moonlighting porn star couldn't even muster a smile. Even she felt my shame.

The day wasn't a total loss and my wife was actually quite understanding, managing to laugh at the fact that I'd assumed we could get a table at Black Angus if all else failed. Before the Sizzler, we went to see *The Dreamers*. Again, not exactly the most fitting Valentine fare, but a love story that only Bertolucci could manage. Take the over-used movie plot formula where the parents leave an empty house to some teenagers and put this formula in the hands of Bertolucci. Instead of a wild party complete with keg stands and torn-down walls, you get wine drinking and incest. Of course, there was nudity and another type of wall dismantling. I enjoyed the film and believed that a nice dinner would end up making the day complete. It wasn't to be. Forgive me, Elaine. Next year, we'll go roller skating and I'll make sure to call ahead.

March 08, 2004

A Day in the Life of a Changed Man I'm a changed man. Or I should be.

Five until show time and I'm staring at the prefilm entertainment, the advertisements and trivia questions, knowing that Freud had an irrational fear of ferns. I'm alone in a seat under a blown speaker, behind a family of five speaking Spanish, the occasional words ----"Mel Geebson," "Passion" — familiar. No reason to be here, really. Just killing time while my wife is away and no other movie I want to see. A Starsky and Hutch remake is truly sacrilegious; everything else has been seen. Maybe it's just a matter of giving in to the hype. Perhaps it's the brutality. And everywhere in this large room filled with church groups and fellow rubberneckers there is an undercurrent of expectation. Even the sign at the ticket

window describes the movie as being "unrelentingly violent" and promises "NO REFUNDs." So much for forgiveness...so much for repentance.

Earlier in the day, I sat fifth in line at Supercuts, finally willing to give up an hour of my time in exchange for an overdue trim. Outside, in full view of all in the waiting area, the sidewalks of El Cajon Boulevard teemed with its usual traffic: the drug dealers, crack addicts, and prostitutes. Inside, a young hippie mother stared at the Supercuts price chart, budgeting the little bit of money her husband had allowed for haircuts for her and her two daughters. From time to time, she'd sprint out to the van to ask for more, the figures in her head rising with every inch of hair snipped from her three-year-old daughter's head. "She wants to be like that little girl from the second Peter Pan movie," the mother told the beautician. The little girl was the model customer, sitting perfectly still, every once in a while glancing in the mirror at the new style, images of her favorite character from her favorite movie beginning to appear. Her other daughter asked for only an inch to be taken off; she wanted to grow her hair long.

The movie has started and I can't help but be distracted by the malfunctioning speaker. Thirty minutes of scratchy soundtrack and I can't concentrate on much more than the bad teeth and possible body odor of everyone in the movie. Satan has no eyelashes and a maggot that lives in his(?) nose.

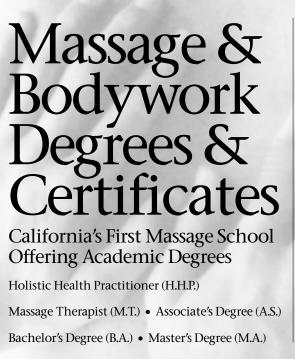
It took forever for me to make it to the on-deck circle. Meanwhile, the hippie mom had made it to the chair. Like her older daughter, she wanted just an inch. She talked of interesting names and another child who was out in the van with her husband. "I want six," she said. She couldn't have been more than 25. A hippie.

The Jews have mocked and spat upon Jesus, beaten and accused him of everything short of assassinating Kennedy. The true brutality



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starts when he's turned over to the Romans. Unrelentlessly violent beating. Sniffles can be heard over the crappy speaker. A few people seem to need a break. I've learned one thing: betray the Son of man and you'll not only come down with an advanced state of leprosy, but little kids will turn into frightening dwarves and chase you from the city gates. Judas swings from a tree.

Before my Supercut moment, I watched the action on the boulevard. Across the street, a woman in a pink tube top leaned against the wall of an out-of-business furniture store talking to a humpedback man with a halo of unkempt hair around a blushing bald spot. He pointed nervously at something across the alley as she whipped out her cell phone. A few minutes later, they would walk in opposite directions and my name would be called.

Jesus is on his way to Golgotha and I'm hungry. I weigh my dinner options as this shell of a Jesus endures more beatings. I'm starting to have a Titanic moment: I want this Christ to be crucified just as I wanted that ship to sink. Anything to get this movie done with.

"How'd you like it cut?"

"Five on top; four on the sides."

"Short huh?"

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It is accomplished. Two hours and ten bucks of my life...A few people clap; a few others seem to be in a trance. I'm hungry. I don't understand the purpose of this movie, but I can see why the believers might find it worthwhile.

While in the chair, the buzz of the number four working around the curve of my right ear, I decided to go to a movie. What to see? Starsky and Hutch is sacrilegious. Why does Hollywood feel the need to remake everything? My final choice would be the Jesus movie.

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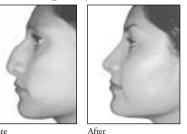
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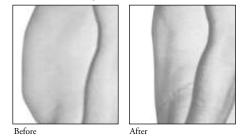
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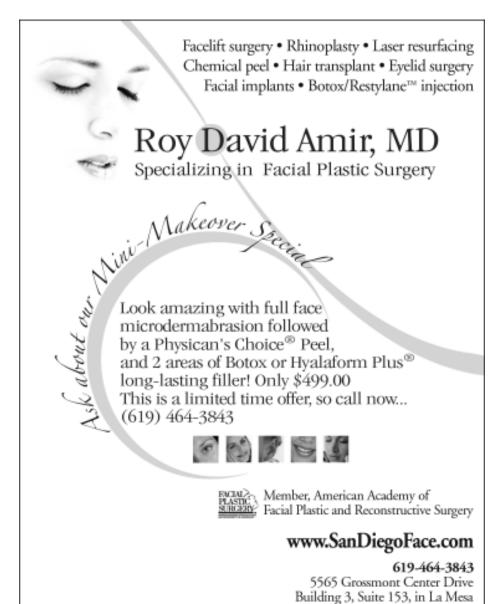


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that I need to make a U-turn. Finally inside Carls, I have to wait behind two college kids in togas. If their faces distort, I'll consider church tomorrow.

I looked in the rearview mirror. This haircut should last me a few months. For the time being, I was definitely a changed man.

March 29, 2004

Masago (or How I Made My Wife Cry) Masago made my wife cry. Actually, I take all the blame, but it's a long story.

Masago, or "fish eggs," as my wife puts it when asking for them to be left off of her sushi, sprouted from the already late-arriving Philly roll like orange blossoms on a desert cactus. I'd finished off my hot dynamite and my chicken curry and was more than just a little ready to leave. When the waitress placed the little plate in front of her, Elaine's demeanor changed, from anticipation to frustration. They'd forgotten her request, ignored it, and now she seemed stuck with having to scrape the eggs off with chopsticks, an exercise in futility.

But that's not why she cried.

We'd spent that day on a quest to see the desert bloom, a 90-minute drive through the recently burned mountains to the very edge of civilization, to Borrego Springs and the Anza-Borrego State Park, where we soon found out that the peak had been days before and all that remained was a scattered bloom, enough to make us realize what we had missed. Elaine snapped a few pictures but because of the heat and my growing fatigue we decided to abandon any thought of a hike. I examined a map at the park information center and noticed that the Salton Sea was only a half-hour away.

We continued driving through the surreal landscape of salamanders and powerlines weighted down by cement. Mountain peaks in the distant red and gray, evidence of a past when water filled the basin and the surface teemed with ocean life. Now it was scrub and arid nothingness. After one last curve in the road, the Salton Sea appeared, the water shimmering in the middle of a desert, a contradiction of sorts. Soon the landscape turned green, and small towns with unfamiliar names dotted the landscape: Brawley, Imperial, Westmoreland. Towns of sated nomads, a life in this desert, with gas station bathroom graffiti and scorched coffee and oddly named steak houses. The Martian landscape tried to become something else, reminded Elaine of Alabama with its cows and alfalfa fields and John Deere dealers.

After seeing the blackhawks near the military outpost, we were back to familiar roads, El Centro and the 8, and the climb from below sea level to 5000 feet and back down through boulder-lined blacktop, Border Patrol checkpoints, and radiator water stations. El Centro became El Cajon and the tan sands

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became San Diego green and we were home again.

Three hundred and fifty miles later we sat in the overcrowded Kyoto Sushi, the waitress warning us that she was busy. It took 15 minutes to get our drinks.

Then she forgot the miso soup. And Elaine's Philly roll.

The desert heat, even from inside the car, had taken what was left of our energy and left us hungry and moody. Especially me. So I stared at Elaine poking at the masago, begging me to get her a fork, and I snapped.

"Just try it. It doesn't have a taste," I growled. She looked up from her roll and I saw a woman disappointed."I can't. I don't care if it tastes like water, I don't want it in my mouth. They get stuck in your teeth and," she paused to wipe the orange balls from her chopsticks, "and they pop when you bite them."

That's when it came, the moment of frustration, the apex of fatigue from a week's worth of banging my head on the rungs of the corporate ladder.

"Damn, you're like a tenyear-old."

That's what I said. And she cried.

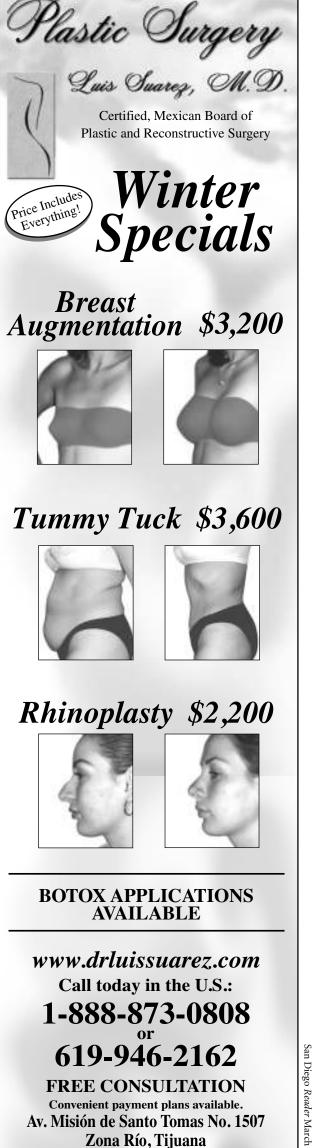
I apologized because I didn't mean to lash out. I hate to see anyone cry. I'm male and incapable of dealing. As if to prove this, I apologized again and started laughing, a Troilus laugh. It seemed to work; she smiled, wiping away the one tear that remained on her cheek with the misago-stained napkin.

We abandoned the Philly roll and left Kyoto Sushi. We both needed a bed and sleep to get the desert out of our bones.

March 31, 2004

Synergy

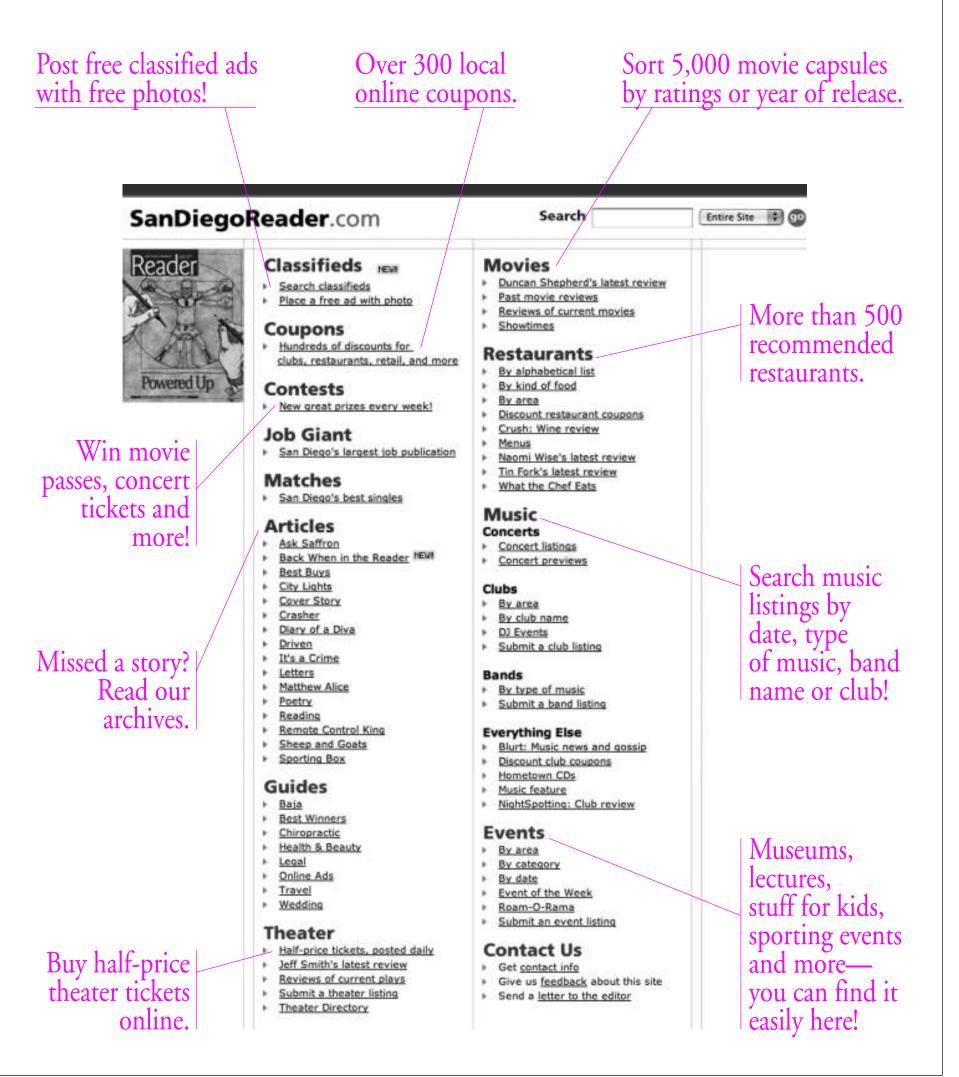
Nothing in my life remains a constant for long, especially luck. The past few days, things have been teetering on the good side. Friday, I scored a free cup of coffee at Starbucks because their registers were down, and asking anyone to use a pen and paper to add digits is a really tough assignment. Saturday, I (or I



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should say Elaine and I) won \$9, a fortunate three-number quick pick on the California Lottery. That same day, we received a \$16 refund from the state for overpayment of our car registration fees (thanks, Ahnold). To top it all off, Monday night I won an autographed book.

At that point, some \$40 on the positive side of fickleness, I should have taken a step back and thrown salt over a shoulder, but I hadn't officially declared all of it a winning streak. And sometimes my good luck doesn't have a corresponding crash of misfortune. A few years ago, I won a 36inch TV and \$200 in the office pool within a week's span. I waited for the car breakdown or the bounced check that would follow. Nothing.

So I let my guard down this time. And the signs were all there. I think things turned at lunch. As I stood in the fixings line at Submarina waiting for my East Coast Sub to be dressed in its lettuce and pickle glory, focusing on all of my other options - pepper? mustard? avocado? - when a lunatic-leaning man dressed in Bermuda shorts and a "Lifeguard" T-shirt and carrying a clear plastic-coated piece of rebar barged to the front of the order line and stared at the sandwich artist. The artist, who had already snapped at the two people ahead of me for being slow with their orders, must have felt that she'd met her match.

"Can I help you sir?" she asked as she eased herself behind the relative protection of the meat slicer.

No answer.

"Sir?"

"I'm sorry, sweetie." He tapped the counter with the rebar."I was distracted. Say, would you be interested in having sex with me after I eat my sandwich?"

No answer. She began slicing some prosciutto.

"Ah, never mind. I think I'll go to the sub shop around the corner." And he made his way to the door, tapping every table on the way out and shouting "Synergy! Fucking

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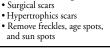
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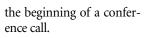




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vator to return to my office.

Not good luck, not the piles

of work on my desk, not this

blog. Fucking and synergy.

Then, as if Atropos sliced the chord with a stalk of rebar,

the elevator froze between

the 15th and 16th floor. Alone

with only the Televator for

company, I forgot about syn-

ergy, but fuck did come to

mind. I was only stuck for a

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"This Is Ken!"

I want to dislike Ken Jennings, English major and Jeopardy!



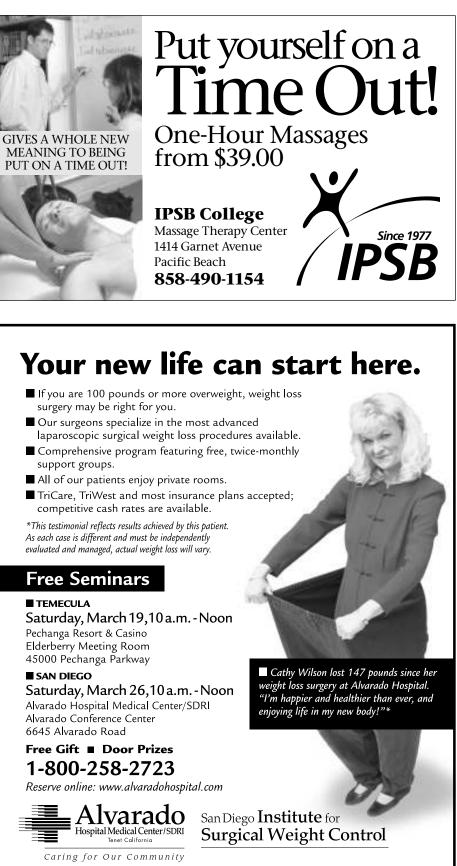
about him. The wit and sarcasm, the quickness with the buzzer, the way he handles the most difficult of questions seemingly without effort, all of it just makes you want to wave an American flag, put ribbons around a tree, and stand on your front porch and chant "U-S-A" as if this were some Olympic event with Cold War implications. At ten wins, he became a person of interest like the guy on Jokers Wild who ruled that summer when I was 11. (I wonder what happened to him.) At 15 wins, the media became involved, bloggers took up the cause and referenced David Foster Wallace, office pools were started, and my wife insisted that we TiVo until further notice. At 20, as he ran out of things to say to Alex, the nation couldn't stop talking about him. We knew everything we could know about the man from his waist size to the fact that he likes Jell-O with his afternoon tea. Salt Lake City made plans to name a street (or a school or a park) after him if he reached 25.

champion, but I can't. He

has this certain something

He's a gracious guy, always with a friendly handshake to the two people he's just pummelled, their 15 minutes of fame now a half-hour of nationally televised and forever-in-syndication shame. One recent contest, he fell behind early to contestant number three, a young Canadian who seemed to be on his game. But it was just a matter of time. The Canadian didn't know about fish, so when he landed on the Daily Double! with a chance to take a commanding lead into Double Jeopardy!, he flinched, cowered at the thought of throwing away his chance at becoming the next Ken Jennings. Worst of all, he showed weakness. Like a shark to blood, Ken devoured the kid, running off entire rows of correct questions, taking the momentum to the Double Jeopardy! round where he nailed both Daily Doubles! and coasted to an easy win.

One thing about Ken: he'll only go so far. Alex dangles the one-day-record carrot in front of his nose, yet despite many chances, he plays it conservatively. Maybe he believes in karma. Or it could be his Mormon upbringing, the fact that by taking that risk,



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Door Prizes 1-800-258-2723 he is possibly committing a sin worse than caffeine consumption — gambling. I'm guessing that he's saving it all up for a great dénouement. He'll look into the camera as the Final Jeopardy! question is revealed and announce, "I'm stepping down, Alex." The crowd will oooh, Alex will make a horrible attempt at saying something funny, but Ken will not be swayed. "This will be my final Final Jeopardy!" And in an unprecedented move, the producers of the show will reveal his wager before his answer. We'll all see that he's bet it all. He could end up with \$73,240 for a "one-day total."

And then it will be over. Ken will have his street (or a school or a park) named after him. Alex will grow his moustache back in honor of this great man. We will all realize that there will never be another Ken Jennings.

July 06, 2004

Ten things I discovered during this three-day

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weekend

1) Three days is never enough, so that Monday which should be Sunday will only lead to a strenuous Tuesday and the loss of a day's worth of work, making the four days more stressful than the five days, so that I'm left confused and anguished and in need of a fifth day at work or a fourth day off.

2) I can no longer sleep late even if I try. This coming from someone who just a few years ago could sleep well past noon and still not feel rested. Now I'm up by 7:00 and fighting to go back to sleep.

3) Homer the barking dog (seen here relaxing away a stressful barking day) hates fireworks but loves pork chops, both I actually already knew but thought I would mention here anyway.

4) The view outside the stadium from the top of the upper deck at Petco Park is amazing. The climb to the top of the upper deck at Petco is deadly. The hot dogs at the

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concession stands in the upper deck at Petco are horrible.

5) Rereading Catch-22 after ten years is a worthy endeavor. In many ways, it's a completely different novel than what I remembered.

6) One should soak unhusked corn in water for longer than 15 minutes before attempting to grill it. Also, it's probably a good idea to clean the grease trap in the gas grill every so often. The combination of flaming husks and accumulated grease can and will lead to some unpleasant results.

7) Seeing a cat with a fuckedup eye can ruin your wife's day.

8) I really enjoy reading Tingle Alley.

9) Small "bursts" of stress can be good for your immune system.

10) Hannah, the quiet dog, turned 11 on Sunday. She also likes pork chops, but fireworks don't seem to

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The Cult of Impersonality

Staring at the nude female sunbather 15 floors below, her tattooed backside exposed so that everyone in the surrounding highrises could admire or cajole or admonish from the windows next to their cubicles, office workers on every floor calling friends or documenting the view with cellphone cameras, I realized that no matter how holy or removed from the everyday we might be, we are all rubberneckers to the mundane absurdities that materialize seemingly out of nowhere. Some people I know would have figured out a way to get to the roof of that building to interview the woman and investigate whether she was an exhibitionist or just somehow unaware that the neighboring buildings in fact have windows. At that moment, I would have given anything to ask her why, but I just stood there, borrowed a pair of binoculars, and thought

about Chuck Palahniuk.

The previous evening, I made the 15-mile trip to El Cajon to hear a reading by Palahniuk. Driving around the Borders parking lot, I spotted all the cool kids' cars with the stickers for nearly every conceivable punk or indie band (or Hole) decorating rear windows and bumpers, the kids themselves hanging around the entrance to the store, tattoos and piercings marking them as a part of the Cult. Inside, it was more of the same: wall-to-wall kids holding copies of their favorite Palahniuk book and vouchers allowing them a place in the signing line. I didn't bring anything other than my wife's new camera phone, and I didn't have \$25 for a copy of Palahniuk's new collection, so I made my way to the empty Fiction aisles to see if by

chance they had a copy of Stephen Elliot's Happy Baby (no luck). What I found was a handful of Borders' staff engaged in ratcatching, whispering to each other about a second rat in the DVD section. Even the rats wanted a piece of Palahniuk.

After a few minutes of browsing, I heard the brief introduction and the loud applause as Palahniuk took the mic in the center of the store next to the customer service kiosk. I quickly realized that my options for a clear view ---thus a decent shot from the camera phone - were limited, so I found a spot in the audio books section next to an older lady cradling an armful of what appeared to be self-help books. After Palahniuk issued his disclaimer for the now famous story "Guts," ("You might

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want to sit or otherwise get close to the floor") the lady looked at me and asked if I knew why.

"Apparently," I said, "people have been known to faint when he reads this story."

She looked at me with a smile on her face and said, "Really? That seems odd." She briefly explained that she'd never heard of "this guy" but was at Borders to pick up a few books for a trip she was about to take with her grandkid. She ended up sticking around for the first ten minutes or so, but when the episode about the guy getting wax stuck in his penis reached its climax, she made her way to the checkout counter.

I turned my attention to Palahniuk who was now describing "pearl diving" and setting up the horror that was to come. Palahniuk was the most normal-looking person in that sea of tattoos and piercings. He wore a button-down white shirt and pleated blue Dockers. He read the story in a very deliberate tone, pausing for the frequent guffaws and drawing out the "ewwws" with a smile. I took a second to look around, and that's when I noticed the true moment of absurdity that I would be reminded of again the next day. A few

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yards behind where Palahniuk was describing prolapse, a young girl, probably 12 or 13, stood in the Young Adult section, a book opened in her hands, her head down as if reading, but her attention obviously focused on what was being broadcast throughout the store. She acted as if she didn't know whether to smile or run to her mother to ask a question, and I'm sure there were plenty of questions she could ask. As for me, I wondered if Palahniuk cared, if reading for this crowd that needed to be shocked, to live up to his image of a hardcore writer of hardcore subjects trumped the fact that this store was full of 12-year-olds who hadn't heeded his warning to leave, who only wanted to read a biography about Britney. I'm no moralist, so I certainly wasn't outraged. Just curious.

Palahniuk finished the story and asked if anyone had passed out. I looked back over to where the girl had been, but she had disappeared. "Six people? That ties a record," Palahniuk said, then accepted even more proud applause from the kids, all of them realizing that they had a place in Cult history. Palahniuk began a Q & A session, handing out tiaras and crowns to the lucky ones who asked him a question. I wanted to ask Palahniuk about the little girl, but I also wanted to make it to my car without becoming a character in Fight Club Redux. Anyway, I'd spied a Long John Silver's across the street and had a craving for a fried clam plate. Before leaving, I walked the store looking for that girl. I spotted her in the magazine section, still obviously listening to the man who had just minutes before described the act of "pegging."

That next day after getting my fill of naked woman sunbather, I returned to my desk to wonder why I had even bothered, why barely visible nudity would merit the numerous discussions and distractions right then taking place throughout the floor. Within minutes, a coworker stuck his head in my door and told me that the police were ticketing her. In fact, the sound of a helicopter hovering overhead should have been a giveaway that naked woman sunbather was in a little trouble. I walked back over and watched as two male cops pointed at the surrounding buildings, one of the cops writing something down in his ticket book. The gig was up. She'd shocked us all and now we would have to either feel bad for her or laugh at her stupidity. She seemed to be shrugging her shoulders, not both-

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ering to look around. Perhaps she didn't know the buildings were occupied with bored office workers needing something more than coffee to wake them from their Friday afternoon workinduced comas.

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Michael P. Sousa San Diego

Vengeance

Regarding the blond woman who made Josh Board give up the photos in his digital camera ("Crasher," February 24):

(1) What she did was, in fact, a crime.

(2) As she behaved poorly, if it had been me, I would have

(a) printed her name, or (b) let her employer know all about her extracurricular activities and the shameful way she behaved to a member of the press.

J. Frank Webster via e-mail

Uncommon **Optimist**

If Hunter Thompson had been black, the two autograph-seekers that drove "all the way" to L.A. to impress him with a bottle of scotch would have licked his jackboots from the waist down ("Blurt," February 24). Hunter's style of rage against the ominous quietude of the bourgeoisie has seen but few challengers for sheer authenticity and, yes, compassion, among white men or women of his and our generation. African-Americans are a different matter except that as soon as someone takes them seriously they seem to get assassinated (Malcolm X, Martin Luther King) or they have strange accidents. Notwithstanding the acting out of thoughtless criminals that perpetrate the crimes of property



and violence we read about each day, most Americans are like cattle in their Texas two-step march to the shopping mall to fulfill a destiny of consumption until that final last purchase of a crematorium package (now with a cruise benefit). Hunter Thompson's brilliance was his unconstrained characterization by contrast of the sleepwalking state of mind reflected in the political correctness and cupidity of a culture that is offended by the rude gesticulations of a clown while blithely overlooking genocide and ecologic suicide. In these spiritually desolate times, when it requires uncommon optimism to keep body and soul together, I say again, Duke is dead. Long live Hunter Thompson. Your boys got their money's worth — their collectible memorabilia. "Eat shit and die" indeed.

Michael Winn via e-mail

Selfless Rides

On February 10 your newspaper published a wonderful article titled "Out and About" written by Ernie Grimm ("City Lights"). In the article you address many of the transportation programs available to seniors and disabled adults throughout the county. While the article was very inclusive and mentioned many of the positive benefits of all the mentioned programs, you had one glaring omission.

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California has run a very successful transportation program in South Bay from the Norman Park Center for the past 11 years. The program is geared toward low-income seniors and disabled adults. The service is free for low-income seniors and disabled adults. If a person is over the income guidelines and can no longer drive, we will still be able to provide transportation for \$3 each way.

We have a unique program in that our volunteer drivers pick the person up at their front door, drive them to their destination, whether it be their bank, doctor's appointment, or the grocery store. They then escort the person back to their front door. If the person has gone to a grocery store, the driver will, if he

or she is able, carry their bags in. This is a one-on-one interaction, enabling the drivers to know their clients, and they are thus able to report back to us if there are any changes in a person's demeanor, either physically or mentally. We are mandated reporters. The client knows they can completely trust our drivers, a very important issue in this day and age when so many scams are perpetrated on seniors who, because of their trusting nature, are too often victims.

For 10 of the 11 years that the program has been in existence, we operated on a shoestring with no funding whatsoever. Last year, through the generosity of three anonymous donors, we received donations that totaled \$6700. We immediately spent \$5000 of that on gas cards, something that we had always hoped we might be able to do because our drivers supply not only their cars but also their own gas. We are now able to at least compensate our drivers for the gas money they spend.

Recently one of our very dedicated drivers who has been with us for six years celebrated his 500th ride. This averages 83 rides a year. He has become much more than a driver to the people he helps, inquiring about a person's family, their health, picking up their mail for them, and performing many small and thoughtful services. He is constantly in demand and greatly loved by all who come in contact with him. He was, in fact, volunteer of the month for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in December of 2004.

We are very proud of our services, and recently East County has gotten a program in their cities using our formula. We hope to get started in La Mesa and Ramona.

Drivers go through a screening and training process. If necessary, we will even do it one-on-one. The most important thing that we always try to keep in mind is the safety and physical well-being of the people we are helping. We average 600 rides a year, and it makes such a difference in people's lives.

Ann Perry Chula Vista

Calendar

March 10 - 16

WEEK'S Best Bets

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SAN DIEGO LATINO FILM FESTIVAL Films from Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Guatemala, Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, and Spain screen at the Hazard Center through March 20. See FILM, page 92 opera

TOMMY The rock based on the Who's '69 rock album,

adapted by Who bandmember Pete Townshend and La Jolla playhouse director Des McAnuff, performed at Palomar College. See THEATER, page 109

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SOME GIRLS the hardcore supergroup features members of the Locust, Give Up the Ghost, Unbroken, and the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower. At Ché Café. See CLUBS, page 129

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MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY Landmark works by the grande dame of dance (including Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring) with musical accompaniment by members of the San Diego Symphony, at Copley Symphony Hall. See **DANCE**, page 91 **FUTUREHEADS**

These Brits reinvent garage rock with a

> pop, new wave, and postpunk. At Epicentre.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

anniversary parade and festival with a Celtic Village, Irish craft booths, at 11:00 a.m at Sixth and Juniper, downtown; the festival starts at 10:00 a.m. in Balboa Park. See SPECIAL, page 98

danceALIVE! UCSD dance students perform contemporary and modern dances choreographed by UCSD dance faculty, with music by UCSD music faculty. See DANCE, page 91

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ANNUAL UGLY DOG CONTEST:

Awards include dogs that look like their owners and unusual dog markings. Registration at 10:00 a.m., show at 11:15, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. See SPECIAL, page 98

TOMATOMANIA The "world's largest" heirloom tomato seedling sale highlights this herb festival and spring plant sale in Encinitas. See SPECIAL, page 98

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VEGETARIANISM 101

Author Eric Marcus signs copies of his book, Meat Market: Animals, Ethics, and Money, and talks about eating habits. See LECTURES, page 94



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COMEDIAN PABLO FRANCISCO brings his Comedy Central and Fox-TV chops to USD's University Center for impersonations of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Joan Rivers. See

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PARADE Celebrate the 25th

musicians, singers, and food. The parade starts

AND NORA" The Old Globe previews this musical about Irish writer James Joyce's relationship with his muse and chambermaid, Nora Barnacle. See THEATER, page 106

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n a daily basis, innumerable signals are broadcast on innumerable frequencies, all passing through our bodies, houses, everything, constantly. Unless we have a receiver tuned to a specific frequency, these invisible transmissions go largely unnoticed...I hope to create an experience in which the audience becomes strangely aware of the invisible signals filling the air around them." This is how local artist Joseph Winter describes his current work. "The audience will experience the piece

through my collection of electronics placed throughout the gallery, but is also invited to

LOCAL EVENTS but is also invited to bring their own FM radio to the event or park their car [nearby] to tune in to the frequencies

announced before the piece begins," says Winter. He will

demonstrate his performance piece, entitled *Interference Music*, on Friday, March 11, as part of the Voz Alta Project's collaborative art show in East Village.

According to its website, the Voz Alta Project is a "Chicana/o nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community empowerment and social change through cross-cultural and multidisciplinary art forms." This exhibition, entitled *Pencil on Glass*, will include work by six San Diego artists, four of whom are currently in the MFA program at UCSD.

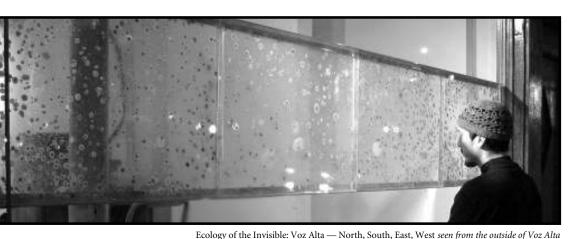
Five of the artists are based in New York City; they were invited to take part in this show by cocurator Jeff Williams. The idea behind mixing this local event with New York artists was Williams's idea. He hopes that as New York artists market themselves, the San Diego gallery scene will earn national attention. "Many of the New York City artists run art spaces and write for publications in addition to their work," he says. The work of San Diego artists will adorn one wall, and the New Yorkers' work will be grouped together on the opposite wall. Small drawings, paintings, and etchings form the majority of this group exhibition. Some drawings on paper will be affixed to the wall with clear pushpins, while others are framed and hung. Of the work, Winter's performance art and one other artist's

work stand out. An installation

piece consisting of four acrylic rectangular boxes, serving as petri dishes, will be displayed in the front window. Shannon Spanhake, one of the four artists in UCSD's MFA program, has created what she calls "microbial landscape portraits."

"I wanted [the visible air from inside Voz Alta] to impede the viewer's view looking through the window," she says. The piece will be installed vertically, with four sections making a total of eight feet by one and a half feet. To create this work, Spanhake filled each shallow box with nutrient-rich gelatin and inoculated (exposed to the air) them inside Voz Alta's gallery space for an hour. Bacteria, mold, and yeast from the air settled onto the gelatin within the petri dishes and began to "feed and grow" from its nutrients. She considers this to be the "portrait" of the space, for what is in the air became visible on the gelatin.

After allowing these microorganisms to grow for one week, Spanhake killed the microbes by pouring liquid resin over them, a substance that eventually sets into a hard, clear plastic. She obtained the resin from Home Depot. Looking through the resin, the ex-living creatures look like blurred, beige polka dots interspersed with small orange and yellow



spots — ranging from the size of a silver dollar to the head of a needle.

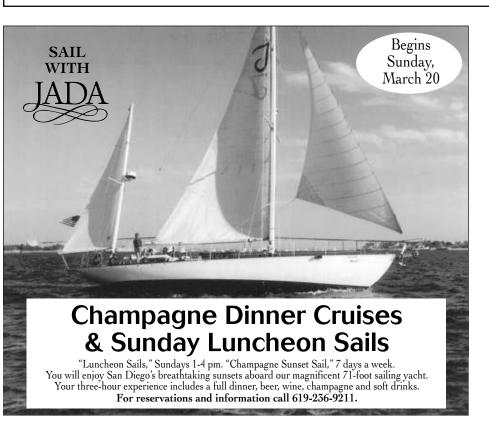
'Yeast is beautiful," Spanhake says, pointing out the more colorful spots. Spanhake has a history of working with bacteria. In a previous show, she engineered E. coli to be 11 different colors, including hot pink. Her vehicle for displaying the colorful E. coli was perfume bottles. (E. coli, as you may know, is an organism that lives in the intestines of cattle but can be deadly to humans.) When asked how this was possible, Spanhake launched science-speak, but I could catch the terms "DNA" and "splitting genes." How does an artist in the MFA program get involved in molecular biology? For Spanhake, who has a background in electrical engineering, the answer is clear.

"When you're an engineer, you kind of put things together," she says. "I met up with a great molecular biologist, and he lets me use his lab to make my artwork. *E. coli* is pretty ubiquitous, so it wasn't hard to get a hold of it for my project." Eager to transition away from what I know as the "poo bacteria," I asked about the trails of air bubbles connecting many of the circular colonies in this life-as-art beneath the resin. Spanhake says, "As the resin crushes the bacteria, it captures the air they release as they die."

She describes the process as "taking a snapshot of what is in the air." Standing in the space and viewing the work, I couldn't help but hold my breath for a moment in an attempt to limit the amount of visible air entering my body. The title of Spanhake's work is *Ecology of the Invisible*. "I've always been interested in our relationship to the environment, what is our relationship to things we can't see, and then what happens when we can, how does that shift our perceptions," she says. Spanhake admits that, despite her close work with the organisms, even she gets grossed out on occasion. "When they're alive, they can really smell."

— Barbarella

Pencil on Glass Art Exhibit at Voz Alta Project February 28 through April 9 Artists' Reception: Friday, March 11 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 1544 Broadway East Village Cost: Free Info: 619-230-1869 or www.vozalta.org







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BAJA

The "Tijuana Legends" Tribute to Sor Abeja starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). Free. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

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). Ouintet 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 Ouartet in C Minor for Piano and Strings," by Fauré; \$20. 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

"Los Trazos del Viento," a play about the murdered women of Juárez City, performed by Conjuro Teatro Company, Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., at University of Baja California. Tickets: \$10 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0908. (TECATE)

Readings presented by actress Irma Dorantes on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600, Free, (TUUANA)

La Quinta Estación in concert on Friday, March 11, 8 p.m., at Tangaloo Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

Alberto Cortez appears in concert on Friday, March 11, 9 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9600. Tickets: \$35, \$45 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Pepe Aguilar performs Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., at Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets: \$20, \$40, \$60 U.S. 011-52-664-608-4692. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Half Marathon starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, at Centro Civico. 011-52-664-683-6962. (MEXICALI)



Herb Festival and Tomatomania at Quail Botanical Gardens, March 12 and 13 (see Special)

Mountain Biking on Sunday, March 13, 8 a.m., starts at Rancho Vallecitos. Registration: \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-682-9068, (TUUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Pleasantly Pungent Odor of sage is filling the air wherever native vegetation grows on the county's coastal and lower-foothill slopes. Most common are the black sage, with tight clusters of small, white flowers; the gravish-leaved white sage; purple-blossomed, sweet-smelling Cleveland sage; and California sagebrush, characterized by soft, needle-like leaves.

Ornamental Peach Trees, with radiant white and pink blossoms are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other "stone fruit" trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus Prunus. Several native Prunus species contribute to San Diego County's natural vegetation as well - among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, now in full bloom on the rocky hillsides of the Anza-Borrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweet-smelling nectar.

The Coastal Wildflower Bloom, one of the best in years, will likely continue into April. One of the best spots for viewing the greatest variety of flowers is Torrey Pines State Reserve. San Onofre State Beach, just north of Camp Pendleton, should have acres and acres of monkeyflower, with a halfdozen different shades, blooming on the coastal bluffs.

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ifornia poppies, purple nightshade, pinkish owl's clover, blue-colored lupine, and scattered splashes of color due to a dozen or more other species of wildflowers. North County residents should check out the huge Daley Ranch preserve in northeast Escondido. Its rolling hillsides and grassy meadows should sport a fantastic display of wildflowers by late March

The Slender Waxing Crescent Moon makes its first easily observable appearance in the western sky during twilight Friday, March 11. The "star" shining just to the lower right of the moon on that evening happens to be the elusive planet Mercury. Because the zodiac stands at such a steep angle relative to the west horizon this time of year, the young crescent moons of March 11 and 12 are positioned almost directly over the setting sun and therefore resemble a luminous "smile" almost perfectly aligned with the horizon.

Explore "Indian Hill Rockshelter and Its Surroundings" during Anza-Borrego Institute program on Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Program led by two archaeologists and site steward includes history of archaeology at site, rock art, more. Bring lunch. Fee: \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Get to Know Rose Creek and its birds, history, habitat restoration projects during easy hike about two miles long on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to noon. Starts at Mission Bay High School (2475 Grand Avenue). Free. 858-405-7503. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including

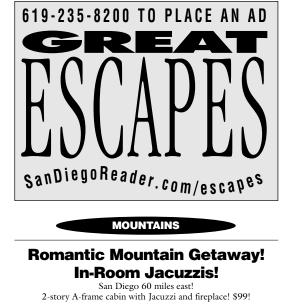
March 12. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue); \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Rediscover Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Remove Invasive Plants, tend California natives, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. You must be 18 years old to participate. (POINT LOMA)

Head to San Elijo Lagoon during "reasonably high tide" with Audubon Society birders to look for numerous waterfowl, Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m. to noon. Join group near barricade at end of Rios Avenue. 619-280-7710. Free. Bring a scope and water. Easy hiking. (SOLANA BEACH)

Trail Cleanup hosted by REI Encinitas on Saturday, March 12, starts at 9 a.m. at Indianhead Canyon trailhead (at Quail Hollow Drive and Saxony Road). Sup-



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

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

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, on Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m.; and Sunday, March 13, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, March 12. Outing starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Carlsbad Caper, take a sevenmile moderate-plus walk through Carlsbad and up into hills with Walkabout explorers on Sunday, March 13. Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. in parking lot at Tamarack Beach (exit I-5 at Tamarack Avenue, head west to ocean). Free. 619-231-7463. (CARLSBAD) **"Spring Bursts of Bloom,"** talk and hike highlighting wildlife and "rare and reliable bloomers" led by naturalist Jim Sanseverino on Sunday, March 13, 9 a.m., at Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center (7380 Gabbiano Lane). Free. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Wildflower Bus Trip offered by Sierra Club, Saturday, March 19. Stops at various roadside locations for viewing. No hiking. Reservations by Thursday, March 10 — 619-280-1747. (ANZABORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

DANCE

"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 at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15 general. 858-534-4574. (LA JOLLA)

The All-Age Fairy Tale *Parting the Sea* is "about the Earth, borders, and the spirit of children," created and choreographed by Gina Angelique for Eveoke Dance Theatre. Performances continue through March 26 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 Sundays. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Martha Graham Dance Company performs March 11 and 12, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Friday's program includes *Appalachian Spring, Errand into the Maze, Diversion of the Angels, Sketches from Chronicle;* on Saturday, enjoy *Appalachian Spring, Cave of the Heart, Deep Song, Satyric Festival Song, Lamentation, Diversion of the Angels.* Tickets: \$35-\$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Ragtime-Era Two-Step Variations highlight beginner-friendly dance on Friday, March 11, 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)

Bellydance Dinner Show featuring Rachel and guests, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

Salsa Central, DJ Pana mixes salsa, merengue, and cha-cha during dance for those 18 and older on Friday, March 11, 8 p.m. to midnight, upstairs at Mission Valley Resort Hotel, 875 Hotel Circle South; \$8. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners perform for zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club in Recital Hall, Saturday, March 12. Dance instruction at 6:20 p.m., live music from 7 to

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10:30 p.m. Recital Hall is located on Presidents Way off Park Boulevard; \$12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Bulgarian Workshop led by Ventzi Sotirov on Saturday, March 12, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Potluck dinner, request dancing follow. Fees: \$6 for workshop only, \$8 for whole shindig. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

West African Dance Workshop led by Nikola Clay and guest artists, accompanied by live drumming, on Saturday, March 12, 3 to 4:30 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive); \$25. 760-943-2260. (ENCINITAS)

Contradance to music by Running With Scissors, calling by JoAnn Koppany on Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., at Trinity United



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Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m.; \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. Dance follows open music jam with Connie and Jerry, 6 to 7:30 p.m. (NORTH PARK)

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

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party Saturday, March 12, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for dancing, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. \$7. (BAY PARK)

Turkish Dance Artist Dilek leads bellydance classes Sundays, 12:15 p.m., at Stage 7 (3980 30th Street). Fee: \$12 per class, \$55 for five classes. 619-459-4894. (NORTH PARK)

St. Patrick's Day Festival with dancers from Carrickethan School of Irish Dance on Thursday, March 17, 3:30 p.m., at Poway Library (13137 Poway Road; 858-513-2900). Free. (POWAY)

"10 in 10: East Meets West Performance Festival" runs April 1-10. See bkSoul, Heidi Latsky, Meg Wolfe, April 1-3. Program boasts Karl Anderson, Keith

Hennessy, Motion Lab: Kathleen Hermesdorf, Albert Mathais, Kate Weare, April 8-10.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. on Sundays, at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue); \$20 general. 619-235-8466. (HILLCREST)

"Three-on-the-Floor" regional dance company - with participation by LEVYdance and Santa Barbara Dance Theater — perform for festival on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, at 7 and 9 p.m., in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. 858-484-7791. (SDSU)

FILM

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 y 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 In-dependent Film," "Selling Your Screenplay." Tickets: \$8.50 general, \$6.50 for students and seniors. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Documentary Blossoms of Fire, depicting the "legendary women of Juchitán, a city in Oaxaca, Mexico,"

screens for Activist San Diego on Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar (4496 Park Boulevard). Requested donation: \$3-\$5. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The German Film Good Bye Lenin screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., room 3601 on campus (One Barnard Drive). 760-757-2121 x6284. Free. English subtitles. (OCEANSIDE)

Daniele Luchetti's Dillo con Parole Mie (Ginger and Cinnamon) may be seen on Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street); \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Gillo Pontecorvo's Battle of Algiers screens for San Diego State University Film Festival presented by history department, Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., in Little Theater. Discussion led by Professor Thomas Lide. Free. 619-594-5262. (SDSU)

"The World on a String," documentary film series gets underway with showing of The Eternal Bead on Saturday, March 12, 6 p.m., at Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite (155 West Grand Avenue). Art historian Phila McDaniel introduces film: \$10. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (ESCONDIDO)

Aleida Guevara's Chavez, Venezuela, and the New Latin America screens for Sunday Matinee on March 13, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion follows. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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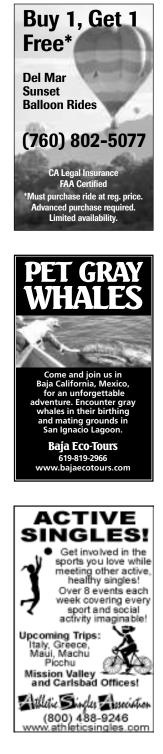
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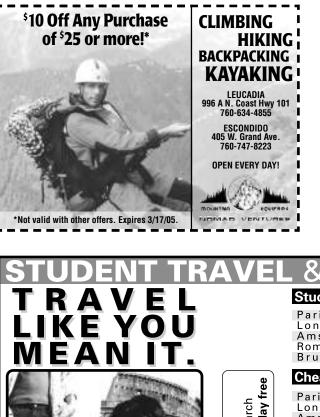
Film Forum on Monday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Fire Wars" film screening on Monday, March 14, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

French Film Festival at San Diego State University runs Monday through Thursday, March 14-17, in Montezuma Hall. Roster on Monday, March 14, includes Karen Gei, (5 p.m.); and Trilogy 1 - Cavale/On the Run (7 p.m.). See Tasuma (5 p.m.) on Wednesday, March 16, along with Trilogy 2 -Un Couple Epatant/An Amazing Couple (7 p.m.). Series closes with Les Egares/Strayed (5 p.m.); and Trilogy 3 — Apres la via/After Life (7 p.m.) on Thursday, March 17. Free. 619-594-5111. (SDSU)

"Syria: Between Iraq and a Hard Place," a film by Saul Landau, Sonia Angulo, and Farrah Hassan, screens Wednesday, March 16, 3 p.m., at UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center. Filmmakers traveled throughout Syria in summer of 2003. Landau will be on hand for postscreening discussion. Free. (LA JOLLA)







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Screening repeats at 7 p.m. at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Free. 858-534-4618. (HILLCREST)

The Original Indie Film! Carlsbad Library film series features *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on Wednesday, March 16, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Wednesday Night at the Movies," film festival showcasing independent and foreign films continues with Canadian comedy *The Republic of Love* on March 16, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. In French with English subtitles. (CHULA VISTA)

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

"The Physics of How Cells Crawl and Listeria Spreads" divulged when UCLA chemistry and biochemistry professor Andrea Liu speaks on Thursday, March 10, 12:30 p.m., in Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theater at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4545. (LINDA VISTA)

"Women of Note: Notable Women in Classical Music" explored when pianist/lecturer Virginia Eskin presents series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Learn about "American Women Composers" on Thursday, March 10; and "Multicultural Women Composers" on Tuesday, March 15. Lectures start at 7 p.m.; \$17 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

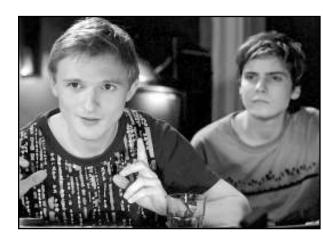
"Human Presence" is explained by Lucia Sanroman during gallery talks on Thursday, March 10 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, March 13 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

"Rethinking Democracy: Peace, Power, and Equality" is theme for 16th annual Social Issues Conference at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), continuing through Saturday, March 12. Keynote speech by author/activist Father John Dear on Thursday, March 10, at noon.

Social activist Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*, speaks Friday, March 11, 7 p.m. (reservations required). Conference workshops on variety of subjects. Free. 619-260-4798. (LINDA VISTA)

"Eastern and Western Astrological Systems: Unity in Diversity" is topic when professional astrologer Dennis Harness speaks



Good Bye Lenin at MiraCosta College, March 11 (see Film)

for San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$12. 760-310-4152. (HILLCREST)

"From Chaos to Order" is topic when Barbara Close speaks for San Diego Fellow Calligraphers on Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., at San Diego Education Association (10393 San Diego Mission Road, suite 300). Does your personal work process help or hinder you? Free. 858-538-0595. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Ceci N'est Pas un Musée: Distance and Resistance in Franco-American Cultural Exchange" presented by Derrick Cartwright (executive director of San Diego Museum of Art); talk explores tensions, both historic and recent, surrounding American cultural interventions abroad. This Docent Guest lecture is Friday, March 11, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

The History of Julian Women divulged when Jeanette Alessio-Way speaks on Saturday, March 12. "Our History Matters" starts at 11 a.m. at Julian Library (1850 Highway 78). Free. 760-765-0370. (JULIAN)

"American and French Armies: Differences and Similarities" presented by French marine Henri Boré and French pilot Pascal Barré for Alliance Française on Saturday, March 12, 2 p.m., in Hahn School of Nursing (room 106) at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$10. In French. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

Chinese Brush Watercolor Demonstration planned by painter Grace Chow for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday, March 12, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Bring Your Digital SLR Camera when San Diego Digital SLR Photography Group meets "to encourage and support new and experienced DSLR photographers" at St. Patrick's Day Festival, Saturday, March 12. Group gathers at 9:45 a.m. at northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Laurel Street. 858-361-6682. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

One-Day Genealogy Course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

Xeriscape and Pruning, Dee Maranhao takes mystery out of xeriscape practices during class divulging seven principles of xeriscaping, plant selection, planting techniques on Saturday, March 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$13. Landscape designer Cindy Drake focuses on "Pruning and Fertilizing" on Sunday, March 13, 1 to 3 p.m.; \$9. Required reservations for either class: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Christianity: The First Three Centuries" — the similarities and differences of early Christian church and today's church — is subject for seminar planned by Paul L. Maier on March 12 and 13 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (1376 Felspar Street). Maier is ancient history professor at Western Michigan University, second vicepresident of Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, author of numerous scholarly and popular works.

Seminar runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Fee including lunch: \$25 for both days, \$15 for one day. Requested reservations: 858-272-6363. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Global Spirituality Workshop Using the Earth Charter is pre-

sented by Carol Zinn, hosted by La Providencia, on Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in rooms A and B on first floor of Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$40 fee includes lunch. 619-445-4570. (LINDA VISTA)

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bill during End of Life Choices meeting on Sunday, March 13, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

"The History of the National Guard and Its Future" explored when Colonel Paul Berkos, retired, speaks Sunday, March 13, for People to People International. Berkos is veteran of World War II, was National Guard technician for 25 years. Lecture starts at 3 p.m. in Green Hall at Alliant International University (10455 Pomerado Road). Free. 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Different Resources in Academic Libraries examined when David Hirsch - Jewish and Middle Eastern Studies bibliographer at UCLA Research Library and assistant professor in UCLA's Near Eastern languages department - speaks Sunday, March 13, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$3. 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

"Desert Photography: A Series on How to Get Great Photographs in the Desert" offered by Anza-Borrego Institute, concludes with "Desert Plants" on Sunday, March 13, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; \$40. Reservations, location: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Top Adventure Racer Ann Hall presents "inspirational multimedia" program on basics of adventure racing, Monday, March 14, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard). Free. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

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"Water Gardening in Containers" is subject for slide-illustrated lecture by Greg Speichert - who holds patents for five different plants - when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers on Monday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

"The State of Israel" is examined by Professor Jacob Goldberg during three-part series offered in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). "Israel: A Domestic Scene in Turmoil and Transition" presented Monday, March 14; "Israel/Palestinian Clash: Towards Settlement or Escalation" is subject on Wednesday, March 16. Lectures start at 7:30 p.m.; \$12 per talk, \$30 for series. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Appalachian Rib-Style Buttocks Basket class led by Carol Lang on Monday, March 14, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway); \$70 fee includes materials. Required reservations: 760-721-2787 or 760-431-1645. (OCEANSIDE)

"Vegetarianism 101 with Erik Marcus" - this Great American Meatout event is Monday, March 14, at Health Services Complex (3851 Rosecrans Street). Food tasting: 6 p.m.; Marcus talk at 6:45 p.m.; talk for animal activists at 8:30 p.m. Free to meat-eaters, \$3 for others. 619-583-9LCA. "Becoming vegetarian or vegan is easier than you think." (SAN DIEGO)

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Diego County Genealogical Societv continues with look at "Census Records" on Monday, March 14, 7 p.m., Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Attend any or all sessions. Free. Reservations: 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Intro to GPS" offered on Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020). Class repeats Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m., at REI (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Triple Play," exhibition of work by Mary Fleener, Diana Duval, Marisol Rendón is on view through Thursday, April 7, in Southwestern College Art Gallery (900 Otay Lakes Road). Cartoonist and painter Fleener participates in panel discussion about her work on Tuesday, March 15, 11 a.m. Free. 619-421-6700 x5895 or x5635. (CHULA VISTA)

Champion Flower Arranger Velma West presents spring flowerarranging workshop on Tuesday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Participants bring clippers, containers,

flowers to make "green and white arrangement in honor of St. Patrick's Day"; \$20. 619-298-5182 or 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK)

"Take Off Your Superwoman Cape" presented by motivational speaker and author Jewel Diamon on Tuesday, March 15, 3 p.m., at El Cajon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue). Free. 619-588-3718. (EL CAJON)

"European Emigration to Northeastern Canada" is topic during St. Patrick's Day Irish social presented by British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, March 16, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street); \$10 fee includes luncheon. Required reservations: 619-453-9053, (HILLCREST)

"The Nonproliferation Treaty: Original Intentions, Evolution, and Current Situation" is examined when physicist Herbert York speaks for San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, March 16. York was ambassador and chief negotiator for Trilateral Comprehensive Test Ban talks (1979-81). Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD.

Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink lived in the Grossmont area during the early 20th Century. Learn about the opera singer when Donna Niemeyer speaks Wednesday, March 16, 11 a.m., at La Mesa Library (8055 University Avenue). Free. 619-469-2151. (LA MESA)

"Intellectual Property Law for Editors" is subject when attorney James Clevenger addresses SD/Professional Editors Network on Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-2873. (ENCINITAS)

"String Theory, Flatland, Time, and Other Dimensions" is subject for discussion on Wednesday, March 16, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Using Art in Biblical Study" is topic for slide-illustrated lecture by San Diego Museum of Art docent Kenneth Lowe on Wednesday, March 16, 1:30 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. Registration: 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Preserving Women's Voices," oral history evening with Sue Gonda, president of San Diego Women's History Museum, Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). 619-463-9819. Free. (LEMON GROVE)

Internet Resource Genealogy Class presented Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Fam-

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IN PERSON Time 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. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10; 8 p.m. on Friday, March 11; 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 12; and 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. Tickets: \$25-\$68, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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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; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

Former Major-League Player Jose Canseco signs Juiced on Thursday, March 10, 6 p.m., at Costco

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"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)

"Outer Space: Sixth College" —

a one-night art event of film, video, music, installation, performance by UCSD Master of Fine Art students on Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m. to midnight, in spaces in and around Sixth College and Visual Arts Facilitv. Free, 858-534-2860, (LA JOLLA)

The 27th Annual Southern California School Band and Orchestra Music Festival runs Thursday through Saturday, March 10-12, in Truax Performing Arts Center at El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive). Some 75 musical ensembles, 15 from Oceanside schools, perform before judges. All performances are free, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. 760-757-7095. (OCEANSIDE)

Photographer Ken Jacques signs his new book, The Play's the Thing: A Photographic Odyssey Through Theatre in San Diego on Friday, March 11, 6 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

International Women's Day Celebrations hosted by Red CalacArts Collective, on Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Memorial Academy Auditorium (2850 Logan Avenue). Socially conscious spoken-word performances honoring murdered women of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, by Amalia L. Ortiz, Leticia Hernández-Linares, Irene Castruita, Marissa Raigoza, Sara Rebeca Durán Garibay, Liz Ochoa. Free. 619-434-9036. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Banshee in the Kitchen performs for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 17 and younger. 76-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

"Rockin' Queer and Feminist Multimedia Rock Show" by King Cobra, Triple M's Love Archive, The Planet The, on Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Sliding scale: \$5 to \$10. 619-584-4142. (OCEAN BEACH)

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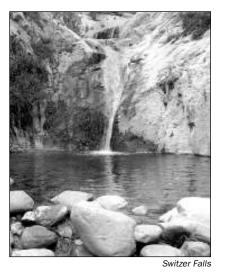
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he Spanish colonists who christened Arroyo Seco ("dry creek") evidently noted only its lower end — a sweltering, boulder-strewn wash emptying into the Los Angeles River. It's hard to believe this same watercourse, draining the south slope of the San Gabriel Mountains some 20 miles upstream, assumes the character of a mountain brook, dancing over boulders and sliding down sheer inclines up to 50 feet in height.

If this season's torrential rains continue, that peaceful brook may be a bit too lively to explore safely for a certain period afterward - not to mention the possibility of restricted access due to mountain highway damage and closures. For these reasons, it's a good idea to contact Angeles National Forest (626-574-1613 or www.fs.fed.us/angeles) before setting off on a trip anywhere in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Our route sampling the upper Arroyo Seco takes you by trail around the main, inaccessible falls and down to a lesser cascade in the canyon below. The starting point, the popular Switzer Picnic Area, is located off Angeles Crest



Highway (State Highway 2), ten miles east of Interstate 210 at La Cañada. Be aware that by the time fair weather arrives, parking space at the picnic area will be scarce or nonexistent if you arrive after midmorning on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.

At the west end of the picnic area, find and follow the signed Gabrielino Trail. Make your way past outlying picnic tables and down along the alder-shaded stream. Soon, nothing but the clear-flowing stream and rustling leaves disturb the silence. Remnants of an old paved road are occa-

sionally underfoot. In a couple of spots you ford the stream by boulderhopping - no problem except after heavy rain.

One mile down the canyon you come upon the foundation remnants of Switzer's Camp (now the site of a walk-in campground). Established in 1884, the camp became the San Gabriels' premier wilderness resort in the early 1900s, patronized by Hollywood celebrities as well as anyone who had the gumption to hike or ride a burro up the tortuous Arroyo Seco trail from Pasadena. The resort suffered a decline in business after the construction of Angeles Crest Highway in the 1930s and was finally razed in the late '50s.

Below Switzer's Camp the stream slides 50 feet over Switzer Falls but don't go that way. Instead, cross the stream and continue on the Gabrielino Trail as it edges along the canyon's right (west) wall. To the left are

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Beach Comedy, headliners are Jaz Kaner, Juan Canopii, Jeff Keller on Saturday, March 12, 9 p.m., at Ocean Beach Grille (1956 Bacon Street); \$10. 619-269-2380. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Cole Porter: His Life and Music" showcased when pianist/entertainer Bruno Leone presents "lively narrative of Cole Porter's life and times" with memorable tunes, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., in Saville Theatre at San Diego City College (at 15th and C Streets); \$10 general. 619-388-3552. (DOWNTOWN)

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Live Music Showcase featuring Healing Waters Band, Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

glimpses of the falls, a Leave the trail there dark pit below them, and and walk along the stream the crumbled foundation bank, or rock hop through of a miniature stone the stream itself, 0.2 mile chapel (a part of the old up-canyon. You'll come resort) that perched on a upon a shallow pool, fed ledge above the falls. by a 15-foot-high cascade Continue 0.2 mile to a trail just below the main junction. Take the left fork Switzer Falls. This is a

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(the trail to Bear Canvon) and descend to the canyon bottom. There's a severe, unfenced dropoff on the left on the way down, so watch your step.



Pilipino Cultural Night, live cultural performances celebrating heritage of Pilipino-Americans promised at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2395. (LINDA VISTA)

Not Ready for Prime Time? Spend "an evening with the stars" of Saturday Night Live when Victoria Jackson, Norm MacDonald, and Ion Lovitz perform Saturday, March 12, 8:30 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way); \$45. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

Sing," festival of hymns led by composer/organist/pianist Mark ing. (CLAIREMONT) (BALBOA PARK)

> The Gary LeFebyre Quartet performs at 1:30 p.m. for party Greater San Diego (JAG) on Sunday, March 13, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Doors open at 12:45; \$15. 619-561-1518. (MISSION VALLEY)

> You Can Call Her Doctor! Lucy Kaplansky performs in concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). The American musician and psychologist has five CDs and has toured extensively in Ireland and the U.K; \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

> The 17-Piece Swing Orchestra the Rancho Santa Fe Big Band presents "pops-like concert" on Sunday, March 13, 6 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club (at corner of Avenida de Acacias and La Granada). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 858-756-4542. (BANCHO SANTA FF)

> Singer-Songwriter Vienna Teng performs for "Sunday Night at Lamb's" concert series, March 13, 7 p.m., at Lamb's Players Theatre (1142 Orange Avenue). Teng's CDs include Warm Strangers, *Waking Hour*. Tickets: \$24, \$32. 619-437-0600. (CORONADO)

> Composer and Keyboardist Bob Florence is guest artist when San Diego State University's Jazz Ensemble #1 performs on Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University; \$12 general. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

> Sunday, March 13, 4 to 9 p.m., at

Cilantros by the Sea (in the Lumberyard, 937 South Coast Highway). Listen for jazz, salsa, pop, hip-hop, by many performers. Admission:





The Limeliters perform for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Sunday, March 13 (\$18, \$22). Next up: Kris Delmhorst on Wednesday, March 16 (\$15, \$20). Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street), 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Let Heaven and Nature

Sedio on Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-273-7423. Offer-Koto Music promised when Masayo Norikura performs 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, in Japanese Friendship Garden. Regular admission: \$3. 619-232-2780.

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\$25 donation to UNICEF. 760-271-2036. (ENCINITAS)

You're Invited to Dinner with Friends when Carlsbad Playreaders present rehearsed reading of the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy/drama on Monday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane); \$5. 760-494-4699. (LA COSTA)

Tribute to Hunter S. Thompson planned during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, March 14, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups at 8 p.m., slamming at 8:30 p.m.; \$5 fee for competitors, \$2 requested donation for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

Comedy Grill features stand-up comics Jon Heffley, Terrell Wright, guest Patrick DeGuire, hosted by Mitch Feingold, on Monday, March 14, 8 p.m., at Rosie and

Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Eastern Philosophy and Western Parenting are examined when Shirley Yuen signs and discusses The Three Virtues of Parenting, Monday, March 14, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when Tom Leech and Jack Farnan sign Outdoors San Diego on Tuesday, March 15, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-831-0446. (MIRA MESA)

Comedian Pablo Francisco performs Tuesday, March 15, 8 p.m., in University Center at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$10, 619-260-4600, (LINDA VISTA)

The Connection between **Psychology and Spirituality** is explained in *The Kelee: An Under*standing of the Psychology of Spirituality, which author Ron Rathbun signs and discusses Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Iraqi Oud Master Rahim AlHaj performs concerts "of peace in a time of war" on Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church (1675 Garnet Avenue). Tickets: \$12 general, \$10 stu-



Iose Canseco at Costco, March 10 (see In Person)

dents, free for those under 12. 858-483-6018. (PACIFIC BEACH) AlHai will also play on

Wednesday, March 16, 8 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue); \$12 cover. 858-270-7467. (DOWNTOWN)

"Circo Luci: The Circus of Light" is presented March 16-20 at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Production offers acrobatics, aerial artistry, "dazzling visual effects," dance. Shows begin at 2:30 and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 4 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday; \$25. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Irish Tyme performs Irish instrumentals and vocals on Thursday, March 17, 3 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. 619-538-8158, (SCRIPPS, MIRAMAR)

Faith and Begorra, the 26th annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). You're invited to read favorite passages from Joyce, Yeats, Swift, Shaw, Wilde, others. As usual, "Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Singer-Songwriter Steve Tyrell plays American standards at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street) on Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$32, \$46. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Rent Girl," reading with Michelle Tea and slide show by Lauren McCubben from their eponymous graphic novel, Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m., in literature building 3155 at UCSD. Free. 858-534-2399. (LA JOLLA)

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

Comic Genius George Carlin performs Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., at Pala Casino (found 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). For those 21 and older. Tickets: \$55-\$75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

Comedian and "Tonight Show" Host Jay Leno performs at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way); \$85. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

SPORTS

Lyons Valley Ride hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society, Saturday, March 12. The 55-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at McDonald's (551 Telegraph Canyon Road). Free, 619-253-8751, (CHULA VISTA)

Runnin' of the Green, 25th annual St. Patrick's Day 10k run and 2- and 4-mile fun run/walks, Saturday, March 12, 7:30 a.m., in Mission Bay Park. Registration: 6 a.m. south of Hilton Hotel (on East Mission Bay Drive). 619-298-7400. (MISSION BAY)

Climbathon, speed, difficulty, bouldering competitions planned during Outdoor Outreach event on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Vertical Hold Sport

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I.S.F. Middle School Surf Team Competition #5 runs Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., on south side of Oceanside Harbor. Free for spectators. 760-931-1450. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Oceanside Strand Stride, Saturday, March 12, 8:30 a.m., starting at Oceanside Pier amphitheater. 760-435-5231. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Gulls host Alaska Aces on Sunday, March 13, 5:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

North County Loop, travel up Rancho Santa Fe Road to San Elijo, through Elfin Forest, past Lake Hodges during a Knickerbiker cycling trek on Sunday, March 13. The 32-miler for novices starts at 9 a.m. at Harvest Ranch Market parking lot (at Encinitas Boulevard and Manchester Road). Bring money for lunch at Hernandez' Hideaway. 760-942-0027. (ENCINITAS)

Take Me Out to Spring Training! San Diego Padres continue spring training with games most days through Thursday, April 7, mostly beginning at 12:05 p.m. Regular season tickets: 877-374-2784. (PEORIA, ARIZONA)

San Diego Walk for Autism. Sunday, March 13, at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street. Registration starts at 7 a.m.; 5k run starts at 8 a.m., onemile fun walk begins at 8:30 a.m. 858-679-8800. (BALBOA PARK)

Doggie Dash, hosted by Escondido Humane Society on Sunday, March 13, in Kit Carson Park (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Registration at 6:30 a.m.; competitive 5k run at 8 a.m.; 5k for runners and walkers with dogs at 8:15 a.m.; one-mile fun walk 9 a.m. Pet contests at 9:30 a.m.; \$28. 760-888-2240. (ESCONDIDO)

La Jolla Sea Caves Kayak Tour hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, March 13, Twohour tours begin at 9:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 p.m.; \$45 fee includes kayak, life jacket, paddle. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL

"Celebrating Women Scientists" continues through Saturday, March 12, 1 to 2 p.m. daily, at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Demonstrations and take-home experiments on half-life of radium, using Van de Graaff generator to explore laws of electricity, more. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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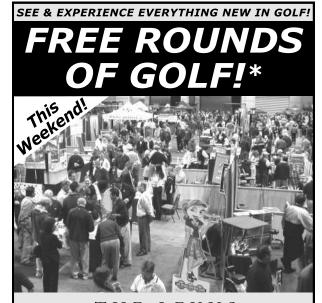
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place, divorce, parent-teen conflict workshops, continuing through Friday, March 11. Workshops offered in English and Spanish. Free. Requested reservations: 619-238-2400 x21. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY, TJUANA)

"We Are Family," it's the theme for Carlsbad's annual multicultural arts festival, running through Saturday, March 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)

Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice discussed when Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

St. Patrick's Day Beer Tasting of ten beers, along with Irish cheese and corned beef sand-wiches, Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., at Whole Foods Market (8825 Villa La Jolla Drive); \$10. Reservations: 858-642-6700. For those 21 and older. (LA JOLLA)

Craftsman and Spanish Revival Weekend hosted by Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), March 11-13, headquartered at Old Wonderbread Factory (147 14th Street). The focus this year is on city of Coronado.

Exhibitors offer selection of antique and revival furnishings, decorative arts during exhibition and sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$5 (with return privileges).

Lectures, workshops, home tours. Fees, reservations, times, call 619-297-7511. (DOWNTOWN, CORONADO)

Gem Faire, over 85 manufacturers, wholesalers, importers offering jewelry, gems, beads, crystals, silver, and minerals, March 11-13, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Show hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Weekend pass: \$5. 503-252-8300. (DEL MAR)

Golf Fest, interactive golf expo featuring over 130 exhibitors, appearance by Debbie Dahmer, fashion shows, teaching stage staffed by PGA golf pros, clinics, seminars, hitting cages, and more, runs March 11-13, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; \$10 for adults, kids ten and under free. 858-586-1202 x18. (DEL MAR)

Wine and Dine benefit for ElderHelp of San Diego, Friday, March 11, 6 p.m., at Manchester Grand Hyatt on San Diego Bay (One Market Place). Food from 18 area restaurants, wine from California wineries, auction; \$85. Reservations: 619-284-9281 x22. (DOWNTOWN)

Sheet Music, Books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals on offer during sale on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street); 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)



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"Fibers in Paradise," sponsored by Association of Southern California Handweavers, takes place March 12 and 13 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Exhibits, fashion show, "spin-in," marketplace with vendors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; \$5.

Gallery fiber art walk at eight galleries on Grand Avenue, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; balloons flying outside participating galleries. 858-454-6732. (ESCONDIDO)

The Flower Fields boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours Saturday, March 12, through Sunday, May 8. Visitors stroll pathways through fields from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Sweet pea maze, All-American Rose Selection Garden, theme gardens.

Admission: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 for children. Exit I-5 at Palomar Airport Road, head east for two blocks, turn left on Paseo del Norte Road. 760-431-0352 (CARLSBAD)

The 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 12. The parade - boasting floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, Irish bands, and more - kicks off at 11 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Juniper, proceeds to Sixth and Laurel Street.

The parade concludes with festival at Sixth Avenue and Laurel: Celtic Irish Village, Irish music and dancing, food, craft booths, kid's area, more (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Free. 858-268-9111. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Civil War Re-Enactment at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hundreds of uniformed combatants "from the North and South" enact battle scenes; encampment of historians, entertainers, food vendors, merchants.

Find museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 for kids 11 and under, free under 5; parking \$2. 805-496-6036. (VISTA)

Treasures and Trivia, Collectors' Market offered at Mingei International Museum North County Satellite and Grand Annex Gallery (143 Grand Avenue). Donated and consigned objects for sale. Hours through Friday, March 11: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday's hours extended until 8 p.m. 619-239-0003. (ESCONDIDO)

Confections on Parade, San Diego Cake Club presents its annual show, March 12 and 13, at La



The Unswept

Broken bay leaf. Olive pit.

of sea urchin. Chicken foot.

Wrasse skeleton. Hen head

tiles, by the rhyparographer,

– eye shut, beak open

from under love's table.

Bv Fire

Crab leg. Claw. Crayfish armor.

Whelk shell. Mussel shell. Dogwinkle. Snail.

as if singing in the dark. Laid down in tiny

by a different light. Permanently fresh

each scrap has a shadow – each shadow cast

husks of the feast! When the guest has gone,

my imagined, here are some fancies of crumbs

When I pass an abandoned half-wrecked building,

with the cauliflower and the eggshell mushroom,

on a waste-lot, in winter, the smell of the cold

rot decides me - I am not going

to rot. I will not lie down in the ground

and grow a fungus out of my stomach

like a foetus, my face sluicing off me,

mission: free. (LA JOLLA)

sale, along with celebration of all

things tomato, on Saturday and Sun-

day, March 12 and 13, at Quail Botan-

ical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens

Drive). Roster includes over 20 speak-

ers, many demonstrations, herb

includes "world's largest heirloom

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adults, \$3 children (6-12), free for

kids under 5. 619-838-4724. (DEL MAR)

House of Ireland hosts lawn pro-

gram at International Cottages on

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my Calvinist lips blooming little from The Unswept Room broccolis, my hair growing, my nails growing into curls of horn, so there is always movement in my grave. If the worm were God, let it lope, slowly, through my flesh, if its loping were music. But I was near, when ferment moved, in its curved tunnels, through my father's body, nightly, I have had it with that, I am going to burn, I am going to pour my body out as fire, as fierce pain not felt I am leaving. The hair will fizzle around my roasting scalp, with a head of garlic in my pocket I am going out. And I know what happens in the fire closet, when the elbow tendons shrink in the heat, and I want it to happen - I want, dead, to pull up my hands in fists, I want

to go out as a pugilist. **Bathing the New Born**

from The Wellspring I love with an almost fearful love to remember the first baths I gave him our second child, our first son -I laid the little torso along my left forearm, nape of the neck in the crook of my elbow, hips nearly as small as a least tern's hips

Jolla Village Square. Cakes created "Urban Trees 2," 30 colorful and by amateurs and professionals on imaginative tree sculptures are on exhibit, sugar craft demonstraexhibit through March 2006, along tions, cupcake corner, cakes for one-mile stretch of pedestrian sale. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Satpromenade from Hawthorn Street urday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Adto Broadway Pier. Dedication on Sunday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes local gardening organiza-Herb Festival and Tomatomania! tions, tree-related exhibits, more. Ninth annual festival and spring plant

from Blood. Tin. Straw

Free. 619-686-6388. (DOWNTOWN) The 2005 Swiss Park Bridal Fair. Sunday, March 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Swiss Park (2001 Main Street). All manner of wedding wares and services on offer; \$7. 619-423-1036. (CHULA VISTA)

Ugly Dog Contest (with multiple categories) hosted by Del Mar Kiwanis for tenth year on Sunday, March 13, noon to 4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 400 dogs expected to compete in categories including ugliest dog, best mutt, cutest pup, best trick, best St. Patrick's Day costume, others. Tickets: \$7 general, \$2 for those 12 and under; competing canines are charged \$6 per category. 858-755-5913. (DEL MAR)

Celebrate Einstein's Birthday with birthday cake, punch, science demonstrations, appearance by "Einstein" himself, and free admission to Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Monday, March 14, noon to 2 p.m. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Anti-War Forum, Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m., in council chambers of Aztec Center at San Diego State University, Speakers include conscientious objector Pablo Paredes, Fernando Suarez del Solar for Military Families Speak Out, International Socialist Organization, others. Free, 619-708-5282, (SDSU)

ShamRock 2005 is Thursday, March 17, 4 p.m. until midnight, on F Street and Fifth Avenue). Live music, including Flogging Molly, Cobblestone; Irish dancing, food, and drinks; \$20. 619-233-5008; 21 and older. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"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)

"Triumphs, Tributes, and Trickery," exhibition about sugar sculptures from past and present continues through March in Terminal 2 East at San Diego Lindbergh

against my wrist, thigh held loosely in the loop of thumb and forefinger, the sign that means exactly right. I'd soap him, the long, violet, cold feet, the scrotum wrinkled as a waved whelk shell so new it was flexible yet, the chest, the hands, the clavicles, the throat, the gummy furze of the scalp. When I got him too soapy he'd slide in my grip like an armful of buttered noodles, but I'd hold him not too tight, I felt that I was good for him, I'd tell him about his wonderful body and the wonderful soap, and he'd look up at me, one week old, his eyes still wide and apprehensive. I love that time when you croon and croon to them, you can see the calm slowly entering them, you can sense it in your clasping hand, the little spine relaxing against the muscle of your forearm, you feel the fear leaving their bodies, he lay in the blue oval plastic baby tub and looked at me in wonder and began to move his silky limbs at will in the water.

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works through reproductions of

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the 15th Century through the 20th

Century." Contemporary sugar

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to lagoons in Baja California to

calve. Fee: \$25 for adults, \$15 for

those 4-12. Registration: 619-234-

"Ways with Words," exhibit

celebrating words and language by

featuring unusual dictionaries,

thesauri, word games, other books

and ephemera, is on view through

Friday, May 20, in donor corridor

of San Diego State University's

Love Library (5500 Campanile

Drive). Free, 619-594-4629, (SDSU)

"The Disasters and Miseries

of War — Prints by Francisco

Gova and Jacques Callot" are on

view through Saturday, May 28, in

Fine Arts Galleries of Joan B. Kroc

Institute for Peace and Justice at

University of San Diego (5998 Al-

calá Park). Exhibit includes 80

etchings and aquatints by Goya, 18

etchings by Callot. Free. 619-260-

4261. (LINDA VISTA)

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– Sharon Olds

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FOR KIDS

"Rumplestiltskin" performed by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, March 13, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Irish Lullabies by Big Joe Productions, March 16-20.

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

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is production for kids of San Diego Junior Theatre, through March 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)

Winnie-the-Pooh visits story time on Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater



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Crown Publishers, 2005; 320 pages;

buried in her childhood. While growing up as "Mormon royalty" within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Martha Beck was raised in a home frequented by the church's high elders – known as the Apostles – and her existence was framed by their strict code of con-

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duct. When her son was born with Down syndrome, she and her husband left their graduate programs at Harvard to return to Provo, Utah, and the supportive Mormon community of Martha's youth. But after Martha began teaching at Brigham Young University, she saw firsthand the church's ruthlessness as it silenced dissidents and masked truths that contradicted its beliefs. Most troubling of all, Martha was jolted into recovering memories of sexual abuse at the hands of one of the church's

Road). Donation: 50 cents. 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Local Author Patty Hall reads from and signs The Honest-to-Goodness Story of Raggedy Andy and entertains with her Raggedythemed "Jumpin' Up Songs" on Saturday, March 12, 2 p.m., at L&L Bookstore (3741 Avocado Boulevard). 619-660-8646. (LA MESA)

Make Sled Kites when San Diego Aerospace Museum hosts Family Day workshops, Saturday, March 12, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

KPBS Kids' Walk, one-mile fun walk through San Diego State University campus on Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. Meet Arthur and Zoboo characters, First 5 for Kids Resource Fair. Fee: \$30 per adult/child pair or \$55 per family. 619-594-2106. (SDSU)

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most respected leaders. Life coach Beck writes a monthly column, "Beck on Call." for O. The *Oprah Magazine, and appears* regularly on The Oprah Winfrey Show. She lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY: The New York Times: The daughter of one of Mormonism's most prominent religious scholars has accused her father of sexually abusing her as a child in a forthcoming memoir that is shining an unwelcome spotlight on the practices and beliefs of the much-scrutinized but protectively private Mormon religious community. Beck, a sociologist and therapist, recovered memories in 1990 of her ritual sexual abuse more than 20 years earlier by her father, Dr. Hugh Nibley, professor emeritus of ancient scripture at Brigham Young University and arguably the leading living authority on Mormon teaching. Mormons around the country have participated in an e-mail campaign against the book, sending more than 3500 messages to Oprah Winfrey, who has featured Leaving the Saints on her Internet site and in the March issue of O, The Oprah Magazine.

Publishers Weekly: Beck follows her bestselling spiritual memoir Expecting Adam with this shocking accusation of sexual abuse and betrayal. The book is full of Beck's laugh-out-loud hyperbolic wit..., but it also has a hard, angry edge.... The book also describes how institutionalized religion can do terrible wrong to some adherents while still being a force of good for others. It will devastate faithful Mormons, satisfy disenchanted ex-Mormons, and offer hope to those who believe they have suffered from ecclesiastical abuse.

Kirkus Reviews: A riveting account of a journey home, a family crisis, and a spiritual search. Memoirist Beck returns to Mormon-land with her husband and two small children. Her younger child was born with Down syndrome, and the Becks decided that their hometown in Utah would offer a better environment for raising young Adam than the cutthroat world of Harvard Square (where everyone had pressed the Becks to abort as soon as the amnio results were in) ... Though Beck is critical of the LDS Church - its attempts to cover up sexual assaults in Mormon homes, its refusal to deal with historical and archaeological finds that challenge orthodox doctrine - this is not a trashy exposé but a loving, sad account of coming home again, however sure it is to spark controversy in the corridors of power in Salt Lake City.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE

AUTHOR: Ms. Beck and I spoke early one weekday morning, she from her home in Arizona and I from home in California. I opened, saying, "You

write about those terrible things that happened to you and then you crack jokes.

Ms. Beck, laughing, said, "Well, what are you going to do? If you can't laugh, you might as well just get off the bus."

Ms. Beck, one of eight children, grew up in the ultraconservative college town of Provo. Ms. Beck left Provo for Harvard and Cambridge, the latter surely one of America's liberal strongholds. I asked, "What was it like for you to go from Utah to Harvard?"

"A huge culture shock. I couldn't have picked two more extreme places in the United States. They both had strange cultures. Harvard is so rationalized and so liberal and so nontraditional. In an interesting way, people at Harvard were just as doctrinaire; there was a lot of mental rigidity, a lot of dogmatism, a clever atheism. If you broke that faith, if you spoke against the faith, you knew you'd be attacked with withering scorn (continued on page 100)

"I've seen people burst into tears when they heard that the earth was more than 6000 years old."

of San Diego, Saturday, March 12, presented by J*Company through March 20, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: ateurs from 6 to 18 years old. Free \$12-\$16. Show times, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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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.I." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Rav Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, featured exhibit is "Enigma — A History of Cryptology." Also on view: a 100-year-old Millionaire calculator; a Brunsviga Midget calculator (circa 1906) and General Precision LGP-21 (circa 1966). Ongoing exhibits include vintage computers, video games, punch cards, calculators, more. Find the museum on the campus of Coleman College (7380 Parkway Drive). 619-235-8222. (LA MESA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of

aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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

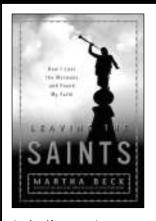
Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road: 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chi-



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(continued from page 99) and ostracism.

"Fundamentalism is fundamentalism. Wherever it exists. So I think any extreme environment has that dogmatism in common. It was just a complete reversal. And it puts you in a position, I think I say in the book, 'a man with one watch knows what time it is, a man with two watches is never sure.' So that's kind of what it did to me."

Why did Ms. Beck think that religions were tending more and more to a fundamentalism? "I think it's in response to

nese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, iades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings

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the encroachments of science on traditional ways of explaining the world. As a sociologist, I'm full of theories, none of which are provable. But there was a flurry of religious activity in the colonies, beginning in the 1720s and reaching its peak in the 1740s."

"Right. The Great Awakening."

"Exactly. Then in the 19th Century, Darwin publishes and there is a response among the religious to the rise of rationalist science. The Origin of Species was published in 1859. People were freaking out, particularly people on the American conti nent because here was an entire unknown world, that the Judeo-Christian tradition didn't even address. The world started out in the Middle East, and the Europeans managed to pull themselves into it, but what do you do with the United States? What do you do with the Americans? So that's one thing Joseph Smith's theories did - they made everybody feel like, 'Oh, these people are just immigrants from the Holy Land and Jesus

dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

MEDITATE

came to them and it's all okay.' So, ironically, people of some learning and intelligence tended to gravitate toward the new religions, and they become as locked in with their bizarre explanations. But now that those explanations are testable, people's worldview is being rocked. I've seen people burst into tears when they heard that the earth was more than 6000 years old."

I read to Ms. Beck something Harold Bloom had written about Mormonism in his book *American Religion*: "Mormons have repeated in a deep sense the pattern of the Jews. They are a religion that has become a people." What did Ms. Beck make of that statement?

"That's very true. I think Mormons would be very flattered by that. There are similarities that structurally made the Mormon church go from a cult to a mainstream religion, and most of it was feeling driven out. That's what they share with Judaism: the sense of being cast out and homeless and wandering in the wilderness. One thing I actually like about Mormonism,

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call it's one of the few Christian religions that is not anti-Semitic. That's in the plus column. There's a strong sense of wanting to be identified with Judaism."

"I find it difficult to understand how people who proclaim themselves as religious can be so mean," I said.

"Weirdly enough, the bloodiest and most horrendous wars in history have all been fought in the name of God. I think it's because the impulse towards faith is a very intense impulse. I was just reading a fascinating book called *Why God Won't Go Away: Brain Science and the Biology of Belief;* it's about the neurobiology of mystical experience. The authors write about what happens to the brain during a religious experience.

"It's consistent; the brain does the same thing in every culture. The responses are extraordinarily intense when you feel them. There are two different ways the brain accesses this, and one is by misidentifying with reality completely, which is like

619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The what Buddhists do. They just sit down and meditate until reality melts away.

"There's a hyperattention state where you're focused on a statue of Christ or something. Now this may be far-fetched. But what the author of this book claims is that if you identify completely with this one object, and everything seems to disappear but that object, what you can do is use that to make yourself feel certain that that's the only important thing in the world. At that point, you start to become exclusionary. It's a bit of a push for me, though. Probably, it's just that people want to be right. They want to be right. And they don't want to have to change.

"There's a true resistance to change. I particularly like Buddhism because of the noble truth of impermanence. The first thing they do is accept that no one changes. And there's no God, no dogma. And if you meet the Buddha on the road your instructions are to kill him. Ironically, you get Buddhists who go to war with each other

Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden

is on the grounds. Rare docu-

ments, historical exhibits, books,

photographs, and a research li-

brary are also part of the complex.

San Diego Aerospace Museum,

the technological advancements

made in aircraft propulsion over the

last century are showcased in "100

Years of Aircraft Engines," includ-

ing a functional reproduction of the

1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-

Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12

that powered the Spitfire and P-51

Mustang fighters; and a rare German

Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's

first operational jet engines. Concurrently, see "The His-

tory of Commercial Aviation in

America." A new section of the ex-

hibit celebrates the 40-year history

of PSA, with original graphics, a

re-creation of the airline's first

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over little issues like when you meditate, is it better to focus on the tip of your nose or on your abdomen?"

Ms. Beck laughed, and then laughed again. "You gotta focus. But people get as far as feeling validated, and they don't go the additional step, which is that in every great religious tradition you lose the self and the sense of certainty. And when you stay in that first step, you just feel justified in bashing people on the head for not being like you."

"I think, too," I add, "that one reason for the rise of small home churches whose theologies are extremely fundamentalist and strict is that people don't have families anymore. These churches become 'homes away from home.' "

"That's very true. Many of the technological advances have made mobility so much the rule that people are rootless. Families are breaking down also because of advances in the role of women. My dissertation looked at the way the *(continued on page 102)*

and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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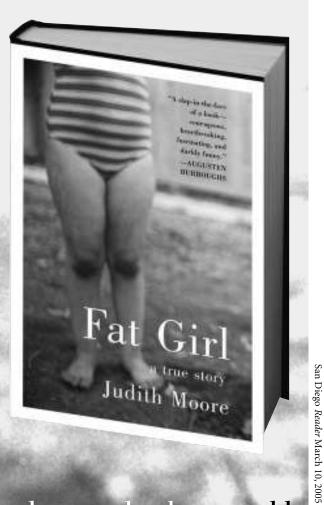
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changes in social roles have pressured men and women. It's extraordinarily difficult for people to get themselves together psychologically because the expectation is now that both members of a couple will work. But they also have to raise children, and the way the roles have been set up, it's virtually impossible to do all this. So many people live on the edge in extreme anxiety without a support system. This makes people starved for certainty and encourages a return to a very simplistic form of religion.

"It's just very comforting. And there's a sense – this is also in this book on the neurobiology of mystical experience – that ritual of any kind where people get together and do certain unusual things in a kind of rhythm has an extremely comforting effect. So the whole idea of being with other people is very comforting. The systematic nature of worship is very comforting. There are all these things that people need more and more as their lives become more fragmented. The irony is that people thought that modernization will cause religion to wither. And the country is so polarized politically. It's very frightening." I asked if Ms. Beck had

begun to take any of her three children to church.

"I've never taken them to church, and they have no interest in going. But I tend to talk to them about pretty much everything that I think about religion. They have very active and interested minds. Adam, who has Down syndrome, likes to go to Catholic services with his friend who's Catholic. The girls, well, I got *Why God Won't Go Away* from my 18-year-old, who is quite a character. She's brilliant. She reads obsessively."

"What," I asked, "does a life coach do?" "Basically, I try to get peo-

ple to let go of their preconceptions and find out what it is to which they're responding to innately. I try to get them to a point where I can confuse the belief system that they've got and not replace it with anything. Who knows what other life coaches do? I have no idea. But my whole process is that I try to get people to a place where they feel that some strategy they've been using, some belief that they've been using, isn't working. I call it 'disorientation.' I try to get them disoriented enough that they let go of preconceptions. Then I say, 'What's the

truth for you?' "Let's say you're a doctor and you hate your job and you hate your life, and you've been trying for 20 years to be a good Jewish boy and be a good Jewish doctor for your mom. How's it working? You know, you thought it would make you happy. Is it working? And the answer is 'No,' or they wouldn't be in my office. And then I say, 'Okay, so you don't have to be a doctor. What has worked? What do you want? What do vou feel?

"Often this is, like, 'This is so crazy it just might work.' They haven't thought for a

Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-702-7700. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and tov train exhibit" in North America. "Rail Town," an "O" gauge operating model train exhibit, is on display through August. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive tov train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in

the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, developed by Field Museum in Chicago, "Chocolate" leads visitors on journey from rainforest understory to supermarket shelf, exploring our culture's links with natural world. Continues through Sunday, May 1.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through October 2005, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

"Fossil Hunters San Diego" shows how museum's paleontologists hunt for local fossils — what minute about what they really in their hearts are experiencing. So then I say, 'Okay, we're going to try a different strategy.' We experiment until we find something that makes them happy. So it's very much the same process I went through. But I try to do it more gently."

"Do you see more women than men?" "No, I see more men than women. I think it's because they'd cut their throats if someone knew they were going to a psychologist or a psychiatrist; a

psychologist or a psychiatrist; a life coach, it's a manly thing -'I'm going to see a coach.' I think that's one reason. But also men have been squished into this incredibly narrow definition of self or they're so identified with their jobs. And yet jobs have become far less secure. Lavoffs are far more common. Women are fragmented by role demands right now. Just pulled in a million different directions. But men feel so trapped. I think an obvious symbol of it is clothing. Women can wear a whole range of clothing. Two hundred

they look for, tools they use, how fossils are excavated and transported, how they're prepared and studied. Through 2005. Also on view: "Natural Treasures: Past and Present" (ongoing). Current "giant-screen films" include *Amazing Journeys, Ocean Oasis.* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the mue; r60-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the

years ago we would have been, like, burned as witches for wearing trousers. But now we can wear anything. And men, especially at work, they either have a laborer's uniform or a suit and that is it. Through most of history men's clothing was far more flamboyant and varied than women's wear. And now it's been reversed.

"Everywhere Westernization has succeeded to any large degree you see men losing their traditional clothing and dressing in the same damn uniform – the gray suit or blue, if you want to get crazy. I think that's symptomatic of a general narrowing of male experience. Many men are desperate to find out who they really are."

Mormons wear what seem to us outsiders rather bizarre undergarments. I asked Ms. Beck what she did with her sets of Mormon underwear when she left the Saints (go to Google and type in "Mormon undergarments" and you can learn all about these underclothes, which, according to one site, are not to be taken off

Native American, Spanish, and

Mexican periods of San Diego's

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facts. It's located at the site of the

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except for "the three s's: shower, sports, and sex").

"For a long time I just didn't put it on, and it just stayed in the drawer, and then I just threw it away. No burning, no chopping up. At that point, it was a piece of cloth and not an attractive piece of cloth at that. So I just threw it away.

"Nobody talks about the underwear or the temple weddings. I know people who have been out for decades, intelligent people, who are afraid to talk about any of this out loud. They're afraid.

"What's so funny about Mormonism to me is that they'll take metaphorical statements and interpret them literally. It's the most literal of all Christian religions. God has a body – yes He does – and this is what it looks like. You know, I don't mean to sound condescending, but it is a very childlike way of believing in God. That God is a literal, physical Daddy, who acts pretty much like Daddy does. I went with metaphor. It wasn't a popular opinion. "

- Judith Moore

shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)





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Faculty Recital by cellist Angela Yeung and guests Lauran Basney (violin), Scott Avenell (horns), Byron Chow (piano) perform trios by Brahms and Ravel on Thursday,March 10, 8 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); 88 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

"Stars of Lyric Opera" — concerts on March 11 and 13 hosted by Lyric Opera San Diego in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Expect to hear excerpts from musical theater, opera, operetta by cast including Andrew Richards, Priti Gandhi, Laura Portune, Megan Weston, Lisa Archibeque. Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$30, \$35, \$40. 619-239-8836. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Classicists" are showcased in concerts by San Diego Chamber Orchestra. Programs boast Beethoven's "Egmont Overture," the "Violin Concerto in E Minor" by Mendelssohn, and Mozart's "Symphony No. 40 in G Minor." Enjoy concert on Friday, March 11, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$65. Reservations: 858-350-0290 x7. (MIDDLETOWN)

Mainly Mozart's Spotlight Series continues with piano quintet concert on Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). 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; \$38. 619-239-0100. (LA JOLLA)

"Orchestral Showcases" offered by La Jolla Symphony and Chorus on March 12 and 13. "The Unanswered Question" by Ives, Schumann's "Concert-Piece for Four Horns and Orchestra," and "Symphonic Dances" by Rachmaninoff are promised. Concerts start at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Center; \$25 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

"Laments and Loves Across the Channel," program of me-

dieval and Renaissance music from England, France, and Flanders, is presented by Pacific Camerata on Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (1050 Thomas Avenue). Also: French chansons, English madrigals; \$10 general. 619-527-4457. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Selections by Turlough O'-Carolan (1670-1738), songs from 1840 Bunting collection, and a set of Manx songs are on tap when the Granada Consort recorder ensemble performs in concert on Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Carolan's music was influenced by Italian baroque. Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

A New Work by Mexican Composer Manuel Arvizu Rico, and selections by Telemann, Ravel, Piazzolla, are on tap when Susan Barrett (oboe) and Randy Pile (guitar) perform Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (925 Balour). Tickets: \$15 general; \$10 seniors, students. 858-459-3459. (ENCINITAS)

"In His Footsteps," organist Marilyn Mason presents Dupré's "Stations of the Cross" on Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street, at Fourth Avenue; 619-232-7513). Offering. (DOWNTOWN)

"American Beauty," Camarada performs for "Second Sundays" series hosted by San Dieguito Performing Arts Association, March 13, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Requested donation: \$5. 760-944-1866. (LA COSTA)

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Classical and Romantic Music

for intimate ensembles performed by students of Päivikki Nykter and János Négyesy on Sunday, March 13, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall, UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, March 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"From Bach to Bebop" presented by Lori Bell (flute), Ron Satterfield (guitar), Melani Sacalamiteo (piano) Chamber Concert Series on Monday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Selections by Bach, Telemann, Duke Ellington, Gershwin, Chick Corea. Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Contemporary Classical Music, "music from earlier periods," jazz and fusion pieces promised when Synegry presents mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 14, at



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Chamber Music promised when California Quartet performs Monday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., at Rancho Bernardo Public Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 619-538-8163. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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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forms on Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., for Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street); \$27. Space availability: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Low Brass Recital promised when Sean Reusch (trombone) and Scott Sutherland (tuba) perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, March 17, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Operatic Arias, Ensembles, Art Songs, more promised when San Diego Opera Ensemble presents season finale concert on Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive); \$10. Required reservations: 619-533-7000. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"Triple Play," exhibition of work by Mary Fleener, Diana Duval, Marisol Rendón opens with reception on Thursday, March 10, 6 p.m., in Southwestern College Art Gallery (900 Otay Lakes Road). Continues through Thursday, April 7. 619-421-6700 x5895. (CHULA VISTA)

"Backfires" by Ernest Silva is on view through Friday, April 22, in Simayspace at Arts College International (840 G Street). The paintings "are composed to suggest both past events of family life and a present that hovers between the toylike world of children and an adult sense of complexities and consequences." Reception for Silva: Friday, March 11, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Works in a Variety of Media on display during member exhibition opening with reception on Friday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). Closes Saturday, April 9. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

Iconic Images and "rare unpublished photographs" by Jim Marshall and Henry Diltz go on view during reception for the photographers, Friday, March 11, 6 p.m., at Morrison Hotel Gallery (1230 Prospect Street). Through March. 858-551-0835. (LA JOLLA)

"Pop-Surrealism." an exhibit of original art in oil paint and pencil drawings by Kevin J. Fitch, opens with reception on Friday, March 11, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Inner NRG art space/piercing studio (3041 Adams Avenue). 619-516-4343, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Border and Bevond." a collection of watercolors by Charles Rouse and Gregg Stone, is on exhibit through Saturday, March 26, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Meet artists during reception on Saturday, March 12, 4:30 p.m. 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

Paintings by Tim McCormick opens with reception on Saturday, March 12, 5 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Closes Sunday, April 17. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"FE 2005," an exhibit of castiron sculpture with an emphasis on "chance" and surprises intrinsic to the medium, is on view through Saturday, April 16, in UCSD's Grove Gallery. The 18 featured artists were "selected for their experimentation and expertise with cast iron." Artists' reception: Saturday, March 12, 6 p.m. Find gallery in UCSD Crafts Center Complex, Revelle College campus (off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

"Lifestyle," described as "multimedia art event featuring apparel design and animation as well as visual, sonic, and performancebased art" by Nick Bova, opens with reception on Saturday, March 12, 7 p.m., at Ice Gallery



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"Closer Apart," group show opens with reception for artists on Saturday, March 12, 7 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue). 619-295-5393. Through Sunday, April 3. (HILLCREST)

"Out of the Frame." an exhibit of work by art quilt maker Dan Olfe and metal sculptor Arno Zielke, opens with reception on Saturday, March 12, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). This exhibit "about exciting design" closes on Sunday, April 24. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

East African Artist Gebrelu Dessu creates his works of art on canvas, wood, and animal skins, viewing art "as not only a direct copy of nature but also a way of expressing the world's wisdom.' Exhibit of Dessu's work opens with reception on Saturday, March 12, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). 619-546-9546. Through Tuesday, April 5. (NORTH PARK)

Fiber Arts are showcased through March at Cheryl Tall Art Studios and Shiva Artistic Collections (115-a West Grand Avenue). Six artists' studios will be open during reception on Saturday, March 12, 5 p.m. 760-745-7835 or 760-740-8770. (ESCONDIDO)

Surrealism, Installation, Kinetic Art promised during reception for Matt and Chris Forderer on Saturday, March 12, 7 p.m., at Studio 3060 (at 3060 University). 619-788-5263. (NORTH PARK)

Calligraphy Combined with Watercolor Paintings by Susan Mae Hull is showcased during reception on Tuesday, March 15, noon to 7 p.m., at relocated Artists' Forum (4070 Adams Avenue), 619-641-5855, (KENSINGTON)

"Fantasy and Reality." an exhibit of recent works on paper and canvas by Andrea and John Alvin, opens with reception on Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m., at Chuck Jones Studio Gallery of Old Town (2501 San Diego Avenue). Exhibition features historic artwork from several of Alvin's past cinema campaigns, including E.T., Jurassic Park, Blazing Saddles, Star Wars, more. 619-294-9880. (OLD TOWN)

"Student Award Exhibition 2005" is on display through Tuesday, March 22, in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. Award presentation and reception: Thursday, March 17, 4:30 p.m. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Secret Landscapes," featuring fine art photography by Linde Waidhofer, is on view along with work by four local photographers, through March at Ordover Gallery (Studio 172, 444 South Cedros Avenue). Reception: Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

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

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 Ket-

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, a vari-

ety 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 IOLLA)

Oceanside Museum of Art,

The Watercolors of James Hubbell: Meditations on Nature and Life" continues through Saturday, March 26. The 80 "vibrant paintings are spontaneous gestures that date from 1988 to 2004." Exhibit includes paintings that are "among the few works of art Hubbell was able to save from the Cedar fires" of 2003. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art.

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.

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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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Thwarted Desire

Eight people scurry around the stage, slamming doors, out of breath — and their minds.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH

he real star of the La Jolla Playhouse's Pri*vate Fittings* isn't the play, direction, design work, or actors. It's the brand-new, 450-seat Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre. Hooo-weeee, does this place have possibilities! Technically, the theater's a

"black box": a squareish room without the usual proscenium/audience configuration. Having no permanent fixtures gives it cre-

ative flexibility. But most black-box stages are small and, well, boxy. This one's a rectangle so long they could put a net across the middle and play tennis or, because of its height - approximately three stories - put up baskets at each end and host the NCAA's March Madness.

Overhead, way up there, hang lighting fixtures that will be state-of-the-art probably ten years from now. The second level has a walkway you know will get good use in future productions. As will a floor section, centerstage, that can be lowered mechanically. This makes for rapid scene changes and countless other possibilities. As does the theater in general. It's easy to see Shakespeare's battle scenes enacted here and intriguing to imagine musicals staged in such an open space, especially the choreography.

With the addition of the Potiker, the La Jolla Playhouse now has the hat trick of theatrical locales: a proscenium stage (the Mandell Weiss), a thrust stage (the Forum), and a black box.

For Private Fittings, the gym-sized Potiker has seats on moveable risers, down both sides of the court-shaped stage. A first impression: it will encourage — nay, require — movement and strong voices to fill the space. And for the theater's shakedown cruise, it's fitting that director Des McAnuff chose a farce by Georges Feydeau.

The "father of French farce," who put more stage directions into his scripts than any other playwright, Feydeau (1862-1921) must

have heard doors slamming in his dreams. He penned about 40 plays for the Comedie-Française, including A Flea in Her Ear, Sauce for the Goose, and Hotel Paradiso. Most are bedroom farces in which the wronged person intrudes so often, and always at the most inopportune moment, you wonder if any trysts ever get consummated. Feydeau, in real life a womanizer and degenerate gambler, coaxes comedy from thwarted desire.

He wrote about the French bourgeoisie. Mark O'Donnell, who translated and adapted Private Fittings, resets the play in contemporary La Jolla. You never quite know what Eric does. He says he's a spiritual healer, a "personal life coach," not a psychotherapist, and makes big bucks giving vague advice to people with vague problems. According to Ranch and Coast magazine, Eric and Yvonne, his wife of six months, are "the perfect couple." Okay, sure - if perfection means they sleep in separate beds, have extramarital liaisons, and are at each other's throats.

Eric borrows the moldy Pacific Beach condo of a fashion designer (like perfection, moldy must



What follows recalls the art of M.C. Escher: planes of reality intersect; familiar people stand in unfamiliar places; rational moves cause irrational results. In no time, eight people scurry around the stage, either running from or toward a lover, slamming doors, out of breath — and their minds.

The play's a bauble. Light and diverting, it's clear from this, Feydeau's first fulllength play, that Neil Simon learned his craft from the French farceur. Private Fittings is also funnier than the Playhouse production thinks, however. Director

Des McAnuff and a frenzied cast try to pack every second of the show's 75 minutes with business. Every move is urgent, every speech a blare. Everyone pushes for comedy. But when actors push, they can wear an audience down. Not to mention the actors' voices; at least two of them were worn out the night I caught the show --- which suggests that the acoustics in the Potiker may require re-tweaking.

Best of the bunch (if you don't count the jazzy scene changes, done on roller skates): Chris Hoch's Drew, in part because he's the least forceful. Given to argyle sweaters and a breathtaking, comb-over hairstyle, Drew suffers from "single personality deficit." His wife ran off, and he wanders around as if in a funhouse full of mirrors. Hoch generates character-driven laughs. The rest - Kyle Fabel's



Private Fittings, by Georges Feydeau, translated by Mark O'Donnell

Directed by Des McAnuff; cast: Jessica Boevers, Lucia Brawley, Kyle

Fabel, Chris Hoch, Stana Katic, Chris Kipiniak, Joan Van Ark, Eric Wippo;

scenic design, Neil Patel; costumes, Paul Tazewell; lighting, Howell Brinkley;

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music, Michael Friedman; movement, Charlie Oates; choreography, Kelly Devine

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La Jolla Playhouse, Potiker Theatre, UCSD





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Eric, in particular, who works really hard to make scenes work — just bulldoze the jokes and shtick over the top.

Feydeau wrote about the audiences that attended his farces. He wanted to show them their foibles. O'Donnell's translation is so jammed with local references, so compulsively La Jolla-centric, that anyone east of I-5, north of the Merge, or south of I-8 must feel excluded. Private Fittings, in fact, may be one of the most narrowly focused, audience-specific scripts ever staged in San Diego. And since the performances are more cartoons than characters — driven by the needs of a comedic bit, not comedy of manners - audience members may recognize their neighbors' foibles, here and there, but not their own.

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mark "no holds Bard" approach. Nick Kennedy directed. THE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD, EAST MISSION VALLEY, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, THROUGH APRIL 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. POOR-PLAYERSRESERVE@HOTMAIL.COM

Applause

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Bright Ideas

Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Coble's comedy that asks, "How far would *you* go to get your child into the *best* preschool?" Andrew Barnicle directed.

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH, THROUGH MARCH 20; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949497-2787.

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. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROAD-WAY, SUITE B, VISTA, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, THROUGH MARCH 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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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, THROUGH MARCH 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

An Enemy of the People

Mesa College presents Arthur Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's drama about poisoned medicinal spring waters and what to do about them. APOLLIAD THEATRE, MESA COLLEGE, FRI-DAY, MARCH 11, THROUGH MARCH 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-388-2621.



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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-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-594-6884.

Himself and Nora

The Old Globe Theatre presents Jonathan Brielle and Sheila Walsh's new musical based on the relationship between James Joyce and his "muse," Nora Barancle. Joseph Hardy directed.

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I Just Stopped By to See the

Man Jesse Davidson's a Robert Johnson like 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 Johnson coaxes him back to the road. Stephen Jeffreys's play gives lengthy history lessons and has instances when disbe lief's impossible to suspend (how Karl finds Jesse, for one). But the perfor mances carry the night. Underneath his frizzled Rod Stewart mop and 1975 bell-bottoms, Manoel Felciano's a multitalent (including an ability to approximate Robert Johnson's flashflood 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, SIMON

EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 20; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 800 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

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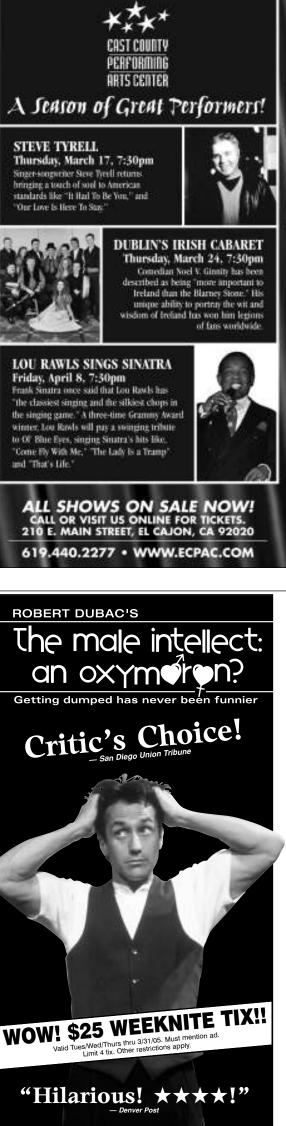
The Last Night of Ballyhoo

Puzzle Piece Productions stages Alfred Uhry's bittersweet comedy about love, prejudice, and the big dance. CHURCH OF HIS KINGDOM AUDITORIUM, 950 GARLAND DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MARCH 19; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 619-575-1688.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). Male Intellect never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-yearold 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!""





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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests. while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian Worth a try.

MAROUIS 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

The Odd Couple, Female Version

OnStage Playhouse presents Neil Simon's remake of his popular comedy about star-crossed room mates, this time with women as the leads. Jeff Gastauer directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV ENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, THROUGH APRIL 9; THURS-DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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, THROUGH APRIL 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525

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Princess Marjorie

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Noah Haidle's adult comedy about the shared memories of two brothers. David Chambers directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, THROUGH MARCH 27; TUESDAY THROUGH SUN- DAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 708-5555.

Private Fittings

Reviewed this issue. 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 Johnstone, 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, it's art." Worth a try. THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-

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 fun." 1355 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE, DOWN-TOWN, AND DAVE AND BUSTERS, 2931

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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. JULIAN 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, THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 9:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY 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, THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY, MARCH 12, AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

A Thousand Clowns

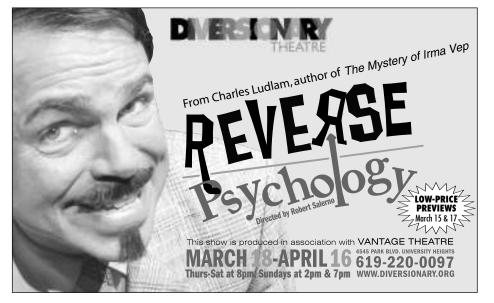
Scenic design wiz Marty Burnett somehow managed to time-travel a wood-paneled Manhattan studio apartment into the North Coast Rep (the mismatched chairs speaking volumes about the inhabitants). Cos tume designer Shelly Williams decks out everyone in precise 1962 finery (button-down collars, madras shirts and the black high-top Converse All-Stars worn by the Boston Celtics). The look for Herb Gardner's libertar ian comedy's firmly in place. But, more often than not, the performances aren't. When Jason Robards Jr. played Murray Burns, onstage and in the movie, beneath all his banter was a gravitas, a sense that the world (and maybe Murray) was not right and that humor helped him keep sane. The North Coast Rep production, by contrast, settles for a sitcom approach that never leaves the surface. As a result, Randy Howell's waytoo-chipper Murray, rather than an intrepid navsaver, is just an overgrown kid with the Peter Pan syndrome. The villains, especially the "child welfare crowd," are no real threat. Director Ralph Elias turns in a fine performance as Murray's establishment brother Arnold, but the rest of the cast could make the lengthy comedy more interesting and a lot funnier if more were at stake.

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.

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Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend "Grape," "Scandinavian 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 THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY 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 years 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 se cret 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. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P M LATE NIGHT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P.M. 619-233-7505

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 combi nation doesn't mesh in Chaikin and Shepard's fable about multigenerational cycles of violence. In the story, taken from the book Sarajevo Days, Saraievo Nights, a master chef, seeking to avenge a 200-year-old vendetta, stalked and killed the

prison, he is interviewed eight times by a reporter, and they slowly find commonality. As a director, Chaikin loved languid pacing and exact positioning of actors (in Green, the two move closer and closer, eventually touching). The Sledgehammer version has a reverence for Chaikin's almost static approach, but not his magic. The speeches — 80 minutes of Q&A and set-piece monologues — are stiff, even when they should loosen up. And Ruff Yeager's background piano emphases melodramatize too many scenes. Mary Larson's telling costumes, Jennifer Setlow's moody lighting, and Nick Fouch's set (a prison wall worthy of Hannibal Lecter) serve the play well. SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, ST. CE-CILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MARCH 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484

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"I was chased down, called [an expletive], and stabbed. I assume they were white supremacists.³ Rapper/blues guitarist Jae

inside the club playing pool. "Eight dudes surrounded me. I looked at Johan and said, 'These guys are causing trouble. Can you ask them to leave the premises or intervene in some way?' I told him I had 911 dialed on my cell phone.... Then two guys got close up in my space. I pushed one off me,

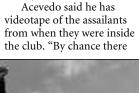
the inside track

Strawbridge, 25, had just spoken with Johan Acevedo, managing partner of the Longshot bar in San Marcos, about an upcoming gig when he stepped outside with his friend and guitarist Chris. Strawbridge started freestyling (impromptu rapping) as Chris beat-boxed (made rhythm/drum machine noises with his mouth). That's when he was confronted.

"They said, 'Shut the fuck up,' " said Strawbridge about the men who had just been

and then I pushed another. I ran in the parking lot to get away from them so I could talk on 911.... I made it to the street in front of Fry's Electronics... One grabbed me from behind. The other one was hitting me."

Strawbridge was stabbed twice, once below the heart. He also sustained a 12-inch laceration in his back close to his kidney. "I was almost killed in the name of hiphop," said Strawbridge. He was treated at Palomar Hospital and released after



six days.



JAE – ALMOST KILLED IN THE NAME OF HIP-HOP

was no entertainment that evening, and we had no security that night. I went outside because I saw a lot of people were going outside. We don't usually get involved with what goes on outside the bar. The stabbing did not happen at Longshot's. Something different could have been done, but I'm not a cop. We gave the sheriff anything we

could. I'm happy to have the benefit for him.

Reason to Rebel, Parkhurst, Lucid, the Midas Touch, and Innocent Noise appear at a fundraiser to help cover medical bills (though Strawbridge works as a nurse, he does not have health insurance) tomorrow night, Friday, at the Longshot. Admission is \$7; all ages 6-10 p.m., 21 and up after 10 p.m. — Ken Leighton

A stabbing occurred at the California Theatre, 1122 Fourth

Avenue, on the night of February 17, according to the San Diego police department's "Watch Commander's Log" (Incident #37682). The victim was the venue's 50-year-old custodian (name withheld). The assailant was a 52-year-old white male transient sleeping in the theater's doorway. The custodian told the man to leave. "He confronted the man and a fight started. The custodian pulled out a can of mace and sprayed the suspect, who retaliated by knocking the custodian to the ground and stabbing him in the upper arm and

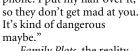
buttocks."

The stab wounds were minor, and the victim was treated at UCSD Medical. The transient suspect was arrested and the bloody knife found on his person. The California Theatre opened in 1927 and was a movie house until 1976. It was renovated in 1988 but has been scheduled for demolition. However, it still stands.

– Michael Hemmingson

"I just stick it in my ear and drive," says Emilv

Vigney (of the Poway-Bernardo Mortuary featured on A&E's Family Plots) about wearing headphones. She owns a 40 GB iPod. "Some people think you're on the phone. I put my hair over it,



Family Plots, the reality series that follows the staff at

Poway-Bernardo Mortuary, returned for a second season, which began Sunday, 8 p.m. The show features three sisters: head mortician Shonna Smith, assistant funeral director Melissa Wissmiller, and office manager Emily Vigney. Also featured in the series is their father, Chuck Wissmiller, a former boxer who picks up bodies and delivers them to the funeral home.

"My boyfriend got two [iPods] for Christmas, and he gave me one of them," says Emily, who has a playlist

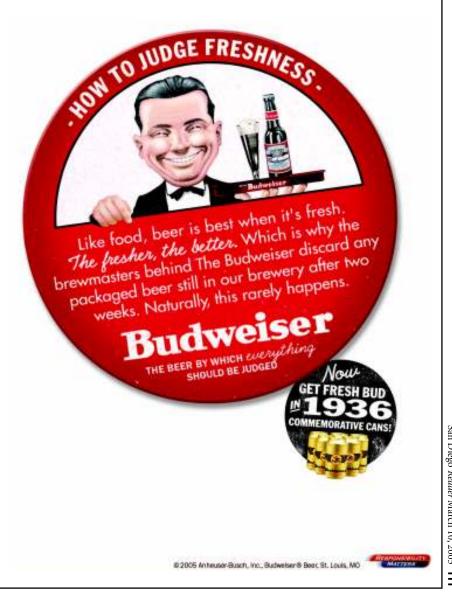


MELISSA CHOOSES MUSIC FOR UNDERTAKING

entitled "Country Music I Can Handle." She also listens to 1970s funk.

"I keep it in one ear and then I'll answer the phone, but I keep it real low so I can







still hear what people are saying.

While driving in the hearse, Chuck listens to rap, "Tool and Limp Bizkit, Rage Against the Machine...2Pac, of course, I liked him right from the get-go.'

Shonna said she listens to the music while preparing bodies for a viewing. "I was going to be a music major in college, and then I decided to go into undertaking." — Pat Sherman

Brenda Spencer was 16 in January 1979 when she inspired the Boomtown Rats song "I Don't Like Mondays" by opening fire with her father's 0.22 caliber rifle on Grover Elementary School in San Carlos. She appeared before the California Parole Board two days ago to

request her release. Now 42, Spencer killed the school's principal and caretaker, wounded eight children aged 6 to 12, and shot a police officer in the throat. A reporter who reached her by phone during the shootings was told, "I just did it for the fun of it. I just don't like Mondays." Spencer eventually surrendered to police and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Boomtown Rats singer Bob Geldof heard of the rampage while doing a radio show on the East Coast and wrote "I Don't Like Mondays," a song

that hit number one in 30 countries but was never released as a single in the U.S. in deference to victims' families.

At Spencer's last parole hearing in 2001, she claimed she'd been on drugs and alcohol and was hallucinating at the time, thinking "commandos were storming my house."

Her newest request for parole states she's a "model prisoner who has completed an Alcoholics Anonymous course and had no incidents. of drug use. She is the electronics expert at the California Institute for Women and specializes in fixing video players. Spencer believes she is ready to reenter society." San Diego Deputy

District Attorney Richard

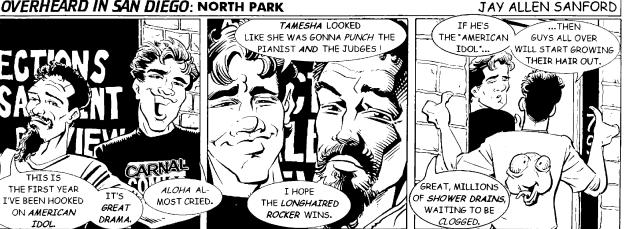


SPENCER IS UNLIKELY TO LEAVE PRISON

Sachs says Spencer is still psychotic, citing an incident four years ago. "When her girlfriend...[was released from jail], she burned the words 'courage' and 'pride' in her own arm like a tattoo. She's still subject to depression.... The District Attorney's office will oppose Spencer's parole application.'

— Jay Allen Sanford





Cordless radio headsets that retail for \$1100 from Muzak

(located on Chesapeake Drive in San Diego) have been popping up on eBay, according to a grand theft report (#05-005711) filed by San Diego police officer R. Schenkelberg.

Muzak general manager James Thimmes "became aware of what he believes to be employee theft," states Schenkelberg. Thimmes got a call from a pal in Houston who "said he had just bought a radio headset exactly like the one Muzak sells.' Thimmes's friend checked a hidden serial number, and it matched one that was supposed to be in Thimmes's inventory.

According to the report, "Thimmes did more checking and discovered about 200 of these headsets were missing."

"This eBay seller account is ekin_s13," reports Schenkelberg. "He has been an eBay seller since 12-19-01.'

A subpoena is in the process of being delivered to eBay. Checking the site, it shows that ekin s13's account is still active, has sold several of the C1060 headsets in the \$200 range,

and as of March 1 won auctions for a leather steering wheel to a Nissan Pathfinder and a box of Pria chocolate "peanut crunch" diet bars. - Michael Hemmingson

"I hydroplaned on the road and hit the back of this red truck." Murphy Martin, 16, singer/guitarist with the band Muff, was on the road on a rainy February 19, heading north.

"I dented the back of his bumper. We pulled off to the side of the road to exchange information. As we were doing that, this Marine named Mike pulled over to make sure we were okay. The next thing I know

I was laying 30 feet away in the mud in a fetal position. Mike came over and told me I was hit by a car and that I flipped two and a half times in the air.' An ambulance took

Martin to Scripps La Jolla, but he was released that

day. "I didn't break any bones. I'm going to have surgery.

They will set a date when the swelling goes down. They are going to completely replace the ACL tendon. It is a common sports injury. Junior Seau had it.'

Muff (www.muffrocks.com) appears Saturday, 5 to 9:30



MUFF IS LUCKY TO HAVE MURPHY

p.m., at the Shack of Horrors in Oceanside (*www.shackofhorrors.tk*) with Hellfire Trigger, Kill City, and the Triumphant Return of the Pink Robots; free admission, all ages.

- Ken Leighton

"When it comes to marketing, increased volume has been a staple

of radio and TV commercials," says Dan O'Neill, chief technology officer for La Jolla's Trusonic, Inc., the company that broadcasts the music you hear when you are put on hold on the telephone.

Trusonic's MBOX, a commercial digital player for storage and broadcast of onhold music and messaging, was released this month. The new model offers volume levels 40 percent higher than before.

The music is played from central computers programmed with a library of songs "a million deep, including U2, Sheryl Crow, Shania Twain, and George Strait. Anyone can submit songs for consideration. "Trusonic Independent Artists" get paid per play, as well as receiving a free band page with MP3 storage space at garageband.com.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Full Potential

"It requires lots of practice in the mirror to play with a guitar."

sold 200 tickets, and I'd say 150 of them were to hot chicks," says Dylan Paton, songwriter, guitarist, and front man for San Diego band Paperback Statue.

He's talking about their first live gig at 4th & B on November 5 of last year. Bassist Nan Chi Vu cocreated the act. "There were definitely a lot of

women there that night, and afterward they came up and talked to us, wanted our CD, gave us feedback, and then there was my mom," he explains. "Yes, she was there too, partying in the crowd. She'd gotten out of the hospital for high blood pressure. She was taking heart medicine and didn't know she couldn't drink. After saying hello to everyone, my mom tried running up to me to give me a hug and say how proud she was of me and instead she passed out cold on the floor. I thought she was having a heart attack. I freaked out; we carried her outside and tried to stand her up. But she was out cold. I was so scared. I didn't want to wait for the ambulance so I got a cab to take us to the hospital. The cab driver ends up taking us to a closed ER. I was so pissed; I really thought something bad was going to happen. When we got there, she wakes up and throws up outside the cab. She ended up being fine. By the time I got back to the show to hand out CDs, the show was over and everyone was

gone.'

Paperback Statue will play 4th and B again on March 11 with local bands Fono and Dirty Sweet.

TRICKEST MUSICAL PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

INTERVI MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

"Being able to play guitar and sing at the same time. The goal is that eventually you know the guitar so well that you can just concentrate on singing and really give the

audience what your full potential is. That's why most really good singers sing by themselves. It requires lots of practice in the mirror to play with a guitar. Most people can't tell the difference... I mean, most people can't hear pitch either. It took me one year of bel canto Italian singing-style originated in the 16th Century] training to really hear if [other] people or myself are on pitch or not.'

INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT USED?

"We like to use little boutique amps, even on the bass — then the drums really come forward at our shows. Boutique amps are custom made to your liking. My amp is a mix between an AC30 and a Fender Bassman. It has one vintage 12-inch speaker. Because vintage tubes aren't going to be around forever, I had the amp made so I can put in normal tubes that they make today, and it still has a very warm sound with



lots of bottom. The back is also sealed so none of the bottom end escapes; it's driven forward. It sounds amazing. We use Fender, Musicman, Gibson, and Carvin basses.

YOUR INFLUENCES?

"Tom Petty for his happy and sad songs, great lyrics, and great spirit. The Cure for their innovation and eclectic sound. Radiohead for their weirdness. The Police for their great driving drum beats. The Clash for making punk, rock, and reggae come together and making this new sound. Smashing Pumpkins for getting really heavy and mellowing out many times in a song.

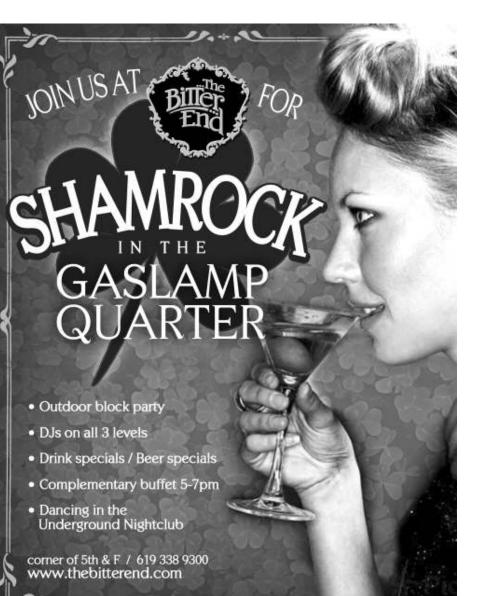


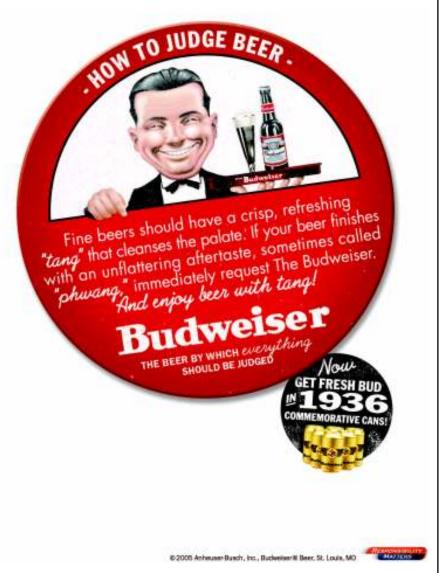
ANY DREAMS ABOUT MUSIC?

"I always have strange dreams that I'm naked floating in the sky on giant leaves and my penis is 20 inches long and I don't know what to do with it. It won't fit in my pants or my boxers, and in my dream we usually have a show to play so I'm freaking out because I don't know how to hide my penis.

TOP FIVE MOVIES?

- 1. Run Lola Run ("I love the intensity.") 2. Goodfellas ("Because my family is Sicilian.") 3. Casino ("Reminds me of home.")
- 4. Big ("Great kid's fantasy story.")
- 5. The Goonies ("The characters are awesome; they make the whole movie.")









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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 [774]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

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Billy Idol [564]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 22, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Mötley Crüe [475]: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Elvis Costello [**497**]: 4th & B, Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Shonen Knife [571], the Gore Gore Girls, and the 45's: Brick by Brick, Wednesday, March 23, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483

Pepper: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497

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The Real McKenzies [558]; 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497

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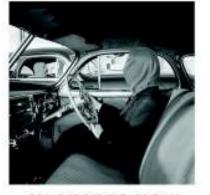
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The Young Dubliners [469]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. The Drive-By Truckers [574]: Belly

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:

Svcuan 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 Tayern. 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.

moe.: 4th & B, Saturday, April 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Bodeans: 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.

The Gin Blossoms /603/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 21, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.





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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.,

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Tavern, Monday, April 25, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

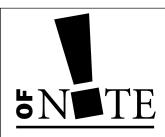
Steve Vai [523] and Eric Sardinas [950]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Umphrey's McGee: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 4, 9 p.m.,

143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana

Elton John *[567]*: Cox Arena, Friday, May 6, 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

Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern,

Sunday, May 8, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.

Moby [282]: 4th & B, Sunday, May

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8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Rock 'n' roll started out as music to dance to, and some might argue that it should stay that way. But when modern bands try to bridge the gap between rock and dance music, they usually borrow something from the '60s or '80s playbooks. Few try to encroach on house music's territory.

The Music, a young band from Leeds, England, has done just that. Their name is suitably robotic, their graphics properly high-tech, and most significantly, drummer Phil Jordan pounds his kit with a driving four-on-the-floor beat straight out of the dance clubs. Guitarist Adam Nutter and bassist Stuart Coleman

engage in a good deal of Led Zeppelin-type riffage, but they also use a lot of repeated figures and special effects to create a very electronic wall of sound. On their records, digital editing makes the production sound up-to-the-minute. Why then does the

Music's 2004 album Welcome to the North make me think of Jesus Jones, School of Fish, EMF, and other alternative radio acts circa 1990? It could be singer Robert Harvey, whose long hair and baggy clothes make him look like a member of the Happy Mon-

days. His vocals, however, sound more like Geddy Lee, circa 1976. I guess that, in turn, makes me think of Perry Ferrell, circa 1991. The Zeppelin riffs put me in mind of

Jane's Addiction, too, That's not necessarily a bad thing. But it strikes me as funny that the

Jimmy Eat World [578] and Taking Back Sunday: Cox Arena, Sunday, May 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Erasure [279]: 4th & B, Tuesday, May 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Manhattan Transfer: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre Wednesday, May 18, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Lenny Kravitz [529] and Nikka **Costa** [600]: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, May 19, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails [285] and the Dresden Dolls: SOMA, Monday, May 30, and Tuesday, May 31, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San

Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

JUNE

Tony Bennett: Palomar Starlight Theater, Wednesday, June 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

Eve Selis [410]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Lowen & Navarro [286]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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Maroon5 and the Thrills: Jenny Craig Pavilion, Monday, May 9, USD campus, Morena. 619-260-4600 or 619-220-8497.

Edwin McCain [576]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 11, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

John Prine [887]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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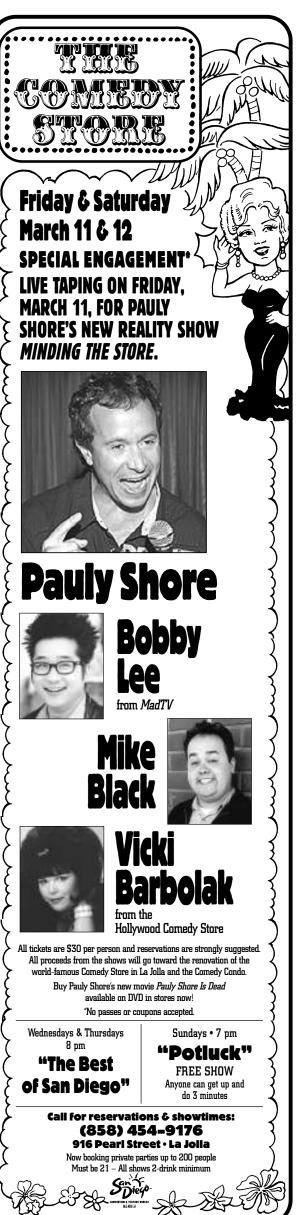


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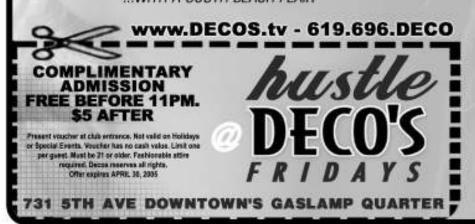
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EXTENSION 4003

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Alice Unchained: Brick By Brick The Andreamax Band: Lestat's Coffeeh Arrow Drive: Blind Melons Baywolf [460]: Fannie's Nightclub Cathryn Beeks [507]: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill The Buzzbombs: Neimans Bar and Grill Calamity Jam: Fannie's Nightclub Chapter 13: Bub's Whiskey Dive **Compass:** Blind Melons Gavin DeGraw: 'Canes **DPI:** Winstons The Electric Waste Band: 11 O'Clock Tick Tock: 'Canes

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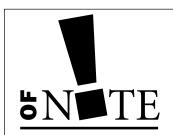
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and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers The Gizzards: Winstons Groove Right: Blind Melons

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BY DAVE GOOD

Obvious comparisons aside, the Flving Putos are not the Beat Farmers revived. When three of the Farmers' founding members - Buddy Blue, Jerry Raney, and Rolle Love — formed the Putos a few years back with drummer Joel Kmak, they opted not to pick up where the Farmers left off when that band ground to an untimely halt in the mid-'90s. Instead, the Putos wound the clock back and crafted a skull-cracking sound that the Farmers might have envied had they ever possessed a sense of common purpose. After Blue departed the lineup, the band drafted Joey Harris, developed three heads, and followed them off in separate directions.

Even if you hated cowpunk, you have to give the Beat Farmers their due. They

Heavy Rotation: Squid Joe's Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

Resort The High Grass Rollers: Blind

The Home Wreckers: Vista Entertainment Center

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge Innocent Noise: Longshot Saloon

Island Breeze: Humphrey's The Jackson 3 [495]: Carvers Juice: Squid Joe's Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero

were vanguards to the alt-country scene. From the otherwise bone-dry music wasteland of El Cajon, the quartet took its shot at the industry pile of gold in 1985 and hooked a big one in the form of Rhino Records. That year Rhino released Tales of the New West, a surprise blend of brio,

rock nostalgia, and high school pranksterisms. Glowing reviews followed, handed down by critics at Rolling Stone, Creem, and Spin. Melody Maker compared them to the Beatles: Billboard said the Beat Farmers were "the best American band to come down the pike since Creedence." The Farmers almost lived up to it.

The Putos experience is not unlike a joyride through the worst part of town in your father's borrowed Caddy with the radio cranked - all tatted attitude and with the

FLYING PUTOS

> potential of a grave hangover. They are a bar band's bar band. By now, the Putos have a collective motherlode of root rock's best under their belts: "Psychedelic modal honky-tonk hillbilly garage blues," says Buddy Blue of their ambitious gig. "Maybe like if the MC5 and Merle Haggard and the Allman Brothers and Bo Diddley all puked into the same toilet together.'

FLYING PUTOS, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$10.

Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

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Rock Cafe (La Jolla) Mad Habit: Blind Melons Aimee Mann [566]: Belly Up

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The Music: 'Canes OU812: Brick By Brick Pale Black: Dirk's Niteclub, The Jumping Turtle

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Curtis Peoples: Lestat's Coffeehouse The Police Experience: 'Canes Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

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Shaka Buku: 'Canes Shaolin Punk: Brick By Brick 6one9: Game Time Tavern

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EXTENSION 4004



Carol Ames [619]: Winstons B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise The Corvettes: Viejas Casino Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant The Heroes: Viejas Casino

Liquid Blue [606]: Woody's Sports Bar and Grill Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

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EXTENSION 4005

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Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel The Joe Marillo Quartet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho

Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn **The Shep Meyers Quartet** [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Arvella Murray: Humphrey's Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Josh Nelson: Dizzy's Palos: The Calypso Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Harish Ragahvan: Dizzy's Dean Paul Ratzman: Bistro Soliel Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

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Reggie Smith & Pressed for ime: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado

Tony Taravella [655]: The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf (Clairemont) The Third Coast Jazz Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The Tami Thomas Big Band: /iejas Casino

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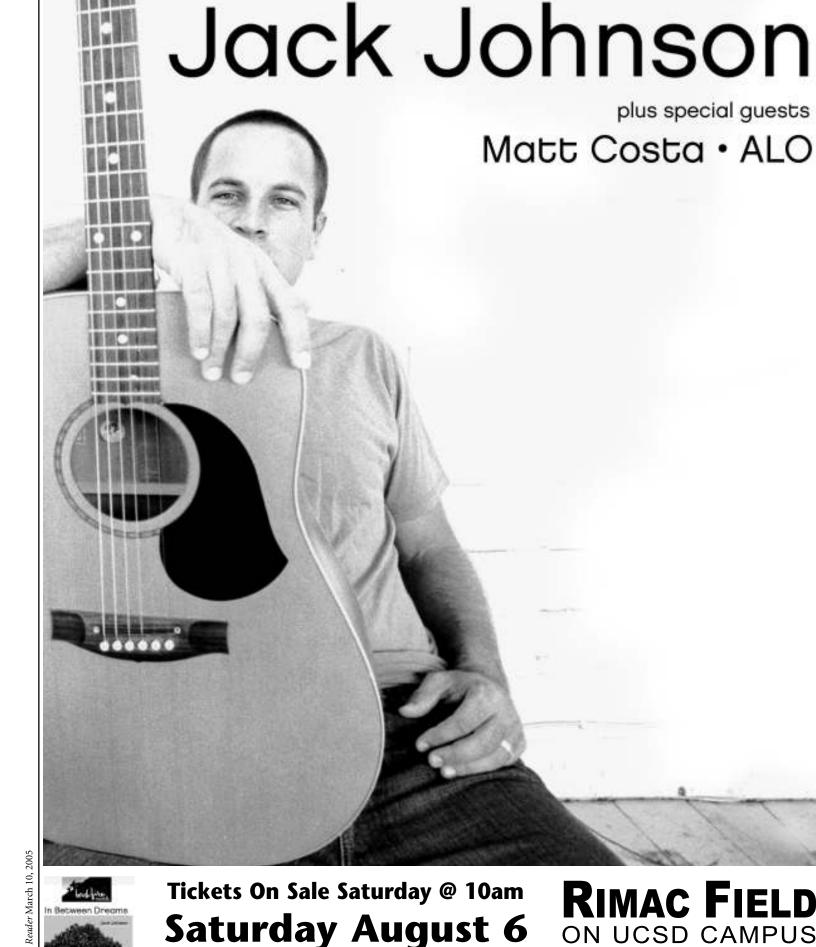
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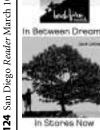
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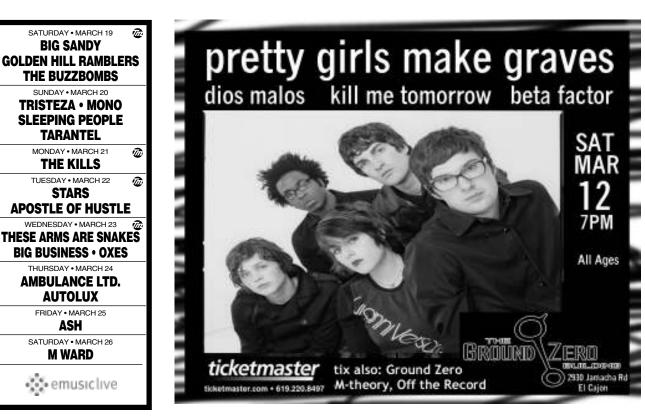
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Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

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Album Name: Tennessee and Below (2004) Artist: That Mad Ahab

Label: independently released

Songs: 1) The Easy Way 2) Good Morning Sprout Smile

3) Tennessee and Below 4) May the Sunshine Find a Crack in Your Wall 5) The Order of Things 6) Good Morning Sprout Smile 7) The Bus Song 8) The Deputy of Sucker Central 9) Broke Ass 10) Dog Hair Couch 11) High Wide Stones 12) May the Sunshine Find a Crack in Your Wall 13) The Easy Way 14) Rve Whiskey

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Band Members: Murphy Phelan (acoustic guitar, vocals), Pete DePrang (bass), Matt Giebe (mandolin, electric guitar), Jeff Raddatz (drums), Joel McLeod (banjo, electric guitar) Extra Info: That Mad Ahab plays at El Gato Loco (634 Broadway, downtown) March 19. Benefit for Free Radio SD; \$5 cover

jazz.

Website: www.thatmadahab.com

Front man Murphy Phelan has a languid voice that is hypnotic but bright

Psydecar, reggae/funk. Friday, 9:15 p.m., Aimee Mann and Amy

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Vegitation, and Psydecar, reggae. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Billy Watson and the Swingin' Kings, blues.

Benihana, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-929-8311. Friday, *Patrick Quillin*, rock covers.

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The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos 760-510-0004. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday, 6 p.m., *the Backwater Blues* boat captain, the acoustic duo That Mad Ahab have an underlving gentleness. The album sticks close to folk rock and lilting ballads, heavy on instrumentals, sparse on words. The album's best line, "May fences and the chains break to ladders, may the sunshine find a crack in your wall," perhaps demonstrates why there are only a handful of lyrics.

Repetitive and simplistic, yes, but paired with acoustic nods to the Cure and the Velvet Underground, the songs have a poignancy. "The Deputy of Sucker Central" and "High Wide Stones" are buoyed by lighthearted acoustic meanderings, while "The Easy Way" and "Rye Whiskey" are more ominous.

The biggest downfall seems to be the organization. The first five tracks are studio versions, but the sixth cut, a live performance of the second track, sends listeners

Band, 9 p.m., rock. Saturday, 6 p.m., the YNT Band, 9 p.m., Throw Rag, the Ups, and 51 Guns, alternative rock. Sunday, 5 p.m., *the Stone Senses*, reggae. Wednesday, country.

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The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., the Third Coast Jazz



That Mad Ahab into fits of déjá vu; this is

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Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, 6one9, classic rock.

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand ue. San Marcos 760-744-8576 Thursday, Motley Crued, Parkhurst, and Innocent Noise, rock. Friday, Slewfoot and Headtrip Superstar hard/heavy rock.

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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety piano.

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Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Thursday, *Tribal Seed*. Friday, 8 p.m., Mower, 2 Cents, Sic Waiting, and Misled, alternative rock. Saturday, Last Minute, Two for Thirty, Heavy Rotation, Marieandre'Ada, the Trade Roots, and Juice, heavy rock/reggae.

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Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., John Cain, international dance music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mick Keys*, classic rock/jazz.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla, 858-454-8092 Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Saturday, the Jordan Loder Band, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Fryday* Band, rock. Saturday, NZ Rough, reggae. Wednesday, Cathryn Beeks, acoustic/folk.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ratz Pack*, American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Salvador &* Cesar, opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick Ross, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Mother Grundy*, rock. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Superunloader*, alternative rock. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, Roxy Monoxide, rock.

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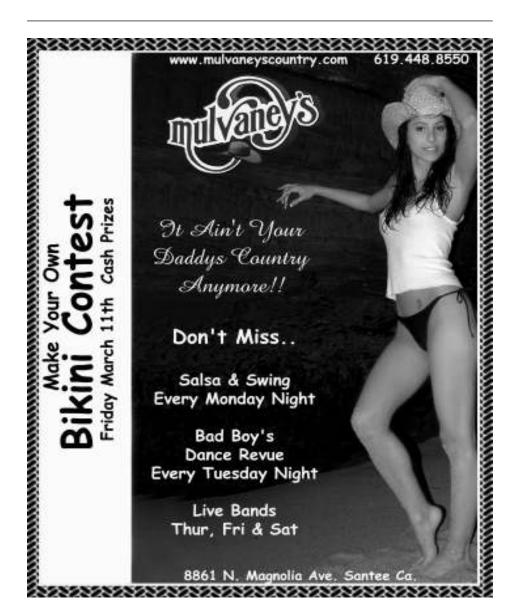
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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold & Chris*, Irish/American folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *Rob Mehl* and *Anna Troy*, folk.

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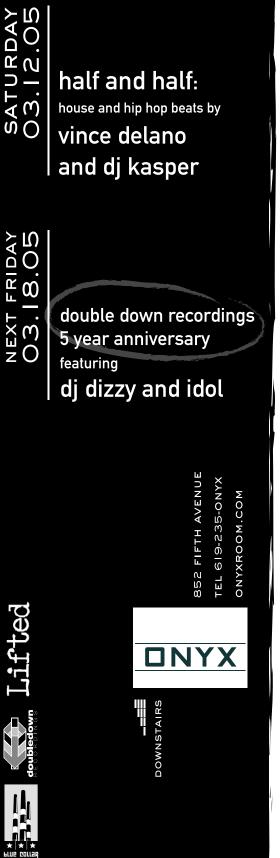
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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

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The Mercury, 9325 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego. 619-562-2429. Thursday, hip-hop/R&B. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, Fish & the Seaweeds, classic rock. Saturday, the Blues Connection, blues, Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, open blues jam.

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Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live rock/alternative.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative/ska

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Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant. 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, live jazz.

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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

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MUSIC ➤ mariachi. rock. punk. dance

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ mariachi band on Fridays: every other Saturday. punk or rock

CLIENTELE ➤ 18 and up; average age early 20s (and a few in their late teens); all of them locals (no gringo in sight), equal mix of men and women

COVER ➤ none

HOURS ➤ 6:00 p.m. until midnight Sunday through Thursday; 6:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday (owner Fernando says he will close early if business is slow)

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Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the*

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ACCESS ➤ in an area called "Merlot" which is across the street from the hipódromo and consulado (the U.S. Consulate), near downtown (\$6 for a taxi from border); parking lot has six spaces (and street parking is available) **DRESS** ➤ casual; everyone was in ieans, some ripped up: a few leather iackets with studs, and lots of Tshirts (one said "Sex Pistols")

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roll. Friday, NRG, high-energy dance. Saturday, Straight Six, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive, rock. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Wednesday, the

New Breed Band, pop/jazz. Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown 858-270-7467 Friday. 8 p.m., *Fred Benedetti*, classical guitar. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Adam Schroeder*, Harish Ragahvan, Kevin Kanner, and Josh Nelson, straight-ahead jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Robin Henkel & His

DANCE FLOOR ➤ an area of 10' by 10' in front of the band where a few people stood throwing their fists in the air **FIRE EXITS** ➤ only one – the

entrance

BATHROOMS ➤ not pretty: only one (for men and women), the door didn't shut completely; there was one toilet, no sink, one small mirror, some graffiti, and dirty Fernando, the owner, told me. "This place was closed for a short time. We had some faults that authorities told us to fix. We are back and running now." I guess the authorities aren't too strict when it comes to the bathroom. CAPACITY > 75

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ you can smoke indoors (there's no patio); couch and chairs in section farthest from the band

FURNISHINGS ➤ two ceiling fans (that weren't running), a bookshelf, animal skins on one wall, big mirror on another wall DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 118 when a band called the Weeds did a cover

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Live music by *Raggle Taggle*, Irish fusion. Call club for information

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343, Friday, 9 p.m., Paperback Statue, Fono, Dirty Sweet and the Pinheads, alternative.

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Lasked Fernando, the owner. about other types of music. He said. "We sometimes have DJs that play stuff people can dance to. And we have mariachi bands "

The bartender knew English, but when I asked him a few questions he looked over at Fernando across the room. He said. "Maybe I should let my boss answer questions. I just serve the drinks '

He did let loose that they used to have horse races across the street, and now it's just dogs. – Josh Board

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday and Saturday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, jazz/dance/Top 40

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Nik Simon Band*.



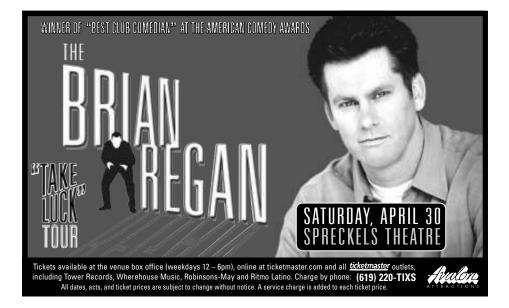






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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz/blues/R&B/standards. Sunday,

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Crown Room: Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., John Cain.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, acoustic rock. Friday, *the Bill* Magee Blues Band. Saturday, Cool Fever, blues/rock.

The Manhattan Lounge, 400 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-422-6641. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-



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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, Pale Black, classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, the Tall Dudes, rock.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Calamity Jam*, rock. Saturday, *Baywolf*, classic rock. Wednesday, *the* Sneaker Kings, classic rock/blues

The German-American **Societies,** 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

The Greek Sombrero, 12891 Highway 94, Jamul. 619-669-1979. Friday, Kemosabe, classic rock.

Monroe's Cafe, 7404 University Avenue, La Mesa. 619-464-7100. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the B-3 Four*, jazz/blues. Saturday, jazz.

Mr. Joey's Cantina, 9570 Murray Drive, La Mesa. 619-466-2912. Friday, live rock/jazz. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Los* Reves del Ritmo, Latin.

Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Coyote Moon, country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jenning turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, Southbound Johnny, country

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Your Special Island

"What d'ya call people from Guam?" asked my old friend, actor-singer-songwriter George Gerdes, in his coffeehouse performances years ago. His audience would shout out tonguetwisting wild guesses. Then George would shake his head, lean into the microphone, and whisper: "Americans!" (Some of you may remember Gerdes playing the title role in *Cobb* at the Old Globe.)

Guam is an American territory in the South Pacific, about two-thirds of the way between Hawaii and the Philippines, and whether you call its people Americans, Guamanians, or Chamorros (the natives' name for themselves), the cuisine is distinctive. The islanders have taken snippets of cookery from other cultures, added spice, and made it nice.

San Diego is home to not one but two restaurants serving authentic Guamanian fare, Islander Grill and Yokozuna's (to be reviewed later). As far as I can tell, these might be the sole Guamanian restaurants in the Western U.S. (There's a rumor of a place in Las Vegas. Beyond that, who knows?)

The largest local communities of Guamanians are in National City, Mira Mesa, and Oceanside, so the last place you'd expect to find a Chamorro barbecue would be in Hillcrest, on a condo-lined stretch of Park Boulevard. On the front patio of the Embassy Hotel, a cook bastes meats and chicken on a propane-fueled oil-drum barbecue grill. Step through the restaurant's front door, and you enter a casual enchantment — a tropical island. Pale blue wallpaper with darker splashes looks like a surfer's-eye-view of a wave from inside the tube. Bamboo fences divide the dining room, and a bamboo-and-grass "shack" covers the kitchen door. Native craft objects, posters, and a map of "Guam USA" hang on the walls. You order at the counter, then choose a table. Everything is delivered in polystyrene takeout containers, even if you're eating in the dining room.

The restaurant is owned by four courteous Chamorro cousins and cousins-in-law (some Guam-born, some U.S.-born), who take turns cooking and serving. When we arrived on a Sunday afternoon, we found 15 visiting teenage Chamorro boys at one long table (several smaller tables pushed together), all drinking



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bottled King Car iced tea and waiting for their lunch. It seemed a sign of authenticity, even if it meant a longer wait for our food. Every time the counterperson brought out one of their orders, the group would cheer. None began eating before all were served. Then they

said grace in unison and dug in. Guamanians have a unique tropical cuisine that combines lo-

cal specialties with flavors from

several nations' worth of occupiers and immigrants. You'll find dishes that originated in Spain and Mexico (corn tortillas, for instance, brought by Spanish ships sailing between Manila and Acapulco), along with tastes of the Philippines, Japan, and Hawaii — all filtered through the spicy Chamorro palate.

An appetizer of chicken empanadas was our first sampling. Unlike versions from Spain and Latin America, the three gigantic turnovers consisted of corn tortilla wraps — done up Guam-style. Thick house-made *masa* dough is turned orange with achiote (the pulverized coralcolored seeds of the annatto tree) and cooked until semicrisp. The filling is a deeper shade of orange, a spicy colloid of puréed onions and rice porridge, with cumin, hot chiles, and salt — plus cubes of soy-marinated barbecued chicken. The first bite seemed highly exotic. My partner and I weren't sure how we felt about

our new discovery. By the fifth bite, we were hooked.

We fell in love with the coconut shrimp, available as a main

course (with a complement of garnishes) or solo as a side. Either way, you get six medium tiger shrimp in an airy, coconutty batter — not tempura, but close. The red dipping sauce, speckled with hot pepper seeds, is sweet-spicy with a fruity undertone (from pineapple juice?). Shrimp patties, however, are another "acquired taste." They're fritters filled with frozen peas, corn, and carrots, and bits of shrimp. Islander's version is a little doughy and a lot salty. The frozen vegetables reflect the culinary legacy of the American military bases on the island.

My partner's daughter, married to a Navy man, spent years in both Guam and the Philip-

Islander Grill ★★★ (Very Good)

Embassy Hotel, 3645 Park Boulevard (at Cypress), 619-297-3929.

HOURS: Monday–Wednesday 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Thursday–Saturday until 9:00 p.m., Sunday until 7:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers, salads, and sides \$3–\$6. Entrées \$4–\$8. Weekday specials 3:00–5:00 p.m., \$5 for BBQ combos, other discounts.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Authentic, slightly spicy cuisine of tropical Guam, with unique appetizers, teriyaki-style barbecue. No alcohol. **PICK HITS:** Coconut shrimp, chicken *kelaguen* (citric chicken salad), BBQ chicken, pot roast and other stews.

NEED TO KNOW: Small hotel lot (free). Easy street parking daytimes, difficult evenings and holidays. Everything available for takeout.

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pines, so there's no questioning the authenticity of Islander's lumpia: It's exactly the recipe she sent home to Dad. Guam borrowed the dish from the Philippines and scarcely altered it. Rather than the elaborate concoctions made for festivals, celebrations, and office birthday parties, the restaurant serves a plainer version that Filipinos (and evidently Chamorros, too) cook at home. About the size of a Havana cigar, the deep-fried spring-roll wrappers are filled with a dense mixture of ground beef and frozen peas and carrots. The cylinders come with a red, sweet-sour-spicy dipping sauce (the flavors are simpler than in the sauce for the shrimp). Pancit (served as a side dish for \$3) is another of Guam's Filipino borrowings — a basic rendition of stir-fried cellophane noodles decorated with carrot, celery, and onion slivers, teriyaki beef bits, and a





soy-sauce dressing. (A full-out, festive version would add shrimp, chicken, bean sprouts, etc.)

Entrée salads are a natural in the tropics, and Guam's "na-tional dish" is a salad called kelaguen (pronounced KELLah-gwen), a combination of any meat, fish, or fowl, plus onions or scallions, lemon juice or vinegar, and (optional but usual) crushed red pepper. It's Guam's twist on ceviche, and on the island it's often tucked into a plain corn tortilla (not an orange-colored one) for a portable lunch. Islander Grill's kelaguen features tender white-meat chicken and lemon juice and lots of "optional" hot pepper. It's a winner.

^tIslander Combo" entrées come with a mound of refreshing cabbage salad in a light vinaigrette, plus two scoops of rice. You have a choice of white Japanese-style rice or red rice. "Red rice — that's our rice," said Lori Torres, one of the owners, who was taking her turn at the counter. Red rice is sticky, medium-short grain Calrose rice, colored orange with achiote and mixed with sautéed onions and garlic.

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Alongside, you get several little plastic containers of Guam's national sauce, called *finadene* (pronounced fin-ah-DAYnay), a mixture of soy sauce, lemon juice, scallions, and hot pepper. You'll want to mix some of that into your rice it's customary, it's tasty, and it lightens up the starch.

The numbered "combos" are barbecue platters of grilled meats. Combo #1 offers two barbecued meats and a scoop of kelaguen, Combo #2 has two meats, no kelaguen, and Combo #3 has one meat. The choice of grilled proteins includes chicken, pork ribs, sliced beef, or vertically sliced short ribs (cut in the Korean manner).

Our favorite of these meats was the barbecued chicken, tender chunks of thigh with a light soy-based glaze and a jolt of hot pepper in the marinade and/or "mopping sauce." (The barbecue dishes are "secret recipes.") The red meats taste more like teriyaki — sweeter than the Japanese versions, less sweet than the Hawaiian. Even better than the barbecue items, to my taste, are the stews. There's one called "pot roast," but don't expect anything like your mom's version (unless she's Chamorro). The menu describes it as pork "simmered in soy sauce, vinegar, onions, and garlic." That led me to ex-

pect something like Filipino adobo. Wrong again. Tender chunks of pork come in a thick, dark, sweet sauce that defies analysis; the flavors are so blended you can't take them apart. If you're in the mood for something spicy, try kadon pika, stewed chicken leg quarters. The menu description substitutes lemon juice for the pot roast's vinegar, with red pepper added — but the sauce is lighter, with a touch of coconut milk, and it's hothot-hot. Estafao manok is similar, but without the hot pepper.

Anywhere in the Pacific, a "bowl" means a bowl of rice with a topping. Here, the toppings include your choice of chicken, beef, *kelaguen*, or a generous portion of that Pacific Island favorite, Spam (to which you can add an optional egg). When it's on special, you get half a can of Spam on top for under \$4 — a good deal, if you love Spam.

There are no desserts, perhaps since most of Guam's tropical fruits can't be imported here (insects, etc.). You probably won't notice the lack, because the entrée portions are gigantic and the flavors are hot, sweet, and sharp enough to satisfy your hunger for sensation. Moreover, the bill is so low that in good conscience I should have handed over this discovery to the Tin Fork. But it's my special island — I found it first.

ABOUT GUAM AND ITS CUISINE

Nicknamed "The Gateway to Micronesia," Guam is the largest and southernmost of the Mariana Islands chain, located two-thirds of the way between Hawaii and the Philippines. The island is about three times the size of Washington, DC, with a population of approximately 166,000.

Guam (derived from a word that means "we have it") was settled between 3000 and 1500 B.C. by the Chamorros, tall and sturdy Indo-Malavan people speaking a language related to Indonesian. The odd stone constructions on Islander Grill's menu and in its decor are Latte stones, the pillars of ancient Chamorro houses, and the symbol and signature of the island. Ancient Chamorros and their possessions were customarily buried beneath them, and any vandals or archeologists who mess with these sacred stones may find themselves facing angry taotaomoa - spirits of the ancestors.

Chamorros lived by fishing and communal farming and were experts in basketry and canoe-building. (Their singlesail fishing canoe is called a proa, that favorite word of

crossword puzzle-writers.) The foodstuffs the Chamorros found on or brought to Guam included wild boar, fruit bats (a local favorite, now severely endangered), coconuts, tropical fruits (papayas, guavas, bananas, soursop, star apples, etc.), breadfruit, starchy roots similar to taro, and sweet potatoes, plus all the fish in the South Pacific. In place of an after-dinner cognac, they fermented sap from young coconut palms or chewed betel nuts (called pugua) wrapped in a pepper leaf with a little powdered lime. In South Pacific (the book, musical, and movie), the crimson stain that betel nuts impart to users' teeth and saliva gave "Bloody Mary" her nickname. (The U.S. gov-but the stuff grows on trees!)

Much of today's Guamanian cuisine derives from outside influences. In the late 17th Century, Spain conquered Guam, finding it an ideal mid-Pacific provisioning stop for its ships' travels between Manila and Mexico. The Spaniards forcibly converted the Chamorros to Catholicism, massacring thousands of them in the process. Yet the Spanish also contributed domesticated pigs, chickens, perhaps rice, and (from its Mexican possessions) corn, hot peppers, and possibly

achiote. As a consequence of the Spanish-American War, the island was ceded to the United States (which behaved more gently). During World War II, the Japanese seized the island; a brutal occupation included concentration camps and beheadings. The U.S. regained Guam via an aerial bombardment that destroyed the capital city of Agana (now Hagåtña, following Chamorro dialect) and killed thousands of Chamorros as well as Japanese. Currently, only about 40 percent of Guam's population is Chamorro or part Chamorro. Immigrants and their descendants from Japan, the Philippines, Hawaii, and mainland America fill out most of the remainder of the population. All have contributed to the Guamanian cooking pot.

Still, Guam has maintained its Chamorro roots — perhaps because the islanders had a secret. The peaceful, communal Chamorro culture was matrilineal and matriarchal, with its folkways and culture passed on through the female line. None of Guam's occupiers realized the crucial role of women in maintaining the island's way of life and thought. By now, American influence may have eroded the special position of women - but at least both sexes still share the cooking!



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Hello, Rangoon

"Three days, celebrating the arrival of the monsoon." People throw water at each other. It's silly but fun."

'm collecting hellos," I say.

"Ah," Michelle says. "So you want to know 'hello' in Burmese?" "Exactly," I say.

She writes, slowly and carefully. Min ga lar bar.

"There," she says, pushing the piece of paper over to me.

'Hello' in Burmese." Wow. First I thought this place was Hawaiian — "Little Hawaii," who wouldn't? Then it turns out it's Japanese. Now it turns out the owners are Burmese.

I've happened on this cute restaurant down by the main post office. Well, not totally happened. "That corner's changed again," my friend Charles, who lives downtown, told me the other day. He was talking about Ninth and E, kittycorner from the central library. This evening, I headed past a bunch of drunks arguing and laughing outside the closed doors of the main post office, then crossed Ninth to a lit-up corner entrance on the southeast side of the intersection.

Lord. Hank and I have been here before back when it was Bombay Indian, then when it was Cuban, and most recently when it was Stan's "Be Back" B.B.Q. Those folks made good ribs. Pity. But, hey, The King Is Dead, Long Live the King. The fresh banners read, "Little Hawaii. Sushi, rice bowl, B.B.Q."

Hmm, so I'm thinking maybe there's some



good Hawaiian chicken lau lau or Kahlúa pork to be had. I sidle in through the narrow entrance, along a row of paper lanterns. This willowy gal stands waiting behind the cash register at the bamboo counter. Lisa. I look up at the wall menu, and — erk! It's all Japanese dishes.

Full Moon Combo — teriyaki chicken, teriyaki salmon, and softshell crab, \$7.99, yellowtail roll, \$5.99, anago (sea eel) hand roll, \$1.70. That sort of thing. Couple of guys sit at one of the three inside tables, leaning over plates of rice and chicken — looks like chicken

teriyaki to me. Another lady sits alone at a bare table. Nancy. "You've come to the right place," she says. "I live in the next block. Visit twice a day, once to eat, and once to talk to Michelle. She's a darlin'.'

This is when Michelle comes out from the kitchen and we get into the "hello" conversation. Turns out she and her husband Victor, who cooks, are the owners. And yes, they're from Burma, Myanmar, where that incredibly brave democracy-fighter Aung San Suu Kyi is still under house arrest, even after getting a Nobel Peace Prize. Michelle was getting in trouble herself, demonstrating for democracy in Rangoon. That's one reason she left, came here. The other was to study microbiology at UCSD.

Dang. Here she is learning the hard stuff and working seven days a week. I feel like such a slacker.

But why cook Japanese? "Because in Bend, Oregon, where we lived first, there was no Japanese sushi place in town. I hired a professional sushi chef to teach me Japanese cooking. He was very good. And business was very good. Except I couldn't stand the cold and snow.

So why call this "Little Hawaii"? "Because I love Hawaii. It gives good feelings, even though we're not cooking Hawaiian."

She goes back to the kitchen, and I get in line for Lisa. "Don't have a lot of cash," I say up front. Then I see they have one Hawaiian thing here, after all: coconuts, for \$1.50. So I order one to buy time while I defrag my brain cells.

Lisa brings it to me with the top chopped off, a big bendable straw, a little green-and-orange umbrella stuck in the top, and a long spoon to scoop flesh. Mmm. Beautiful vanillery coconut milk. Buck-fifty. With the flesh, you've got a meal right there. Make a mental note to come back with Hank, just for one of these.

"We have the teriyaki chicken bowl," Lisa suggests, kindly. Must be the sad-sack look I'm giving her. "That's \$2.50. With salad and rice it's \$3.99. Or California roll's \$3.99, but \$1.99 'to go.' " She drops her voice, says confidentially, "You could have it here, same price."

I see most of the roll dishes are 6, 7 bucks, up to 15. I think Lisa's just made me an offer I can't

The Place: Little Hawaii, 901 E Street, downtown, 619-595-1785 Type of Food: Japanese

Prices: Full Moon Combo — teriyaki chicken, teriyaki salmon, and soft-shell crab, \$7.99, yellowtail roll, \$5.99; anago (sea eel) hand roll, \$1.70; teriyaki chicken bowl, \$2.50, with salad and rice, \$3.99; California roll, \$3.99, or (special "to go" price), \$1.99; Palm Tree Deluxe (with soup, salad, rice), chicken teriyaki, shrimp and vegetable tempura, California rolls, \$8.95; salmon teriyaki, with shrimp and vegetable tempura (same sides), \$8.50; beef terivaki bowl, \$6.00

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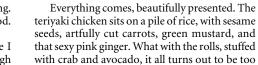
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much. An incredible value. What are their chances of making it in this location? Michelle says she found this place advertised on the Internet and decided to try because it's close to the main post office and the library. "And so far, it's been good. We're breaking even, after two months.

refuse. I go for the \$2.50 chicken bowl and the

eight-piece California roll. I'm out, what?

Awesome. I ask her what she misses most about Myanmar.

"The water festival in April," she says. "Three days, celebrating the arrival of the monsoon. People throw water at each other. It's silly but fun." Oops. Time to go.

"Are you collecting 'goodbyes' too?" Michelle says. "You betcha."

She grabs a pen and starts writing, carefully. "Pyin ba ohne mei."

"Well, let's just call it au revoir for now," I say. "'Cause I'm definitely coming back to drink more coconut."

Hours: 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday; 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m., Sunday





Easy Love

"They were very nice people. My only problem was" getting the funding to buy wine. They constantly cut my budget."

y friend Kenny visited Australia recently, and he tells me that the really good Australian wine - with the exception of luxe stuff like Penfolds Grange - never leaves the continent. Before Julian Velovan de-

fected from Romania in the '70s, he had a similar experience - only there, the really good Romanian wines never even hit the Romanian market. "They all went to the Communist officials," he says.

Defection took him from Turkey to Rome to New York to San Diego. In 1982, he began

working as the maître d' for the Fountainbleu Room at the Westgate Hotel downtown. "There was no Horton Plaza, there was no Gaslamp. The Fountainbleu was one of the top restaurants in town. All my waiters were in tails and white gloves." He began to learn about wine. When, in 1987, he took a job at the Ritz-Carlton in Laguna Niguel, working with master sommelier Emmanuel Kemiji, he learned a great deal more. "We used to go to my house with a bunch of waiters after their shifts, in the middle of the night — and do blind tastings." And then Velovan headed to Vegas to open Fiore, a restaurant in the Rio Hotel, which he says quickly became the top new restaurant in Las Vegas. There, he worked with master sommelier Steven Geddes, who went on



to create the 5000-bottle list and Wine Tower at Mandalay Bay. "The Rio had a history of sending people to New York, to the big auction houses, and buying millions of dollars' worth of wine." By 1999 Velovan had come back to San Diego

and was running the floor at the U.S. Grant. "I saw an ad in the paper for the Wine Lover," the . Hillcrest wine bar that had recently replaced the less upscale Rainbow Room. "It was a little extra money for me, two shifts a week. Then, I kind of fell in love with the concept. I don't have a sommelier's

schooling, but I have a more precious background: working with people, knowing how to figure out what they want. It's not like a restaurant, where the wine might just be sauce for the food. Here, the glass they are choosing really makes their evening.' Over the next year and a half, the other four employees either left or were let go, and Velovan eventually took over running the place.

The Wine Lover was easy to love. Because relatively few customers could fit into the small space, and because there were only two employees, tops, on the premises, the bar chose to make the prices high and the wines fine. "If you have lower prices, you maybe get a more massive amount of people — like Wine Steals, maybe. But then you need more employees." Two servers and a premium list

kept things intimate, luxurious, and profitable. Velovan was sometimes frustrated at the owners' concentration on California, but he made the place hum for three years.

The September 11 attacks damaged business, as it did throughout the wine and food industry. What was perhaps a little more unusual was that the Wine Lover was slow to recover - in part, says Velovan, because of the owners' policies. "They were very nice people - classy, elegant people. My only problem was getting the funding to buy wine. They

constantly cut my budget." Wine in inventory was money out of their account, money that they needed for other businesses. The Wine Lover was not their main business."

His ticket out came when "some very dear customers of mine looked at the place and liked what they saw. They were high-end wine drinkers. They liked the concept, and they liked me personally. They said, 'Let's open up something with a larger magnitude." That was the starting point for the Wine Encounter, the shop where Velovan now works as manager. Looking at the temperaturecontrolled wine cellar, with its candy-store presentation of bottles tilted up toward the windows, it's clear that Velovan got his inventory. Looking at the list, it's clear that he got his magnitude and international range. "Right now, at 160 wines by the glass, I probably have a hundred more than I ever had at the Wine Lover." Possibly more than anywhere else in San Diego.

The Wine Encounter is part of the same University Avenue strip mall that houses Uncle Biff's California Cookies — barely a block away from



Iulian Velovan

the wine bar/cocktail lounge Crush, two and a half blocks from the Wine Lover, and not much farther from Wine Steals. Plus, Amarin Thai restaurant on Richmond now features a nextdoor wine bar. All five serve wines by the glass, all but Crush sell wines retail. "We toyed with downtown, La Jolla, Little Italy, and Del Mar," says Velovan. "I decided to wait until something opened up in Hillcrest for several reasons. One, Hillcrest is emerging as a very fine area for dining. Two, it's easier to park here. There are 80 parking spaces in front, and at night we are virtually the only ones open until one in the morning. What I discovered at the Wine Lover is that people will not hesitate to come in and spend 10 or 20 dollars for a glass of wine, but to put a car in a parking structure for three or four dollars bothers them. People do not want to pay for certain things. Three, when I worked at the Wine Lover, I developed a very good relationship with the gay community. They call me the gayest straight guy in Hillcrest. Every month, we have a gay club that meets here - the Back Room





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Wine Club. They're all highend people with a passion for wine who just happen to be gay."

Generalizing for a moment: The Wine Lover has the highend wines and the fancy crystal glasses. Wine Steals has the great bargain wines. Crush has the hip decor and the cocktails. Amarin has the restaurant and the exotic vibe. "What we try to do is capture a little bit of the market from everywhere," savs Velovan. Our house wines are \$4 a glass, which is less than I spend going to Red Lobster or Olive Garden. It's five ounces, and it's in a crystal glass. Or, people can spend \$100 for a glass of Chateau d'Yquem." The range in price is matched by the range in geography. All the usual suspects make appearances, but so do wines from Lebanon, Hungary, Israel, Mexico, Greece, and Velovan's Romania. Nine bucks will get you a glass of Boutari Moschofilero, still characteristically Greek but not brash about it. The cheese list is similarly far-flung - Argentina to Cyprus to Finland to Ireland to Spain to Switzerland, \$5 a slice. Your \$5 will also procure an appetizer such as smoked duck breast, pâté, salamis, olives, or smoked salmon. Cold suppers run \$9.75, and desserts are, again,

For a clubby, in-crowd feel, one wall is lined with singlecase lockers - cherry wood with wire mesh windows, so that the treasures within are visible. The lockers aren't designed for long-term storage; they're here as a perk to the bar's best customers. Nameplates adorn the doors: the Godfather, Los Amigos, the Nice Lady, Kiki. Only a few remain empty. "They can say to their friends, 'Come see my locker; my name is on the door,'" explains Velovan. "Already there is a kind of Cheers atmosphere."

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NORTH COASTAL

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types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées - most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres* leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-re-stricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — N.W.~(5/04)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the au-thentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons of puffed relleno batter. The fresh, inter esting seafood entrées outshine the rel-atively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. - N.W. (5/02)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian ginger-bread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-toorder omelets, seafood creations, mi-mosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) Af-ter dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337 This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her double chocolate cake rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven ev-ery morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. - E.B. (5/03)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encini tas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)* Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Ocean-

760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy

Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado Burger' on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetu-ally packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal lo-cal produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab panna cotta, a lush bourride seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attrac-tive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday

breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. ----N.W. (3/02)

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fish-ermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). - N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific vard (south of Mira Mesa Heights Boul Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Al-ways crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent twofor-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, sea-weed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Cir-cle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Cali-fornians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of

whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompa-nying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. – *N.W. (5/01)*

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, kung pao ma la, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's

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GOLD COAST

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858–481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Aesop's Tables Greek Cafe 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros are the thing here, since 1975. The meat's prepared outside to Aesop's recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize tzas with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices American-style? A true-blue (and white) Greek choice is the meze appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled egg-plant ("melitzanasalata"), tabbouleh, marinated mushrooms, artichokes, broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it'll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo entrée is good also, with nice thick *tzatziki* (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces. Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and arni souvlaki (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, including Xinomavro Merlot. But to really get the spirit, order *saganaki*, sautéed Kasseri cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo, Go ahead, try an "Opah!" or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday; Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/04)

Cuvee 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal if rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine, designed to accompany an interesting and very affordable wine list. All bottles on the regular list are under \$25 and available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley be-



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hind La Jolla branch. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's housemade Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's hus-

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SINCE

HAPPY HOUR 4-7 PM MON.-FRI. band) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W.* (*11/00*)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Iolla. 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the nicoise salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (12/99) Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry—those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Per-

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sians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may

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be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — EB. (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilal* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in madeto-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. -N.W. (9/02)

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here - the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly spe-cials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not alwavs honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W. (6/02)

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Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-thebook Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaï*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're



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Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (*8/03*)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "crulty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie. "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfasts Sturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come



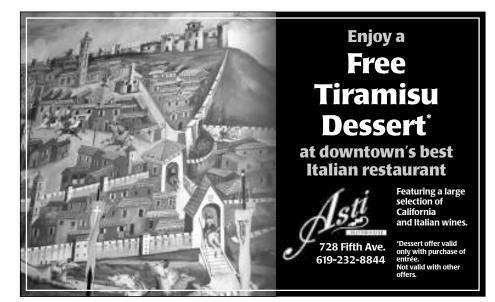


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easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, *toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the ama-ebi, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play - amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. - N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida:* "Return to

life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is carnitas - pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tight-wad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open un-til midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. -E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue - look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the kibbeh neveh, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. - $E\dot{B}$ (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when threeor four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: pho, the famous, filling

soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/01)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mush-rooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to

country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh ves, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

B's Caion Coffee Company 330 North Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, 619-588-6376. Ethiopia, not Seattle, is where coffee was born. Yet B, an Ethiopian immigrant (her real name's Bezuwork), couldn't compete when a Starbucks opened a block away. She had to expand into food. B's Plate, chock full of injera (honeycombed Ethiopian fermented bread), *siga wat* (beef stew), cab-bage, and *ayib* (a kind of cottage cheese) is interesting, filling, and a great value. Same with her western dishes like chicken cacciatore with noodles. But basically you go to B's for company. Clubby is what it is, and B makes it so. If you're lucky, when you leave, she'll even give you a hug. Open six days, breakfast through dinner; Sundays until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Center Drive), Santee, Town 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trim-mings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Marvland Street), La Mesa 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents - Italian, Mexican Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various searood sandwicnes, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, black-ened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fish-eschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps - too much salt in the blackening, a hol-landaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat - cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Mary-land-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooev-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restau rant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate A.M. (5/01)

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more

so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Monday dinner only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant

3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Man-darin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from rov ing carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W. (9/99)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cac-ahuate* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious pelangoches, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec huarache (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. In-expensive. — E.B. (9/04)

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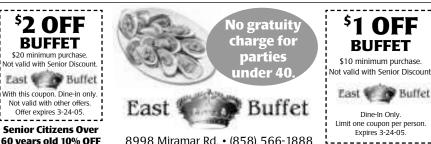
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Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent nese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mus-tard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speak-ing, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast - it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think Grapes of Wrath, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on week-ends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by



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the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednes day, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytimebreakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a moun tain of hot cakes, or the famous mush-room-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff

a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. A.M. (4/01)

Cafe On Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC in-dustrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oys-ters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustardcrusted Oregon catfish. On the down-side, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. N.W. (10/02)

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation man-ages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and

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Liaison 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), uptown, 619-234-5540. Step inside the door of Liaison and you feel you've been transported to Alsace-Lorraine. The romantic French restaurant offers à la carte items, but the reasonable prix fixe menu, including a decent bottle of wine, is the best choice. You'll find generous meal portions and above-average cooking. The roast duckling with blueberries shines. Service is exceptional and both the patio and dining room are inviting. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate. — S.M. (5/04)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian **Restaurant** 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007.

Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavorbomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish ke-bab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular pa-trons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend din-ners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Coowner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving ven-turesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room



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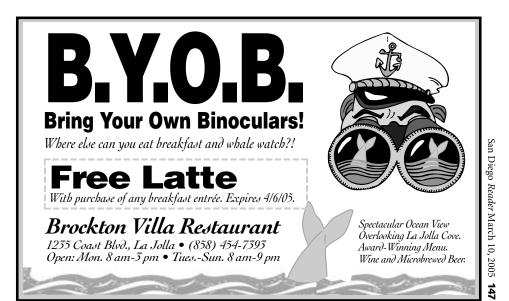
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DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy white table cloths, linen napkins - but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Satur-day. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans,

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Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And ves they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conven-tioneers. The choices are more Dudefriendly - that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on week ends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. -

N.W. (1/04) Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island). Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "graz-ing" can be moderate. — *N.W.* (10/04) Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbon Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-cen-tered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-

of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood,

grilled steaks, pastas (most with shell-fish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plas tic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through din-ner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *put*tanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free park ing lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (12/02)

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1409 C Street (at 14th), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are pop-ping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or vrap, and the Drone Chicken or Bee Sting (spicy Cajun grilled mahi mahi). Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner; Saturday and Sun-day dinner only. Bar closes at 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — É.B. (9/04)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave nue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations - seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four

Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/03)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of feijoada, the national dish - slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how of-ten you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes: the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations (or wheelchairs) ommended for dining room. Moderate. -N.W.(2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green car-pets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light

breakfasts, and lunches are down there vith the best Market Street liquor-del The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Fri day cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated pep pers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious egg-plant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pump-kin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green ap-ple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155 For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying main-

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stream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1:00 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu - a hole in the ground - it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the haupia cake — it may cause serious ad-diction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung* pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01) Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up cervezas, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own lumpia, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and din-nertime doubleburgers fit right into this











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Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gar-gantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. - N.W. (3/01)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cien Anos Calle José Maria Velazco Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexi-can ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive

flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, po-zole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

El Rodeo Blvd. Salinas #1647, Tijuana 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid - even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. Vaauero decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take Rev olución until it bends to the left to be come Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — E.W.

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and

Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late

breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B.* (3/05)Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the orig-inal "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and antojitos, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Vi-agra," which features reputedly aphro-

disiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, fri-joles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and espe-cially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (9/98)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca Di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 West-view Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. Family style, Southern Italian cooking in huge dining rooms with ditzy decor Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud am-biance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. E.W. (6/00)

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City. Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tor-tillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro hot peppers. But stick with the chicks - the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell, Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry.

Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard) Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and airlight drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)



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Afterthoughts

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Ninety-nine out of a hundred other Hollywood directors would have done the same thing.

aybe it's mean of me, but I was pleased that Martin Scorsese failed, for the fifth time in five tries, to get his coveted Academy Award. If they gave out statuettes for Best Overdirector, he

should have a shelfful. The outcome on Oscar night was particularly pleasing — in what was touted as the hard-

Sea Inside in the foreign-film category, of rabid Academy support for the cause of euthanasia. ΕW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

est-to-handicap race of the evening, and one which afforded a clear alternative to Scorsese and his methods in that the award went instead to Clint Eastwood, his second. I dimly remember saying at the time of his win for Unforgiven, twelve years ago, and I could certainly be saying it again now, that it seems almost unfair, unjust, unnatural, that Eastwood is able, while not being in the least esoteric or elitist, to make exactly the kind of movie he wants to make, in exactly the way he wants to make it, without kowtowing in any fashion to popular taste, and without (so I'm told) test-screening it for a kibitzing crowd of commonersand yet also to receive an Academy Award for it! Unforgiven was simply not the "type" of movie that collects

Scorsese on the other hand, in his increasingly obsessive pursuit of Oscar, has been turning himself wrong side out, attempting desperately to impress

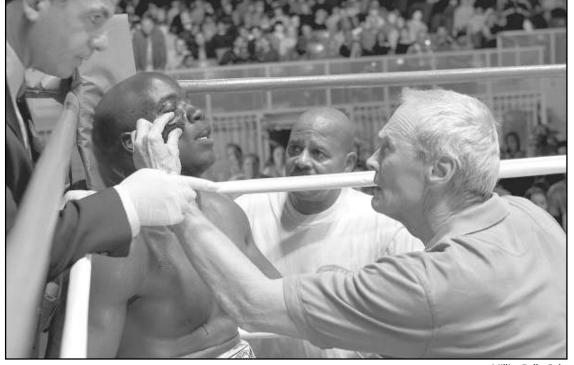
an Oscar. Nor is Million Dollar Baby,

notwithstanding any impression, in

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other people, making outsized Prestige Pictures of the "type" that tradition-ally woo and win Oscars: *The Age of* Innocence, Casino, Kundun, Gangs of New York, and now The Aviator, with its added lure of holding up a mirror to narcissistic Hollywood. He, in short, has sold his soul. In that sense, he probably "deserves" an Oscar, but I personally will be content if he has to settle for one of those lifetime-achievement, career-contribution deals that Sidney Lumet, this year, had to settle for. And frankly, in my view Scorsese still has a ways to go to match the résumé of Lumet.

In all the anguished reasoning of the handicappers (Clint had already won one, Marty was overdue, etc.), I



never heard any whisper of the possibility that a nod to Million Dollar Baby would serve as a sort of make-up (a standard line in handicappers' reasoning) for the bypassing last year of Eastwood's Mystic River, when it, and he, lost out to Peter Jackson and The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, really a collective award to three movies in one, an award to monumentalism, an award to money, a "typical" award. I like to think, all the same, that some kind of recompense may have factored into the vote. Mystic River must be one of the very best movies ever to be nominated for Best Picture in the entire seventy-seven years of Oscars. Million Dollar Baby, good as it is, isn't that good.

Speaking of recompense: the sus-

Million Dollar Baby

pense of Oscar night, for me, was doubtless diminished by my dragging in from the airport after the finish of the show and having to watch it later that night on videotape, fast-forwarding through commercials, Beyoncé, and acceptance speeches by sound technicians and such. But I was amply compensated for this by having been in Wichita, Kansas, on a family er-



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rand, the very day of BTK's arrest and only one day after I had taken a tour of all the known murder sites. There cannot have been a better day in all of recorded history to be caught alive in Wichita.

Determined at all costs to avoid a repeat of last year, when I saw only one new movie more than once, I herewith disclose that I prodded myself to go back for a second look at Million Dollar Baby. I cannot say I got much more out of it, although it did mean more to me when Eastwood mutters to himself, and to no one else, the words "Mo Cuishle," a short while before he spells these out on the back of his fighter's new silk robe. Even the first time through, however, it struck me as inconceivable in this day and age, even in as marginal a sport as women's boxing, that a fighter could ascend all the way to a title bout without some enterprising journalist digging up the meaning of those words, and spoiling the lovely moment when Eastwood finally reveals it.

As accomplished and polished a director as he is, or has become, Eastwood still is not the most distinctive visual stylist - not a Hitchcock, not a Welles, not even a Scorsese — and Million Dollar Baby is more toned down, more levelled off, more straightened up than usual: his customary diagonals, more precisely, are a bit closer to parallels and perpendiculars. This filmmaker lacks, all through his output, what we might call a theoretical base, or what we might otherwise call intellectual pretensions. If he thus never quite inspires my complete confidence, he all the more inspires my admiration. Every step is a potential misstep; he proceeds on instinct, not on doctrine. An example of a lapse, rare though it may be, would be his switch into slow-motion at the turning point in the title fight. That's not the stamp of a master. Ninety-nine out of a hundred other Hollywood directors would have done the same thing, the conventional thing, the trite thing, although admittedly those other ninety-nine directors, Scorsese included, would have been switching into slow-motion in the earlier fights as well. And while I have my quibbles with the dreamlike ease and convenience of the final scene at the hospital, I am compelled to point out that the Eastwood character's vanishment into oblivion - into the mists of guesswork and rumor - carries powerful reverberations of the ending in Unforgiven. I ought to have pointed it out in my initial review.

I also went back for a second look, albeit after an interval of twelve years, to the first Wong Kar-wai film I had ever seen, Days of Being Wild, retrieved from the vaults for national circulation now that Wong commands a following. I will save myself some effort if I reprint in full my remarks from May of 1993 after seeing it in a previous incarnation of the San Diego International Film Festival:

"I thought I had run up against the Real Deal last week in the UCSD International Style series The movie was entitled Days of Being Wild, the second effort by Hong Kong filmmaker Wong Kar-wai and featuring some of the same big box-office names (Andy Lau, Tony Leung, Maggie Cheung) featured in the recent Festival Hong Kong at the Ken. [Where, you might have guessed, Days of Being Wild has been booked for the coming week, starting Friday.]

"It paints a portrait of an indolent, amoral, apathetic lady-killer and his poisonous milieu (ca. 1960), all lacquered over with a scummy green monochrome. (I generally don't like monochromes, but I have seen a lot of reds, browns, yellows, and blues, not a lot of greens.) Wong's camera is both very close and very mobile: overfamiliar, nosy, nuzzling, liberty-taking. And although the focus tends to be extremely shallow, the impression is of great precision (e.g., only the keys in clear, not the hand that holds them). Every now and then the camera removes itself to a startling high angle or low angle, as if to break free and regain some perspective. There are brief bits of voice-over narration from varying characters: another startling way to shift the perspective. And everything is uniformly, seamlessly cinematic: the incidental detail, the ambient sound, the kinetic cutting, the musical counterpoint. All of it proclaims an assured and audacious stylist. I had not been so pleased to be introduced to a new moviemaker since I made the acqaintance of Hou Hsiao-hsien.

"And then suddenly it all went to pieces: abruptness, choppiness, sensationalism, incoherence. (A different man entirely was credited as Action Director, so maybe it was out of Wong's hands.) The total experience left me confused and frustrated, but the threequarter or four-fifth experience was marvelous while it lasted. And now I have a new name to remember."

On rereading, or anyhow retyping, this, it all sounds reasonably accurate, except that (a) Tony Leung is actually Leslie Cheung, though not the Leslie Cheung who was in Wong's In the *Mood for Love*; (b) the going-to-pieces fraction is somewhat smaller than I estimated, more like one-sixth; and (c) I would appear to have made too much of the green monochrome. I have two possible explanations for that. One is that there could have been something a bit off about the print at UCSD. The other, and more probable, is that the color may have been tinkered with, readjusted, "corrected," for the film's reissue. (The color now looks a little soft, a little powdery.) Of course I know better than to trust my own memory, yet I must trust what I wrote when the memory was new. Be that as it may, I think I am permitted to pat myself on the back for my quick recognition of a true talent. Five films later, I don't place Wong on the same level with Hou, but I put him within hollering distance.

Today, the Tenth, signals the kickoff at Hazard Center of the eleven-day San Diego Latino Film Festival, which currently I think of as our most festive film festival, celebrating Hispanic language, culture, community, and thereby lightening some of the burden on the films themselves to celebrate cinema. With those, you're on your own. (Go to www.sdlatinofilm.com.) I did look at the first few minutes of half a dozen screeners, plenty of time to reassure myself that the best place to see movies is in a theater. The Brazilian film, The Man Who Copied, which I stayed with for a good fifteen minutes, looked especially promising. This year's festival continues last year's innovation of a Guest Director, replacing Arturo Ripstein with Luis Mandoki, whose credentials as a Latino filmmaker, outside of his Mexican origins, are less convincing: Trapped, Angel Eyes, Message in a Bottle, When a Man Loves a Woman, et al. He will be represented in the festival, however, by

an authentic Spanish-language feature, Voces Inocentes, or Innocent Voices, on the Salvadoran civil war of the mid-Eighties; and he also, like Ripstein, has been invited to curate three films of personal importance to him. Although The Battle of Algiers was recirculated just this past year, it will be good to have Masaki Kobayashi's The Human Condition: No Greater Love (Part One of a massive anti-war trilogy) and Luchino Visconti's Rocco and His Brothers back on a big screen. As usual, if thankfully a little less than usual, the festival will overlap with the NCAA basketball tournament, a/k/a The Big Dance, presenting the always tough choice between art and life.

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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

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(the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, Hell's Angels; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in The Outlaw, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well - if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda 2004

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 firstperson 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. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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)

Be Cool — Forced, flat follow-up to *Get Shorty*, crudely directed by F. Gary Gray and coarsely photographed by Jeffrey L. Kimball, moving its base of operations from the film industry to the music business. John Travolta and Uma Thurman dance an encore to their number in *Pulp Fiction*. The Rock, stretching himself, playing a fullBecause of Winn-Dixie

blooded black man rather than a half-andhalf as in *Walking Tall*, tries to have some fun as a homosexual bodyguard and wouldbe actor; and Vince Vaughn tries to do likewise as a talent agent and would-be African-American. None of this spirit is contagious, though some of it is noxious. Based on the novel by Elmore Leonard; with Christina Milian, Cedric the Entertainer, Harvey Keitel, and, as himself, Steven Tyler of Aerosmith. 2005.

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Being Julia — Annette Bening takes to the role of an aging diva of the London stage, ca. 1938, like a starving lioness to a raw steak. Her range of expression is most impressive (whether suffering the attentions of a young admirer in an elevator or rising to the challenge of an ingenue on the stage), and the role by its very nature will excuse any excess. The backstage antics of amorous alliances and betrayals do not amount to much: a platform, merely. Based on the Somerset Maugham novella, Theatre. With Jeremy Irons, Shaun Evans, Lucy Punch, Bruce Greenwood, Juliet Stevenson, Maury Chaykin, Michael Gambon; written by Ronald Harwood; directed by Istvan Szabo 2004.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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, THROUGH 3/10: LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/11)

Bride and Prejudice — A Jane Austenpattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric

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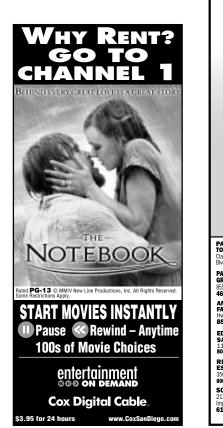
Search by star rating, year of release, or title. of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, filmmaker Gurinder Chadha (Bhaji on the Beach, Bend It Like Beckham) aggressively pushes the third word into the realm of race relations, as an Ugly American hotel king, retaining the family name of Darcy, and idly looking to acquire a property in what he views as "Hicksville, India," butts heads with a marriageable but modern-minded native ("I thought we got rid of imperialists like you"), quite impervious to the advice of her conventional mother: "Don't say anything too intelligent." (It is still a fairy tale, for all that, a long way shy of a Kipling-pattern miscegenation tale along the lines of Without Benefit of Clergy or Beyond the Pale.) The American, played or merely represented by the callow, wooden, 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-and-dance number of the four unmarried sisters in their pj's, "No Life without Wife," is the tipsy highpoint, though there are long dry spells during which you can almost forget that the movie is a musical. 2005. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 3/11; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 3/11; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12, FROM 3/11)

Constantine — Soporific

supernaturalism, notwithstanding some startling special effects, with Keanu Reeves as a cool-dude demonologist in a long coat, doomed to Hell for a momentarily successful suicide attempt, and ticketed to an early grave, even now, for a pack-a-day smoking habit. Tilda Swinton, of all people, is cast as the angel Gabriel, and seems to take the job seriously; Peter Stormare is Lucifer, and seems not to. With Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Francis Lawrence. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;





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Days of Being Wild — Reviewed this issue. With Leslie Cheung, Maggie Cheung,

Andy Lau, and Carina Lau; directed Wong Kar-wai. ★★★ (KEN, 3/11 THROUGH 17)

Diary of a Mad Black Woman — 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled The Man Who Was Peter Pan, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of Peter Pan from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise - with the boys: "There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, and why!") The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie's stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright's prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (Treasure Island) and W.S. Gilbert (The Pirates of Penzance), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp





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summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA: POWAY 10)

Gunner Palace — That's the name the occupying army has bestowed on the weekend party palace" of Saddam's son, Uday, complete with swimming pool, fishing pond, putting green, and bomb damage. Documentarian Michael Tucker, narrating the action in the ominous amplified murmur of Martin Sheen in Apocalypse Now, lived there for two months in late 2003 and early 2004, sharing a room with ten American soldiers, going along on nocturnal raids, interviewing troops, recording the impromptu rap numbers of African-American ones, etc. Viewers hungry for an up-close look at the mop-up operations in Baghdad, and at the people commissioned to carry them out, will likely be willing to put up with the miserable video image. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/11)

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.

• (GASLAMP 15; 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. 2005.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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Hostage — Action thriller starring Bruce Willis and directed by Florent Emilio Siri. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14; FROM 3/11)

Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between The Killing Fields and Schindler's List, it mercilessly plays the shame game ("Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them the French, the English, the Americans"), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed by Terry George. 2004. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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 eye-level. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

The Jacket — Time-travel contrivance, at least as convoluted as it is clever: a Gulf War vet, subjected to crackpot experiments in a mental hospital, bodily visits the future, accidentally bumps into a big girl whom he had once bumped into as a little girl, learns of his earlier death, endeavors to avert it. The mad doctor speaks for the majority of moviegoers: "I don't understand." Keira Knightley, in the part of the big girl, sporting darkened hair and an American accent, might as well be Winona Ryder. With Adrien Brody, Kris Kristofferson, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Daniel Craig, Kelly Lynch; directed by John Maybury, 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; 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 SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Lost Embrace — Identity quest of a fatherless young Argentinian Jew who helps out in his mother's lingerie shop in a Buenos Aires mall. The quest itself isn't terrifically interesting, but the style — shaky, shallow telephoto shots, short zooms — is actively irritating. With Daniel Hendler, Adriana Aizemberg, Silvina Bosco, Sergio Boris; directed by Daniel Burman. 2004. • (LA JOLLA VILLAGE. THROUGH 3/10)

Man of the House — Preprogrammed comedy of a stiff-necked Texas Ranger charged with safeguarding five witnesses to homicide, a Texas Longhorns cheerleading squad. (He confiscates their cellphones, implements a dress code, shops for Tampax, gets advice on dating, grooming, and relating to his daughter.) Tommy Lee Jones, displaying a murderous deadpan, would be the right man for the job if the job were worth doing. The cheerleaders — a budding Brittany Murphy, a budding Angelina Jolie, a budding Gabrielle Union, and so on — are blanks. With Anne Archer, Cedric the Entertainer, Brian Van Holt, and R. Lee Ermey; directed by Stephen Herek. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: GROSSMONT CENTER: HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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-tobe — are just riding the coat-tails of Ben Stiller, happy to prolong their careers and to pretend they are partly responsible for a financial windfall that would have been infinitesimally smaller with Ron Leibman and Lainie Kazan in the parts. To do so, they have only to swallow their pride, if any, at such moments as when the preserved snipping from baby's circumcision gets catapulted into the fondue pot (Hoffman has been entrusted with the compulsory punch line: "Anyone for Chinese?") or when playing second banana to an undersized and oversexed pooch who will hump a foot, a cat, a doll, anything. As if all this were not demeaning enough, the two newcomers are introduced on screen via answering machine. De Niro, by comparison, comes off as almost dignified. Everything's relative. With Blythe Danner, Teri Polo, Owen Wilson; directed by Jay Roach. 2004. • (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Million Dollar Baby — It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of *Mystic River*, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of *Blood Work*, *Space Cowboys*, *True Crime*, *Absolute Power*. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fightfilm conventions, smooth and steady, barely



shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character — a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager, and cut man — taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a latestarter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as Mystic River, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional Mystic River, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense - the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman. 2004. ★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA VILLAGE: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes

Ong-Bak: The Thai Warrior — Tacky Thai martial-arts adventure about a backwater Buddha's head severed and stolen by Bangkok bad guys, and about the acrobatic rube who answers the call: "If we can't recover Ong-Bak's head, our village is doomed." (Ong-Bak and the Thai warrior, clearly, are separate entities.) The filnmaking style places a heavy emphasis on instant replays, and the martial-arts style which seems to be known as Muay Thai places a heavy emphasis on elbows, especially the elbow brought down on the crown of the head like a poleax. Tony Jaa, the would-be next Jackie Chan, has a lot of moves, but no movie around them. Directed by Prachya Pinkaew. 2005. (GASLAMP 15)

The Pacifier — Vin Diesel tries his hand at family comedy, directed by Adam Shankman.

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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)

The Passion of the Christ — A work of devotion, and a big gamble, for Mel Gibson, financed out of his own pocket, boasting no big-name stars (Jim Caviezel and Monica Bellucci, the biggest), not to mention English subtitles for ancient languages, graphic gore, and a firestorm of pre-release publicity on its latent anti-Semitism. A version of this story that would bear down on the bodily punishment absorbed during Christ's last day on Earth was probably, in the fullness of time, inevitable. And it's a short step from saying that such a version was inevitable to saying that it's a



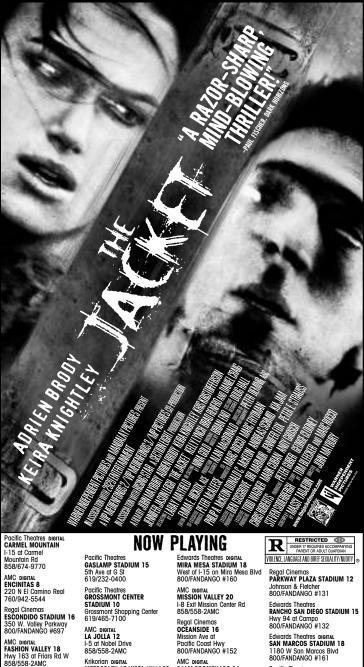
particularly appropriate one for its time: a Passion, if you will, for the new millennium. More specifically, bereft of the spiritual and obsessed with the physical. In the end, there's really very little to it, apart from duration: the arrest in Gethsemane (with such excessive force as to leave Jesus at the outset looking like Rocky Balboa after a fifteen-rounder); the kangaroo court; the interminable public torture (Mel's martyrdom in Braveheart was but an appetizer); the marathon uphill climb to Calvary; the spikes in the hands and feet and the spear in the side; and scarcely more than ten seconds for the rolling-away of the stone and the restoration of the body for the ascent to Paradise. A major contributor to the aforesaid duration - two hours plus is the willy-nilly use of slow-motion, always a handy access to dramatic emphasis for a filmmaker too lazy or inept to achieve it by honest means such as pacing and camera placement. And please don't bother to voice any misgivings over the suitability of so voguish a device in so classical a setting: that just goes along with the ultra-violence to identify the film as of its time. 2004. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SOUARE 14: FROM 3/11)

Ray — Truncated and time-scrambled biography of singer Ray Charles, with a lot

of back and forth between his childhood in rural Florida and his manhood circa 1948-65, to ensure that Jamie Foxx will never be absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There's a nice scene of the newly blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been more of that sort of thing. At two and a half hours, the movie taxes our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine reenactments 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)

Robots — Computer-animated kiddie science fiction, with the voices of Ewan

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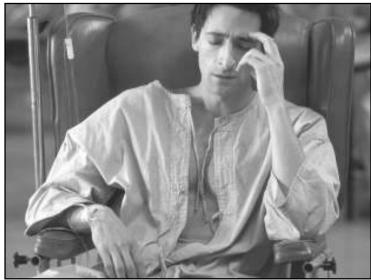
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McGregor, Halle Berry, and Robin Williams. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOLIARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 3/11)

The Sea Inside — Factual story of a Spanish quadriplegic who, after twenty some 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 the clock. And the out-and-out debate of the issue with a quadriplegic priest is cleverly

The Jacket

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 holv 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, THROUGH 3/10)

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 wine tasting a week before the former's wedding, They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous

entanglements and his torturous extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let's say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About* Schmidt, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what's best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker's wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the New York Times crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother's birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And

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Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Mystery of the Nile; Roar: Lions of Kalahari; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea

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Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35); **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:50, 2:10, 4:40, 5:00) 7:30, 7:50, 10:10, 10.40: Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) Fri - Thu (12:10, 2:50, 5:30); **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:20; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 11:45, 2:00, 2:30, 4:45, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:4 10:45; The Jacket (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:35; Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland (G) Sat.-Sun. (12:00); Man of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:00) 7:10, 10:20; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Pooh's Heffalump Movie** (G) Fri. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00); Sat.-Sun. (3:00, 5:00); Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00); Robots (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30) 7:00, 7:30 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30; The Wedding Date (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:10, 10:30

LA MESA

Grossmont Center Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) Be Cool (PG-13) Fri. (11:05, 11:45, 1:55, 2:35) 4:35, 5:15, 7:15, 7:55, 9:50, 10:35; Sat. (10:35, 11:10, 1:30, 2:15) 4:35, 5:10, 7:15, 7:55, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (10:35, 11:10, 1:30, 2:15) 4:35, 5:10, 7:15, 7:50, 9:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 1:55, 4:00, 4:35) 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:20; Constantine (R) Fri. (11:15, 2:00) 4:45, 7:25, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 2:20) 5:05, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; Hitch (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; Sat. (11:15, 1:55) 4:55, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (11:15, 1:55) 4:55, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55; Wed. (1:50, 4:05) 6:35; Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 9:55; **Hostage** (R) Fri. (11:20, 1:45) 4:20, 7:10, 9:55; Sat. (10:55, 1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (10:55, 1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:40, 10:25; Sat. (10:45, 1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (10:45, 1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:25, 10:15; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.

(12:00, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Sat. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (11:25, 2:10) 5:00, 7:45, 9:55; Mon. (11:00, 1:20, 3:55) 7:00, 9:20; Tue.-Thu. (1:20, 3:55) 7:00, 9:20; **The Passion** Re-Cut (Not Rated) Fri. (11:40, 2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:20; Sat. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (11:20, 2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:10) 7:30, 10:05; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 12:05, 2:05, 2:40) 4:15, 5:00, 7:30, 8:05, 9:45, 10:40; Sat. (11:00, 11:45, 1:50, 2:35) 4:15, 5:15, 7:20, 8:05, 9:40, 10:20; Sun. (11:00, 11:45, 1:50, 2:35) 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:45, 3:30, 4:20) 7:05, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 3:30) 7:05; Sat. (10:10, 1:40) 5:10, 8:45; Sun. (10:10, 1:40) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:45, 3:10) 6:35; **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) Finite and the second s Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 3:35) 6:55; The Jacket (R) Fri. (1:20, 3:40) 6:05, 8:25; Sat. (10:15, 1:20, 3:40) 6:05, 8:25; Sun. (10:15, 1:20, 3:40) 6:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:40) 6:05; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 3:25) 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; **The Passion Re-Cut** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:15, 3:55) 6:45, 9:30; Sat. (10:30, 1:15, 3:55) 6:45, 9:30; Sun. (10:30, 1:15, 3:55) 6:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:50) 6:45; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 3:55) 6:15, 8:40; Sat. (10:20, 12:50, 3:55) 6:15, 8:40; Sun. (10:20, 12:50, 3:55) 6:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 6:15; **Sideways** (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) 6:30

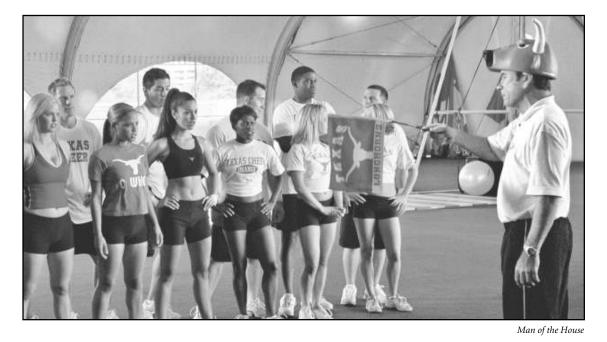
RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:15); **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:05, 9:45; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:00, 3:55, 4:45) 6:55, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35; **Because of** Winn-Dixie (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:35); Con-stantine (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:50) 6:55, 9:50; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 9:40; Diary of **a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55; Hostage (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:25) 7:15, 10:20; **The Jacket** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:55, 5:30) 8:10, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:55, 5:30) 8:10, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55, 5:30) 8:10, 10:45; Little Nemo: (12:10); 2:53; 5:50; 6:16; 16:45; Ertle Hellio: Adventures in Slumberland (G) Sat.-Sun. (12:00); Man of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 10:25; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:45) 7:10, 10:30; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; Robots (PG) Fri.-Thu (12:05, 12:50, 1:30, 2:40, 3:20, 4:00, 5:10) 6:00,

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 JOLLA VILLAGE)

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,

7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:35, 10:10

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Robots (PG); Because of Winn Dixie; The Pacifier (PG); 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. 11:15 (1:30) 6:00; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 8:30, 10:45; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:15, 10:15; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) Robots (PG); Hostage (R); The Passion of the Christ; Be Cool (PG-13); The Jacket (R); 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); Boogeyman (PG-13); The Wed-ding Date (PG-13); Hide and Seek; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13): Are We There Yet?: Meet the Fockers (PG-13); The Aviator (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Are we There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15, 5:45); **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 1:05, 3:35, 4:45) 7:00, 7:50, 10:00, 10:45; **Be-cause of Winn-Dixie** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45); Constantine (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:25, 10:40; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:25; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:40, 10:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:25) 7:10, 10:05; Hostage (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 1:55, 4:20, 4:50) 7:30, 7:45, 10:25, 10:35; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:10, 10:40; **Man of the** House (PG-13) Fri - Thu (12.10, 3.40) 7.15. 9:50; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:20, 10:35; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:15, 2:55, 4:00, 5:25) 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (11:35, 11:55, 12:10, 2:05, 2:25, 2:40, 4:35, 4:55, 5:10) 7:05, 7:25, 7:40, 9:30, 9:50, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:35, 12:10, 2:05, 2:40, 4:35, 5:10) 7:05, 7:40, 9:30, 10:05; Mon. (12:10, 2:05, 2:40, 4:35, 5:10) 7:05, 7:40, 9:30, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (11:55, 12:10, 2:05, 2:25, 2:40, 4:35, 4:55, 5:10) 7:05, 7:25, 7:40, 9:30, 9:50, 10:05

Vogue 226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

Boogeyman (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 8:15; Meet the Fockers (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00; The Wedding Date (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:40; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:35; Hostage (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:10; Robots (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:55; Son of the Mask (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:15

NORTH INLAND **CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; Sat. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 6:55, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:35) 6:25, 9:15; Finding Neverland (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:05, 9:25; Sat. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 10:30; Sun. (11:30, 1:55) 4:35, 6:55, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; Sat. (10:40, 1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:15, 6:55, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:35) 6:30, 9:25; Hostage (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (11:55, 2:40) 5:25, 8:10, 10:55; Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:15, 6:50, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 6:55, 9:30; Magdalena, The Un-holy Saint (Not Rated) Fri. (12:15, 2:50) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (11:05, 1:35) 4:10, 6:45, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:25) 6:40, 9:10; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:35) 6:40, 9:40; Sat. (12:20, 3:30) 6:40, 9:45; Sun. (11:45, 2:40) 6:20, 9:10; Mon.-Thu, (12:30, 3:35) 6:30, 9:25; The **Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:45; Sat. (11:55, 2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:20, 4:35) 6:50, 9:05; **The Passion Re-Cut** (Not Rated) Fri. (12:50, 1:40, 3:40) 4:30, 6:30, 7:40, 9:10, 10:20; Sat. (10:40, 12:00, 1:20, 3:00) 4:15 6:30, 7:50, 9:20, 10:40; Sun. (11:20, 12:30, 2:10, 3:20) 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 1:15, 3:05, 4:00, 5:55) 6:45, 8:45, 9:30; **Robots** (PG) Fri. 12:00, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:40, 11:20, 12:50, 1:35, 3:10, 3:50, 5:30, 6:10, 7:40, 8:30, 10:10, 10:40; Sun. 11:00, 12:10, 12:5, 2:30, 3:45, 4:50, 6:00, 7:15, 8:20, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 8:20, 9:20; **Side**ways (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:55) 6:50, 9:35; Sat. (12:30, 3:20) 6:20, 9:15; Sun. (12:55, 3:40) 6:25, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:30) 6:25, 9:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) Be Cool (PG-13) Fri 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45: Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00; Hitch (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 11:15 (2:00, Hills (2:05, 1:05) 7113, 1:115 (2:06) 4:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15; Hostage (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 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. 10:15 (1:00, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:15 (1:00, 3:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:45, 7:00; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; Robots (PG) Fri, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:15, 7:30

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) 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.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; Finding Neverland (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; 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; Hostage (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 8:15; Man of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 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; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 4:00) 7:50; **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 4:06) 2:45, 3:50) 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:45; **Being Julia** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:40) 7:05, 9:35; Bride & Prejudice (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35) 6:50, 9:40; Constantine (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:40) 7:40, 10:40; Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:15) 10:05; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20) 7:20; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:05) 7:55, 10:35; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:45, 3:00, 3.45) 6.45, 7.30, 9.45, 10.30; The lacket (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 7:15, 10:30; Man of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 7:25; Million **Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:50) 6:55, 10:10; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G)

Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 1:45); Robots (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00; Sideways (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:20) 10:15

Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30; Mon.-Thu, 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00: Hostage (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25, **The Pacifie**r (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. 10:45, 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. 10:30, 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:10, 9:10

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

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ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **Robots** (PG); **Hostage** (R); **The Passion of the Christ; Be Cool** (PG-13); **The Jacket** (R); Peter Wight, Ruth Sheen, Lesley Manville Sally Hawkins, Jim Broadbent. 2004. ★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/10)

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. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

The Pacifier (PG); Hitch (PG-13); Million Dollar Baby (PG-13)

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Finding Neverland (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 6:40, 9:00; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

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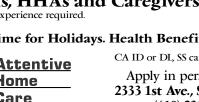
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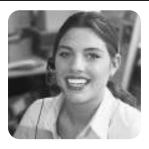
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n my opinion, I'd have to say that actors make too much money. I understand that most movie shoot ings go for months without a break but there are way too many freebies that an actor receives on top of their already inflated multimillion-dollar deals. You see actors and they're always wearing designer clothes. Come on, now, who really needs to spend \$500 on a purse or a \$1000 on a belt? Considering actors get lots of kickbacks, like free clothes and meals, why do they need money? The other people that work on the movie don't get paid nearly as much.



Madeline Morrison Registered Nurse La Jolla

Popular sports figures make obscene amounts of money. When you see athletes wearing big necklaces and wristwatches, what does that say about the value that we place on those who are paid to entertain? It's a complete mismanagement of money. Teachers get paid crap and people who play a game get paid millions to advertise Coke and Nike. It's a product of capitalism...where there are those who do extremely well while others with similar skills and less luck scrape to get by. It sets an unfair standard of living for impressionable vouth who look at sports as the only alternative.



Rachael Fonte Food Server Banker's Hill

The two professions that I think The two processes are actors make too much money are actors and professional athletes. Athletes put a lot of effort into their sport; they work out a lot because it's their job Their career spans are much shorter than in other professions, but I don't think that justifies being paid millions of dollars a year. Our teachers form these athletes over the years and they make \$40,000 a year and can barely support their families. Some actors are fronted millions of dollars before the movies are even made; it doesn't matter if what they do bombs. If acting's something that you devote so much time to and thoroughly enjoy, then it shouldn't matter if you're doing local plays or have bit parts in commercials. If it's a passion and something you love, then it shouldn't matter how much money you make at it. I think it's unfair because there are people out there who work just as hard at their job and don't get paid as much, but touch people's lives in a more positive way



Neal Pappis Marine Miramar

Doctors. I'm not really sure why, but I think they make way too much money. What are they doing for the world? Professional athletes complain too much about the money they make; they make a lot for what they do. CEOs of big businesses work for their money because they have to carry the burden of their business.... Actors and musicians get enough money; they're provid-ing a service.

Denita East Service Representative University Heights

The government makes too much money. The buses make too much money; the drivers don't make too much, but for what we have to pay, the people who run the buses are making a lot of money. That's all through the city. Basketball players and football players make too much money. Eminem gets too much, too It's entertainment; he doesn't do much for anybody. Babyface makes a lot of money, too. I know a guy who makes too much money; he works with slow people and then he has some other job. He's rolling fat and has a lot of money because he works hard. He earned his money.



Kyle Carpenter Panhandeler Pacific Beach

Drug dealers. They're always com-ing and going with big wads of cash. They get the wads of cash to re-up [get a new supply of drugs] and then they get another wad of cash and get rid of that.... On the corporate level, half of prescription medicine doesn't work and you're just somebody's guinea pig. On the street, it's the same thing; you gotta be leery of who you're getting drugs through 'cause you can really get fucked up. Drug dealing is high risk, too: you got tweakers needing more drugs, other tweakers who owe you money, the higher up dealers who get after you if you fuck them over, and other drug dealers to worry about. It's definitely a cutthroat business.

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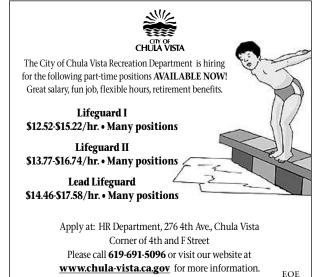
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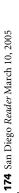
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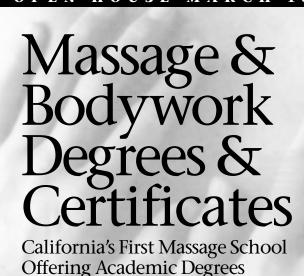
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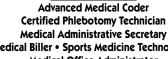


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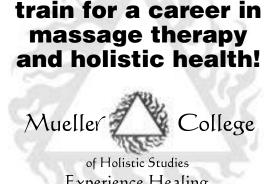
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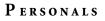
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SEXY REDHEAD with nice figure seeks romance and fun times. If you are 58+, 5'10"+, adventurous, com-pletely available most of the time and 24066 trustworthy. (3/23) 🕿 34066

ATTRACTIVE, HEALTHY, quick witted, liberal white female. Seeking intelli-gent, tall, slim, affectionate, secure nonsmoker, white male with sense of humor for committed relationship, friendship, fun. (3/23) 🕿 34057 ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure nomeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cud-dling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, secure. (3/16) 🛣 34041 ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, PETITE, female, 52. worm fun loving, intelligent, Seek-52, warm, fun loving, intelligent. Seek-ing tall, handsome, financially inde-pendent man, 50-60, for fun and ro-mance. (3/23) **2** 34063 SEEKING FUN-LOVING GUY. I'm 5'3", 44, brown hair, blue eyes, 170lbs., live North County. Love movies, art, cof-feehouses, dancing, travel. Call for details. (3/23) **T** 34059 dancing, 8) 🕿 3405 Come FLY with ME. The best is yet to be! Mature, Caucasian female to meet tall, Caucasian male, 70+, non-smoker, for possible friendship and companiesbin (2116) 77 2140

minute.

companionship. (3/16) 2 34048

SINCERE, RELIABLE, attractive lady, wishes companionship of kind, 70s gentleman. Share hiking, beach, cy-cling, travel, dance. Old-fashioned values, financially secure. Nonsmoker, no alcohol. (3/23) **3** 34062 SHARE, CARE, LOVE: life, sports, the-ater, people with this comical, pretty,

bo, hugs, kisses. (3/23) 23 34064 CUTE, CALIFORNIA GIRL, blonde/blue, 5'8", slender, energetic. Enjoy beach, concerts, boating, laughing, dancing, kissing, etc. Seek-ing fun, successful, attractive, roman-tic, fit, great kisser, 34-48. (3/16) 23 34045

figure, 'curvaceous, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking fit non-smoker, successful, generous, up-scale, compatible, 36+, Caucasian/ Asian bachelor. (3/16) 🕿 34037

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> nonsmoker. Seeking long-term rela-tionship. Let's go for it! (3/23) क 34054 OUT FOR FUN! You: emotionally avail

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able, fit, honest, romantic, adventur-ous. Me: professional, spirited, ath-letic. Looking for friendship, communication, commitment, laughter. Let's begin our journey now. (3/23)

A 34068 **WANTED! A GOOD MAN** to appreciate me. Let's have moonlight dinners, Place ho me. Let's have moonlight dinne walks on beach, concerts. Please financially secure, ready for relation ship, 35-50. (3/16) **2** 34051

Senior Retired

Semior Retired LadySeeks North County retired gentleman, who is positive, nonsmoker, educated. I love music, walks, travel, movies, dinners, motor trips, quiet evenings, and good communication. (3/23) 3734061

PRETTY LADY, NONSMOKER, slender, affectionate, stable, would like to meet a nice gentleman, 55-70, for friendship, maybe more, movies, dancing, walking,

hiking, enjoying life, etc. (3/16) TALL, CURVACEOUS, PLAYFUL red read, bus, attractive, personable, ad-venturous, caring, sensitive, educated. Seeking East County nonsmoker, hon-est, professional, attractive, humorous, generous, spiritual, affectionate, sincere gentleman. (3/16) **2** 34047 ACTIVE, PETITE, SENIOR lady of color from Central America. Caring. very af-

form Central America, Caring, vor, a. fectionate with a great sense of humor. You: 65+, let's meet for coffee. (3/16) TALL, PLAYFUL, AUBURN, 45, 5'9".

Seeking professional, 6'+, 38+, non-smoker/addictions, stylish, honest, emo-tionally stable, generous, humorous, nonworkaholic, dancer, cultural, con-certs, travel, romance. Goals/friend-ship. (3/23) \$34071

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And animital lover. (3/16) 34050 **ABOVE AVERAGE FEMALE**, late 50s (looks 40s), attractive, active, bright. Seeking accomplished professional with career in military or government. Social activities, travel, possible long relation-ship. (3/16) 34053

LIFE IS ABOUT LOVE. An attractive woman to celebrate the miracle of life with you. 5'6", 130lbs., 47, dark and sexy. You: tall, fit, clean cut, nonsmoker, sexy. 3) 🕿 3405

ADVENTUROUS, WORLDLY, athletic slim, tall, Jewish female. Nonsmoker. Seeking tall, 40-52, fit, compassionate, humorous, Jewish man of integrity. En-joy sports, culture, and travel. Let's talk. (3/23) **a** 34056 moker

CYCLING ENTHUSIAST seeks cycling ad-venturesome, fun-loving man to travel, exventuresome, fun-loving man to travel, ex-perience San Diego in various fun ways. Me: sincere, Sagittarian in need of serious attention. (3/23) **2** 34069

EARLY 50s, VERY ATTRACTIVE, slim, fun loving, great cook, romantic, financially-stable Latina, smart. Seeking 58"+ male, fit, 47-53; enjoys dancing, camping, great moral values. (3/16) **3**34052

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THE READER PUZZLE

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24. Links hazard

28. Release upon

29. From ____

horse

35. Sun-cracked

42. "Have a bite" 44. In the least

45. Straw for hats 46. Chekhov and others

49. Pts. of speech

51. In the altogether

52. NASA affirmatives

55. "New Sensation" band

59. "Well, let me think ..."

RULES OF THE GAME

Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.

1. The prize for solving the Reader

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

4. Employees of the Reader and their

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

immediate families are not eligible.

your name and address.

our office.

7. One entry per person.

50. Toe woe

53. Ticks off

56. Gawk at 58. A gift, for short

54. Costa

31. Hitched, as oxen

37. Two-fifths of a pizza?

41. Grouch's expression

25. Dreyfus Affair figure

26. Formally approve27. Extend a subscription

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30. "I don't mean to ____ dead

38. Kind of state39. "Your Show of Shows" costar

diet 23. Top-of-the-line

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 18. "Taxi" character Elaine

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- 5. Puts away
- 10. Federal agts. 14. Arm bone
- 15. Singer Lavigne with the 2002
- hit "Complicated"
- 16. Can't stomach
- 17. Arty Paris neighborhood that's won 57-Across?
- 20. Designer monogram
- 21. Dangerous mosquito
- 22. Up to now 23. Sacramento Kings' arena
- 24. Uno + due
- 25. 2004 Clint Eastwood movie that's lost 57-Across?
- 32. Bridge bid, briefly
- 33. Greek vowels
- 34. Canon camera
- 36. "Under the Tuscan Sun" actress Diane
- 37. "Sharp Dressed Man" band
- 39. It may be tiered
- 40. King topper
- 41. "I ____ Dark Stranger" (1946 Deborah Kerr film)
- 42. Bellhop, often 43. Old-time amusement park
- staple that's won 57-Across?
- 47. Rejections
- 48. "A Day Without Rain" singer
- 49. Running mate of '68 52. "And ____ a woman?" (famous question posed by Sojourner **T**ruth)
- Grande 57. Bet taken by 17-, 25- and 43-
- Across
- 60. Actress Dench
- 61. It's all wound up 62. 1140, to Flavius
- 63. Leave in, to a proofreader 64. Sounds from exam cheaters
- 65. "Mo Money Mo Problems"

rapper

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- 1. The third "J" in JFMAMJJASOND
- 2. Poetic plaint
- 3. Like JFK and LAX
- "Love Story" composer Francis
 The Seattle Mariners' _____ Field
- 6. Ryan Seacrest, e.g.
- 7. Fish stocked in ornamental pools 8. Good thing to have about you
- 9. Guileful
- 10. Who the "Old Man" is partnered with in a Hemingway title
- 11. Lots

SULTRY, SEXY, 40 PLUS Latina. Seeking passionate man, race open, to share life filled with fun and love. Must be honest, available, relationship minded, game-less. (3/23) 234060

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 5'3"

115lbs., athletic, 60, classy, intelligent. Seeking attractive, caucasian, profes-sional, well-groomed, nonsmoker, 58°+, athletic, humorous. Dancing, theater, movies, walking, travel, dining. (3/16) **3**34044 VERY EXOTIC AND VERY attractive

woman. Seeking someone gentle, spiri-tual, successful and attractive. I am a very successful musician and love to ride (3/16) 734043

DIKES. (3/16) 234043 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+, non-smoker. (3/16) 234046

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CLASSIC CARS, MUSIC, 40s seeks 40s Male 6'1" Classic rock. blues, country

GOOD LOOKING, 53-YEAR- old white male seeks afternoon partner for fun. I'm funny, caring and love to laugh. (3/23)



by David Levinson Wilk

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standing and ready to accept new mate for adventure, fun. (3/23) 234345

CHARMING, HANDSOME, TALL, confi-dent, romantic, fun-loving, 46. Looking for that special lady for intimate and lasting relationship. Affectionate, loyal, responsi-ble. Healthy, slender, pretty. Nonsmok-ing. (3/16) 334319

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 51, white male kind, romantic, who enjoys laughter

,...., HI, 51, white male, kind, romantic, who enjoys laughter, movies, dancing, beach, mountains, etc. Seeking attractive, slender to medium build woman, for relationship. (3/23)

HONEST, CARING, intelligent gentleman seeks lady, 39-55, for companionship, fun, outdoors, active, happy woman to share adventurous times, nonsmoker, love to dance, laugh, upbeat, sponta-neous. (3/16) **T**34312

Let ME MAKE YOU LAUGH! Humor is a good thing. So let me put a smile on your face. I'm easygoing, attractive, 38. Age unimportant. (3/16) **T** 34313

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Reader Puzzle for 3/3/05

1. Angie Huerta, San Diego

3. Matt Reader, La Mesa

2. Allen L. Edwards, Lakeside

5. Barry Newman, Escondido

4. Bernalyn Sariza, National City

The winners are:

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ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR, 39, very fit, tall blue eyes, plays guitar, piano, and writes children's books. I'm sensitive, quiet, loyal and seeking an intelligent, sensitive female. (3/16) 🕿 34338

Iernale. (3/16) 2734338 HEALTHY WHITE MALE, homeowner, nonsmoker, 50°, 160lbs. Seeking petite, shapely, sweet, white lady, for monoga-mous, loving relationship, 55-70, sincere, romantic, friendly, healthy, home-owner. (3/16) 2734316

CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable, white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking spe-cial gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (3/16)

FORMER BAD BOY, decent looks/man-ners. Seeking assertive woman with en-gaging personality, sensual, 48, white, ar-ticulate for movies, theater, coffee, hiking, comedy. Down to earth. (3/16) 34321

Cornedy. Down to earth. (3/16) 334321
 MALE, YOUNG 71, financially secure, homeowner, 5'8", 175lbs., physically fit, sense of humor, retired professional, easygoing, many interests. Seeking plumpish, affectionate gal. (3/23)
 34373

DO YOU WATCH SURVIVOR? Are you like Apgie? Do you have tattoos, pierclike Angie? Do you have tattoos, pierc-ings, wear glasses and smoke? Let's meet for coffee and conversation. (3/16) 734336

APPEALING TO MY BEAUTIFUL black goddess: This attractive white male pro-fessional, age 42, fit, and trim-awaits you with romance and respect! (3/16) **T**34301

TAKE A WALK, pet a dog, kick a can, watch a cloud, and a million other things. Come share with me. 64, fit, and sin-gle. (3/16) \$3314

SEEKING A TALL LADY WHO has time to be spoiled. I'm 56, Caucasian, 6'6" and fit. (3/23) 234341

ALL I NEED IS A MIRACLE. 45, 6'1", European transplant, workaholic, slim, blond/blue. Seeking affectionate, non-smoker, fit, good communicator. All calls answered. (3/16) 34304

Answered. (3/16) 27:34304
 CAUCASIAN, 45, athletic, social, educated, communicative, cultured, traveled, speaks French, Spanish. Enjoys road trips, hiking, camping, motorcycles, staying fit, music, gardening, sailing, skiing, mountain biking. (3/16) 27:34306
 HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 60, trim, 510°, blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40:s4, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (3/23) 27:343433
 SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relation

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relation ship. I'm 56, 5'3", 135lbs., good looking. I love music, nature walking, and fun at home. La Mesa area, please. (3/16)

59-YEAR-OLD NORTH COUNTY man look ing for nonsmoker, good person, happy with herself, nonstressed out, looking for same in man. Also in North County. (3/16) 34300

HANDSOME, IN SHAPE, clean, North HANDSOME, IN SHAPE, clean, North County white male, 50 years old, 6'3", 210lbs., degreed, employed. Enjoy do-mestic/remodeling activities, movies, mu-sic, beach, working out, light dining, plays, massage, breakfast out, biking, scuba, local activities. Seeking 40-early 50s woman, similar interests, attractive, fit, intelligent, financially responsible, hon-est, open, easygoing, and emotionally compatible for dating, to committed rela-tionship. Please, no smokers, drugs, un-

tionship. Please, no smokers, drugs, un-healthy. (3/16) 234303 COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, very af-

fectionate, attractive, unencumbered pro-fessional, 41, 61", 215lbs., German-Irish, family oriented. Seeking attractive, intelli-gent, unencumbered white female, 24-35, ssessing inner/outer beauty. (3/16) 34334

CREATIVE. INTELLIGENT. adventurous 37, 6'2", 157lbs., spiritual, strong, roman-tic, honest, sexy and happy. Seeking big girl, 5'8"+, white, 26-40, for relation-ship. (3/23) **2**34/367 gin

ship. (3/23) 234367 HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship, intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, each other. (3/23) 234375

SEEKING MISCHIEF, MAYHEM, earth trekking? Attractive, successful Jewish guy from midwest, 40. Seeking creative and adventurous woman with open heart. Healthy rebels and nonconformists wel-come. (3/16) **T**34308

THOUGHTFUL WHITE MALE. 52. 5'9"

Coceanside, positive, intelligent, spiritual, compassionate, adventurous. Share na-ture/ocean walks, theater, romantic get-aways, kissing. Life without love lacks meaning. Nonsmoker. (3/16) **2**34318 MATURE, INTELLIGENT, successful white male in search of woman of maturity, character and color. Sincerity a must; if not, don't waste your time or mine. (3/23)

34344 MUSIC-LOVING. NONSMOKING world traveling affluent widower, 80s. Seeking retired senior lady, 70s-80s, sincere, lov-ing, sensual, available for friendship, companionship, social activities, travel, cruises together. (3/23) 234220

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, North County, protessional, 43, 6'1", slim, athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for cycling, tennis. Thick legs a plus! (3/23) 234377

TAL COOL ONE: From Chicago, self-em-ployed, not short, not fat, not bald. Need a friend first. No smokers, must be fit and attractive. (3/16) **3**34332

SENIOR, SINGLE WHITE MALE, 72, versatile, happy, healthy, companionship. Seeking similar type female. I enjoy the outdoors and have variety of interests. I have transportation. (3/23) 734340

SEEKING FRIEND. Single man, 64, seeks friend. My interests include sports, travel, JEERING FRIEND. Single man, 64, seeks friend. My interests include sports, travel, dining and caring conversations. (3/23) 34376

858, WHITE, HANDSOME, 55, 5'9", well groomed, great qualities and romantic Wants long-term relationship with attrac

Wendee Mason

FUN, SEXY, CURVY, brunette seeks Mr. Right. You're fun, fit, handsome, 48-54, with great sense of humor, ready for that special woman in your life. (3/23)

SENTIMENTAL LATINA, 47, sexy, intelli-gent, romantic. Seeking gentleman, 43-50, for a rewarding, romantic, serious re-lationship. Please be romantic, exciting, wanting a serious relationship. Let's meet. (3/16) **1**4040

WOMEN

Male, 6 T, Classic rock, blues, country Like to sing around the campfire, classic cars, antiques, nature, travel dance. (3/23) **2**34366

HONEST, INTELLIGENT, romantic, fit, fi-nancially/emotionally stable, spirited, positive, affectionate, homeowner. Enjoy outdoors, travel, movies. Seeking caring, humorous, shapely, huggable, 40-55 sweetie for monogamous relation-ship. (3/16) 334331 SEEKING A BEST FRIEND who enjoys eating out, rock'n'roll, and country con-certs, enjoying life. (3/23) 234348 Certs, erijoying ille. (3/23) 2734348 SUPER NICE GUYI Dynamic, creative, ro-mantic, cute, sensitive, honest, sincere, polite, young 54 (looks 40), nonsmoker, Jewish professional. Seeking younger, petite, attractive, unencumbered, quality lady. (3/23) 2734364

rauy. (3/23) 2734364 MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. Sometimes it takes a while to find someone special. Professional seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romanc-ing, possibly more. (3/23) 2734347

COUNTRY BOUND. 52, 5'10", slim, na

ture lover who is creative, humorous, fairly handsome, sensitive, affectionate, under-

tive, intelligent, nordic type. Age is not an issue. (3/16) 234328 FLIGHT TO PARADISE. 53, sensitive, car-

ing man, time for you. Seeking woman who appreciates value of friendship/rela-tionships. I enjoy movies, dining out/in, walking. (3/16) **2**34317

LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED thing. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced white male, 60+, healthy, caring, financially secure. Seeking attractive, Ioving, fit, divorced, white, 53-67. (3/16) 234299

AM STARTING TO DATE and meet new people. Looking for an Asian lady. I my-self am 33. I like sports, football, poker, and fun. (3/16) \$\Box 34315

CLASSY. HANDSOME GENTLEMAN. di vorced father, mid-50s, La Mesa, sexy, romantic, seeks sexy, romantic woman, for sweet kisses, intimate evenings, wine, candles, soft music, movies, me. (3/23)

OPPOSITES ATTRACT. Single black male, 45, looking for fire to melt my ice. male, 45, looking for fire to melt my ice. Me cool, you hot. Me easygoing, you out-going. Me humorous, you sensitive. (3/23) **3**(4353)

BAD BOY LOOKS with a good heart, look-ing for fit woman for fun and possibly seri-ous relationship. Call me. (3/23)

Are You...

35-45, healthy, active, energetic, witty, balanced, spontaneous, outdoorsy, passionate, gainfully employed professional, with a solid future? Me too! Call now. (3/23) 234370

Love You

io call and say hil 45, warm, humorous, stable income. Will find you with luck, if you are 25-45, smiling, happy, with all four limbs. (3/16) **3**34302 GODD LOCHT

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered, nice guy, ap-proximately 6', 180lbs. 47. Seeking slen-der, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty, 33-43, for balanced, long-term re-lationship. (3/23) 334351

HAPPY HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL! | am 51, fit, neat, and live in Chula Vista. I like to have fun, have no baggage. Live alone with pets. (3/16) 34325 AFFECTIONATE, SENSUAL, spiritual one,

45. Seeking short, well-formed spirit with sexy legs, long dark hair and kissing lips for physical relationship and possibly 3/23) 734342

SHARING TOGETHERNESS, relaxed, realistic, enjoy outdoors, ocean, pine trees, coffee, wine country, smelling the roses. You're a nonsmoker, trim, 50s. Looking for a caring partner. (3/16) **2**34329 SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intelligent, handsome, charming, and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady, in her 30s. (3/23) **2**34368

NICE LOOKING, CONSIDERATE, intelligent, great listener, shy but witty, 6'. Love dining out, movies, rollerblading, tennis, trivia. Seeking fit, white female, 20s-30s, intelligent, outgoing. (3/23) 234354 CAUCASIAN, LATE 50s, 6', slim, honorable, educated, no drugs. Seeking pretty, soft spoken, willing compromise. Must possess faith, hope, kindness. I smoke Call me. (3/23) 2334371

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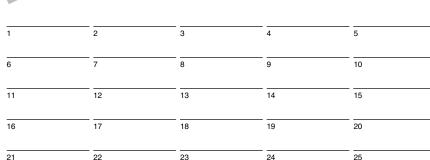
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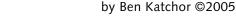
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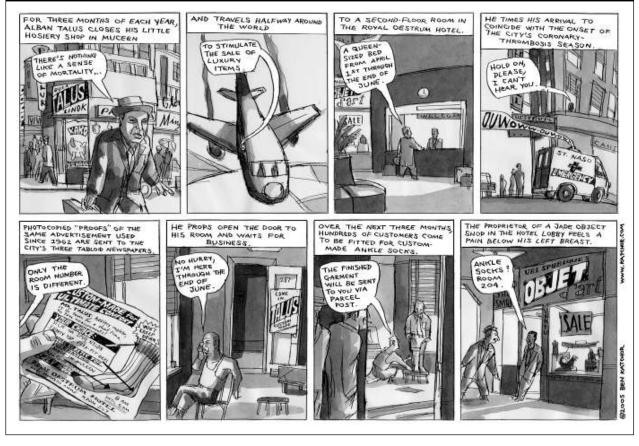
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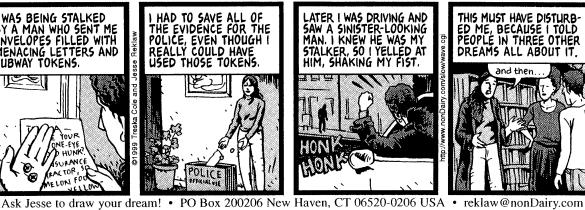
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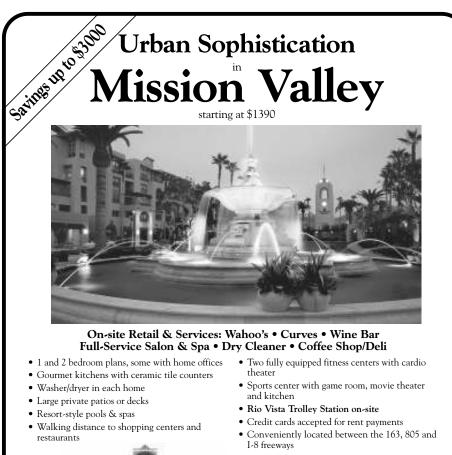
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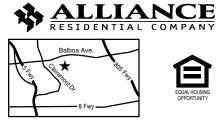


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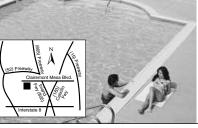
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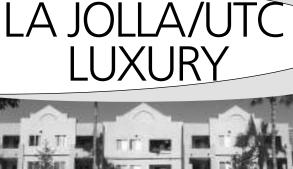
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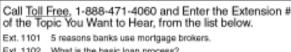
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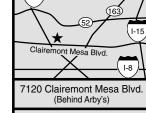
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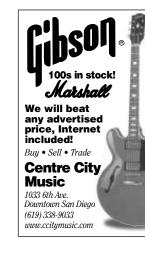
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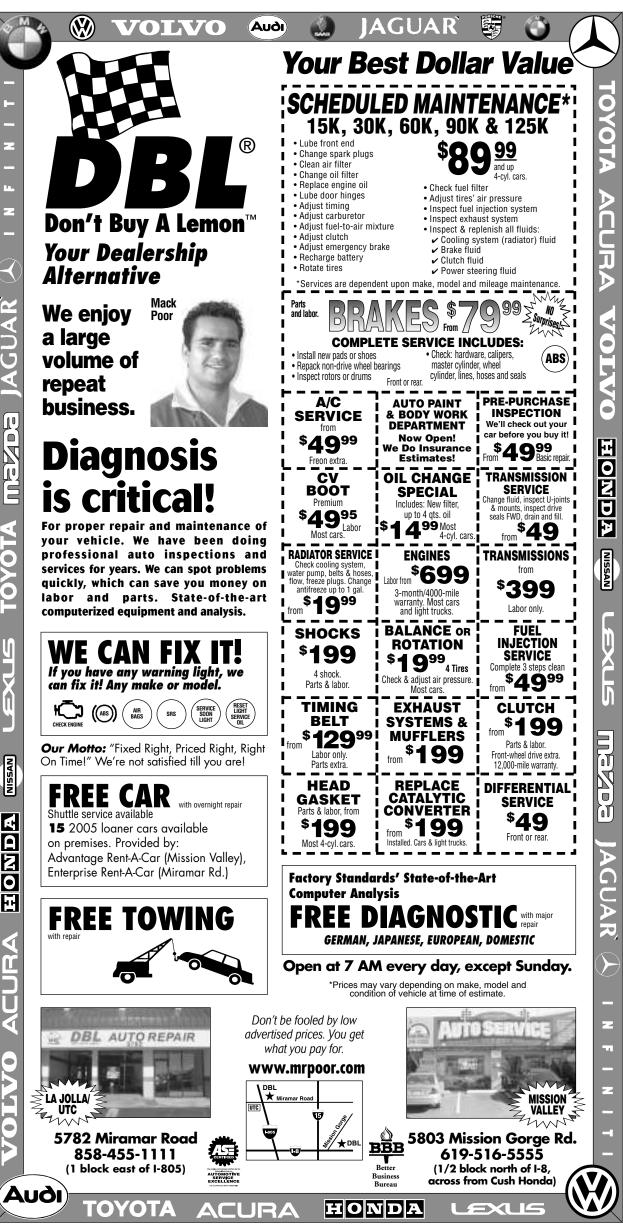
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KENSINGTON. Saturday, March 12, 7am-1pm. Used furniture, clothing and house-wares. 4555 Marlborough Drive, between Adams Avenue and Monroe.

KENSINGTON. Garage sale. Saturday, 3/12, 8am-noon. Toys, children's books and videos, Lego train, computers, household items. 4810 Sussex Drive.

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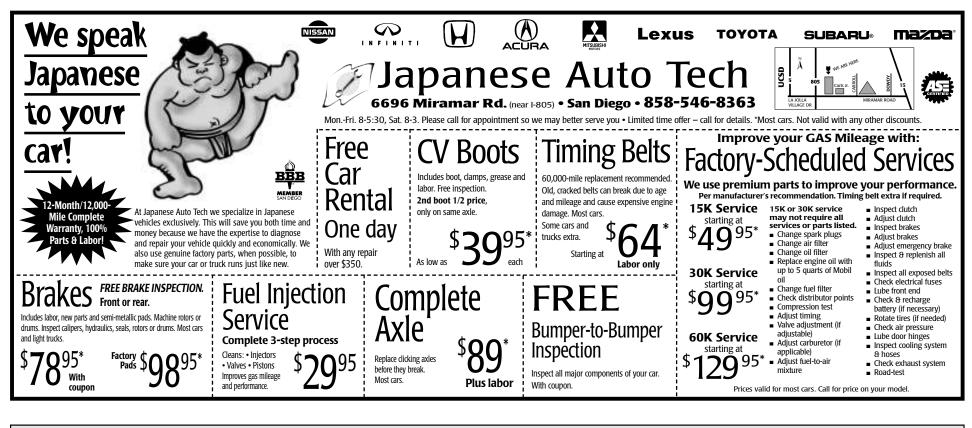
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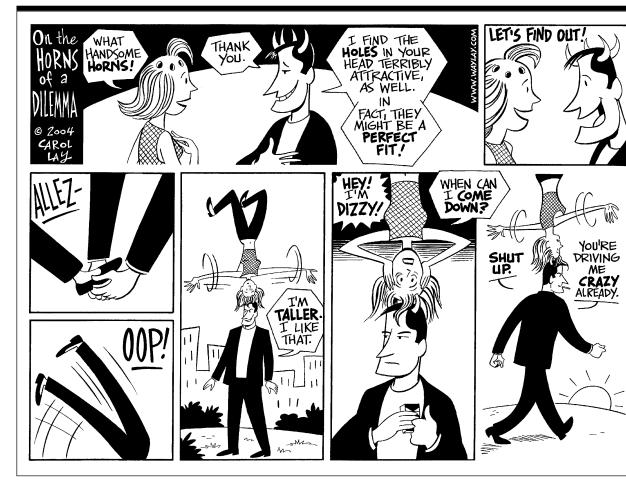
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LEAD STORY

Some of the well-intentioned donations for victims of the December tsunami are bewilderingly inappropriate (such as ski jackets and Viagra), according to a February Wall Street Journal dispatch from Sri Lanka. Relief workers are being distracted by shipments of, for example, moisturizing gel, sweaters, women's dress shoes, Arctic-weather tents, and thong underwear. Crucial medicines were in short supply, but not Valium, anti-depressants, or drugs with labels in languages that local doctors could not read. As the Journal wrote, some doctors "appear [just] to have unloaded their sample bins.

World's Shortest Attention Span

 A New York City jury in January awarded \$450,000 in damages to a professional dancer whose career was ended in 2001 after surgery by Dr. Andrew Feldman at St. Vincent's Hospital. In a pre-op meeting, the dancer described the discomfort in his right knee, and Dr. Feldman wrote a large "X" on the spot of the pain, but 20 minutes later, he mistakenly cut into the man's healthy left knee.

Tacky Public Officials

(1) In December, Jean Eaton, mayor of the town of Albert Lea, Minn. (population 18,000), was arrested in what police charged was a spree in which she bought apparel from Marshall Field's department stores and then affixed their price tags to some older, used garments and "returned" them for refunds. Police said a search of her home yielded evidence of tag switches totaling more than \$800 in store credit. (2) In January, Canada's immigration minister, Judy Sgro, resigned after pizza-parlor owner Hariit Singh accused her of reneging on a deal she allegedly proposed: that she would help Singh with an immigration problem if he would deliver pizza and garlic bread to her campaign headquarters.

Finer Points of Law

- (1) Sergio Segundo Ruiz, 60, was hospitalized with multiple injuries in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in January after being hit by a car while crossing a busy street. He was charged with interfer-

ing with traffic, and a police officer was stationed outside his room poised to arrest him as soon as he is well enough to leave. (2) In January, a judge in Breda, Netherlands, ruled that a 46-year-old bank robber who stole about \$8400 could only be charged with a crime worth about \$6100 because the court had to let the man offset the equivalent of \$2300 that he paid for his gun as a legitimate business expense.

Latest Religious Messages

- In January, the Consumer Product Safety Commission turned down a petition from corporal-punishment opponent Susan Lawrence to ban "The Rod," a 22-inch-long nylon stick marketed by an Oklahoma couple as an aid to Biblebased child-rearing ("spare the rod, spoil the child"). Vying for the same market are the 9-inchlong, polyurethane spanking paddles of a Bakersfield, Calif., man and wooden spanking paddles of a New Kingston, Pa., man, both sold with an explicit Christian message. (Lawrence, who said she is a devout Lutheran, said corporal punishment of children is inconsistent with Jesus' teachings.) - In a December Tampa Tribune feature, local Southern Baptist preacher Tom Rives was profiled in his part-time role as KoKoMo the Clown, enthusiastically delivering uplifting spiritual messages to kids and nontraditional church audiences. Said Rives (who estimates he has trained about 400 people for his clown troupes), "I don't think [preachers] should be going around with a Bible tucked under their arms and a scowl on their face." To his critics who say clowning is undignified, Rev. Rives said, "I tell them that all Baptist preachers are clowns. I just went to class and got certified."

Another Election Headed to a Supreme Court

- Ali Joho, who lost a close election for the parliament of Kenya in December, filed a petition two weeks later asking the country's high court to nullify the contest because the winner, Anania Mwaboza, was allegedly spotted with some supporters under a bridge on election eve, sewing up the eyes of three cows and then drowning

them, in order to cast a spell on Joho's partisans. Allegedly, as part of the spell, voters from out of the district appeared and voted for Mwaboza, and some polling places were opened late and closed early in order to frustrate Joho's supporters.

People Different From Us

- A jury in Nacogdoches, Texas, convicted Jerry Don Hartless in January of killing his former best friend, Billy Bob Wallace, during a group drinking bout one night along the Angelina River. According to testimony, Hartless believed that Wallace had stolen his boat motor but couldn't prove it. Then, that night, the group discussed a recent Jerry Springer show featuring a black man claiming to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and the alcohol-fueled Hartless insinuated that Wallace's girlfriend, who was there, craved sex with black men. (All the drinking group were white.) When Wallace objected, Hartless shot him. A witness to the shooting was Wallace's adult son, Wild Bill Wallace (which is his actual birth name).

Least Competent Criminals

 Northern Ireland's chief constable told reporters in January that the meticulously executed December robberv of Belfast's Northern Bank earned the thieves (who the constable believes are Irish Republican Army members) the equivalent of about \$50 million, but that because of a peculiarity of the U.K. banking system, Northern Bank can, and will, legally cancel and replace all the currency that was taken, rendering the stash, in the constable's words, "the largest theft of waste paper in the history of Northern Ireland." If the robbers hadn't taken so much money, the cancellation might not have been a worthwhile option.

Readers' Choice

Tammy Jean Warner was charged in February with negligent homicide in the 2004 death of her husband, Michael, who suffered acute alcohol poisoning (0.47 blood-alcohol level) caused by having ingested three liters of sherry wine, allegedly provided by Tammy via enema. The Lake Jackson, Texas, widow told reporters that she

was trying to help Michael (who she said had been addicted to enemas since childhood) and that he also did enemas with coffee, "castile soap, Ivory soap. He had enema recipes. I'm sure that's the way he wanted to go out because he loved his enemas.'

by Chuck Shepherd

Recurring Themes

- Judith Clark, 55, serving 75 years in prison for her part in the deadly 1981 robbery of a Brinks armored truck in the course of a plan to fund a "Republic of New Afrika" out of former "slave states," such as Mississippi and Alabama, filed a writ of habeas corpus in New York City in January, claiming that her trial judge had denied her a constitutional right. Clark became the latest inmate to claim that when a judge gave in to her aggressive demand to act as her own lawyer at trial (a job at which she proved unsuccessful), he violated her right to competent counsel.

 New York City health officials are still investigating the October death of a baby shortly after a circumcision by Rabbi Yitzchok Fischer, who uses a rare, ultra-Orthodox procedure of drawing the infant's blood with his mouth. Officials found that the baby and two others circumcised by Rabbi Fischer had contracted herpes. (The rare procedure was condemned by Israeli physicians in a medical journal article mentioned in "News of the Weird" in September 2004.)

The Continuing Crisis

 Attorney Wavne G. Johnson Sr. was arrested for drunken driving shortly after leaving a court hearing in which he represented a client accused of drunken driving (McKean, Pa., January). ... Tammy Lynn Price, 28, in court as a defendant in a drug case, was charged with stealing the judge's gavel when he stepped out (Farmington, Mo., January). ... Leonardo Leyva, 44, was arrested for public intoxication after calling 911 at 3:50 a.m. to complain that his wife wouldn't have sex with him (Turlock, Calif., January).

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VERBATIM POLICE REPORTS



ATTEMPTED MURDER

Location: 212 South Second Street,

El Cajon

Time/Date: 3:45 p.m. on 2/23/05

Résumé of Incident: The suspect had just completed several odd jobs for the victim, a 74-year-old El Cajon resident. The suspect lured the victim into the



the victim's trailer, closing the door behind him. The suspect attacked the

bathroom of

victim, battering and choking him until he was almost unconscious. The suspect took the victim's wallet and fled the trailer. Witnesses pointed responding officers into the direction where the suspect was last seen. The suspect was tracked to a nearby apartment complex where he was arrested without incident.

ANIMAL CRUELTY & DOMESTIC BATTERY

Location: [2600] Cremever Circle, Carlsbad Time/Date: 8:48 p.m. on 2/17/05

Incident: Carlsbad officers were dispatched to a reported case of domestic violence and animal cruelty. Officers met with the 23-year-old victim who reported



her boyfriend, B.C., were in their residence when B.C. became unset with his three-

month-old puppy. B.C. raised the puppy over his head and threw the dog to the floor, causing injury to the animal's left front leg.

The female victim became upset and frightened over the abuse to the dog and an argument ensued. B.C. then battered the female, who attempted to flee the residence but was pursued by B.C.. A neighbor intervened and the female victim was able to escape with the injured puppy.

Officers released the injured puppy to Animal Control, who took the dog for medical treatment. The puppy is thought to have a broken left leg and further diagnostic tests are scheduled.

Officers were unable to locate B.C. At 11:38 a.m. on 2/18/05, officers responded back to B.C.'s residence, where they found and arrested him.

FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY

Location: 425 Laurel Street, Middletown Time/Date: 11:00 a.m. on 2/6/05

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Investigation: I was dispatched regarding a burglary to a business, the Cleaner's Club. When I arrived on scene, I spoke with the owner, J.R. He said the business was closed on Saturday at about 5 p.m. On Sunday morning around 11:00 a.m., he received a phone call from his alarm company advising him of an alarm activation. A short time later the alarm company called and notified him that the police had checked the business and it [seemed] secure.

J.R. went...to make sure nothing was taken, because on 12-01-04 his business had been burglarized. He noticed the cash register box was missing. He said he had three or four business days' worth of cash and checks in the drawer. The loss was undetermined.

There was no signs of forced entry. There are two doors to the business and neither one had any recent

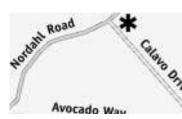
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signs of tampering. There are no security cameras in or around the business. I didn't attempt to lift any fingerprints because J.R. had a company come in to replace the cash register box and wiped the area prior to my arrival

VICIOUS DOGS

Location: [1100] Nordahl Road, San Marcos

Time/Date: 5:36 p.m. on 2/21/05



Incident: San Marcos Sheriff's Station Deputies responded to a call of a dog being mauled by two loose pit bulls [that] had apparently forced their way into a gated yard and attacked two dogs, killing one. Neighbors intervened and were able to save the other dog.

Deputies arrived and helped try to contain the pit bulls. The pit bulls escaped the yard, then went to another nearby home on Calavo Drive and attacked at least one other dog.

Deputy Alan Noble located one of the pit bulls as it was attempting to attack another dog in a fenced yard. That dog then started towards yet another dog in an unfenced yard, until Deputy Noble shot the [vicious dog] to prevent another mauling. The pit bull was struck twice, then picked up by Animal Control Officer J. Palumbo.

Deputy Amy Brown and some other area residents cornered the second pit bull in a garage in the 1500 block of Calavo Drive. The residents there had interrupted that pit bull as

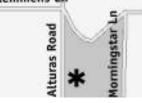
it was attacking their dogs. Deputy Brown contained that animal until Officer Palumbo was able to capture it. Two of the mauled animals required veterinary attention, as did the pit bull that was shot. One of the animals attacked by the pit bull was killed and removed by Animal Control. None of the residents were seriously injured. despite several close encounters.

STABBING

Location: [1400] Alturas Road, Fallbrook

Time/Date: 11:23 a.m. on 2/20/05

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Investigation: Fallbrook Deputies responded to a fight at the Valley View Mobile Lodge. Upon arrival, the deputies were flagged down by a witness who directed them to two stabbing victims, who were in his trailer. He also directed the deputies to another trailer, where the other parties involved in the fight had fled.

Both of the parties at that location were determined to be victims, and were later transported to Palomar Hospital in Escondido and Scripps Hospital in La Jolla for treatment.

Deputies made contact at the other trailer and identified three possible suspects, one of whom was injured. He was later transported to Fallbrook Hospital for treatment.

The incident apparently occurred as part of an ongoing dispute between neighbors. At this time, two people, one adult male and one juvenile male, are in custody for the assault.

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Reader March 10, 2005 San Diego

To Lower or Not

Last year, when I bought a used truck, one model I considered was the Chevy Silverado. So I ask Gabe Matthews how he likes his.

"This is my second Silverado," he says. "I had one a couple years ago. My wife crashed it. I looked in the Auto Trader for about six months before I bought this one.

"I was looking at different types of trucks. I liked the Dodge, but the ones I found were more expensive. I liked everything about it, the Chevy I had before. I figured if I got another one, I didn't have to worry about finding things I didn't like. And I found this one that was already pretty much the way I wanted.

"My other Chevy had a smaller motor. I think it was 4.8. This one is a 5.3. This truck has fewer miles on it,

and the interior's all leather and a wood dash. It was already lowered. The bedcover was on it.

"I put a stereo in it, with subwoofers under my back seat, and I replaced the front and back speakers with Infinity speakers in the back and Eclipse door speakers. I got the newest Pioneer CD player. And I put a bullet grille in front with the clear lights instead of the yellow ones." I ask, "How does it handle, low-

ered and with wide wheels and tires?"

"It drives like a race car. Going around corners, it's smooth. Of course, when you go over big bumps or you're backing out of somebody's driveway, vou've got to slow down."

"How about mileage? With less wind resistance does it burn less gas?"

"I'm not sure, but when I went to the desert with my friend who has a stock Chevy, we gassed up at the same time, and when we went to fill up. I still had a half a tank and he

was down to a quarter.

"Mileage isn't much of an issue. If it was, I ought to go get one of those Honda hybrid cars. I don't drive a lot. To work. At work, I have a work van. So I don't put a lot of miles on mv truck."

"Does lowering it mean you can't go off-road or carry big loads?"

"Well, it's not like a lifted truck, but it works out. I have a trailer for motorcycles. We'll take the Silverado out to the desert or up to Lake Elsinore and ride motocross. If I go someplace where I need it higher, it's got air bags in the back. I use those with the trailer, too, to compensate for the extra weight."

"Tell me about the air bags."

"They go next to the shocks. They're made out of rubber. Semis have them for when they are carrying a lot of weight. The ones on mine are nowhere as big as the semis', but they'll lift the back end a few inches.

OWNER: GABE MATTHEWS ---

- CAR: 1997 CHEVY SILVERADO _ _ _
- **BOUGHT: EARLY 2004 FROM A PRIVATE** PARTY IN VISTA
- PRICE: \$15,000
- ---MILEAGE: 38,000

I have a switch up-front that I push to get however many pounds I want in the bag. Before I put the trailer on, I raise it a little. Not only does it keep me from bottoming out, it makes the ride smoother."

While driving home from our talk, I mumble, "Hmmm, if I lowered my Dodge and installed air bags...."

To suggest future "Driven" stories, e-mail ken@kenkuhlken.net.

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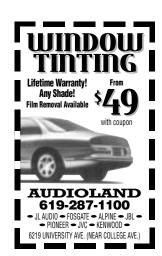
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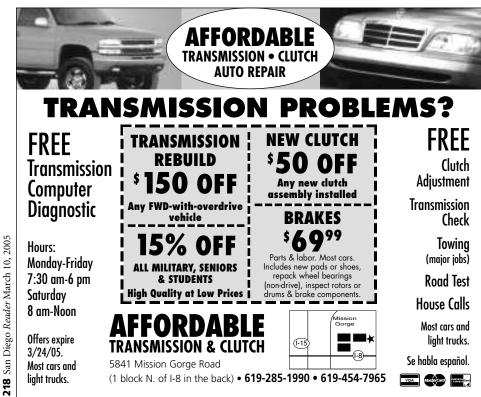
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My blog, Rachelpink Rides the Bus, started as a lark over a long weekend. At first it was an exercise in self-restraint. I thought I was talking too much, talking all the time. I figured if I wrote about what happened every day I'd be less inclined to talk about it.

What I write about is my life as a 30-year-old book publicist living in Manhattan with my freelance writer boyfriend. I grew up on Long Island, just an hour or so from NYC. Proximity did not dampen the mystery of the city and from the first moment I moved here, into a disorganized apartment share in Brooklyn, I've spent each day at least a little amazed by the lives of the coffee cart guys, farmer's market vendors, and the people I ride the bus with every day.

MONDAY

Like every other Monday everyone's tired and cranky and longing for a few more hours of Sunday. My bus driver races down Houston St. and the man standing over me threatens to up-end his coffee onto my knitting. And that will not do. I'm working on a hat, a fruit hat for Delaney, my little niece. I've chosen a soft, breezy cotton because Delaney, along with her brother, my spectacular four-year-old nephew Donovan, is moving to Florida soon. The move is breaking my heart. The fruit hat helps a little.

The wobbly coffee holder gets off and I'm pleased, delighted even, that my blackberry in the making has not been corrupted. I've been knitting on the bus now for six months or more without incident. Only once did anyone even notice my knitting. That time the fascinated man looked down at my needles and yarn. "That's nice," he said. "Did you ever make, you know, like a big sheet?" I said no. He started to go, but before he departed he told me to keep doing what I was doing. "That sewing, that's nice. That's nice to do."

Knitting prepares me for work, calms me down, pushes my blood pressure into the nonthreatening range. I'm a book publicist, not a brain surgeon, but even with the help of modern anxiety medicine I'm a bit of a stress case. I was supposed to be a professor by now, or at least an almost-professor finishing up a book on the use of snuff in the 17th Century or editing an anthology of littleknown women diarists. But I left my professorly hopes at Brown, grabhanding what I could of my sanity, and now I publicize other people's books. Sometimes the books are good, sometimes they're not. For book publicists, it matters only so much. My schedule ranges from severe to impossible, leaving me little time to read the books, much less grade them as good or bad or something in-between. I rely on jacket copy and catalogs to tell me what to think and do. It's not how I like to work, and it needs to change. Books mean too much to me, and I can't keep treating them like this.

But I digress.

Did I mention that this seemingly unremarkable Monday is actually a bit of a milestone? That it's the last Monday I'll come to work for this company, this job? I've already notified my authors, sent out hundreds of review copies, and hastily written four or five press releases since I gave notice. I told my coffee guy that the end was near. He offered me a free jelly stick.

This week I will pack up the office, have celebratory two-cocktail lunches, and finish my exhausting FAQ for the new publicist. I'm leaving my job because I've been working too hard and staying until 9 and spending more



time with Bude the cleaning lady than with Chuck the boyfriend. It's the right decision but not an easy decision. I will miss my brilliant, clever editor friends. I will miss running out of the office at 6:30 p.m. for the \$3 hot chocolate at the Jacques Torres chocolate shop across the street. I will miss the camaraderie that comes from working too hard and caring too much.

OK, that's all for now. I'm getting sappy and self-involved. So let's end on a light note.

I had a dream last night, fueled by a cocktail of Tylenol PM and a glass of diet ginger ale. It was a long and intense dream about a zombie invasion. I survived. And I had to worry about more than the flesh-eating zombie-fiends because even inanimate objects were possessed by the zombie spirit. As the dream closed I was holed up with some friends in an abandoned toolshed. With increasing ferocity I was being attacked by a roll of Scotch tape. I screamed to everyone: "BE NICE TO THE TAPE. IT WILL STOP ATTACK-ING IF YOU'RE NICE TO IT." I started to coo at the tape, to tell it what a good job it was doing. I said it was pretty and round and a good fighter. The attack lessened, the tape dropped to the floor and rolled off.

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WE WERE ALREADY DRUNK AS HELL. We'd been at a birthday party in an apartment near the airport drinking beer and vodka for hours. The cocaine kept us operating at a normal frequency despite the gallons of booze we poured into our faces.

The partygoers might have wondered why the three of us were ducking into the bathroom every 20 minutes. They might have thought it odd that two men and one woman would lock themselves in the crapper. Any questions they had about what we were doing in there were cleared up when we all clamored out, holding our noses, snorting and sniffing.

We bailed before the party wound down. We wished the birthday girl well and bowed out. The night, however, would not be denied.

Jon navigated his pickup onto Pacific Highway and into Point Loma. We passed Deja Vu, and from the backseat, Susan called out, "Let's go to a strip club!"

Jon looked at me and said, "I'm in. We can go to Pacer's for a pitcher."

"What the hell," I said. "I haven't been to one in years," tacitly casting my vote in favor of strip-club activity for the Democratic Republic of Jon's truck. We slid into the parking lot and found our spot on the far end, away from the street lamps.

One more snooter for each nostril from the little spoon covered in white powder and we bounded out of the truck and toward the club unhinged. There was an exchange at the door. Identification for a stamp. Money for a "VIP" card - which, despite the name, everyone gets. My frustration grew. I thought we were going to have to go to a classroom to learn passwords and handshakes, and all I wanted to do was barrel in through the door. I was coming apart. After what was probably 20 seconds - to me it was a week - the black velvet curtain was pulled away to allow our entrance.

Once inside we chose a dark hidden alleyway where the security couldn't see us passing the brown vial back and forth. Susan brought over a pitcher of awful beer. It tasted like it was brewed in a fake leg, but we gulped it down with our eyes closed and brows furrowed.

"This is it!" I shouted. The coke had obviously overpowered the liquor. "Big, round butts, fake boobs, terrible beer, and wrestling on television. The American Dream!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 PASSIONS

NBC 7, 2:00 P.M.

Passions is nuttier than a squirrel turd.

Instead of avoiding daytime soap clichés, Passions uses them as a jumping-off point. At any given time during its airing, tune in for ten minutes. Orangutans, aliens, and witchcraft will be your reward. But don't watch the full hour, or your brain will detach and fall down into your ass.

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS NICK 47, 5:00 P.M.

My roommates have queued the SpongeBob movie in Netflix. Each day we take a little time and devote it to tracking down magic mushrooms. Before the end of the month, if

everything goes well, I should be gnawing on the coffee table while undersea absurdity unfolds in front of my eyes.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 DRAWN TOGETHER

COMEDY 48, 2:00 A.M.

This is a parody of reality TV shows involving cartoon characters living together in a mansion. It is also the nastiest show on TV. Episodes I've seen include the Princess pinching a loaf onto a pizza and Captain Hero getting tied up and whipped. Drawn Together may be what drives me to buy a TiVo.

THE WARRIORS (1979) ON DVD

My friends are making a trip to New York in

April. They've been trying to get me to go with them, but I've been stubborn. "I won't have the money. I'll be busy. It'll be too cold." Kip promised if I went to New York with them we could walk the path of the warriors, retracing their steps from the Bronx to Conev Island. I'm rearranging my schedule, budgeting my cash, and looking for a winter jacket at the time of this printing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 SMURFS

WB 5, 7:30 A.M.

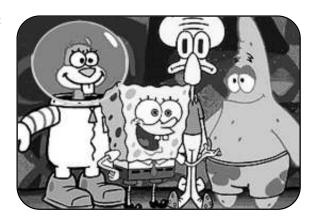
I celebrated a birthday by taking ten of my friends to see the Smurf movie. The theatre was giving away a Smurf seesaw toy to one lucky kid. We chose our seats, sat down. The whole time I had my fingers crossed and I was whispering, "Please let it be me. Please let it be me." Timmy Brown, seated directly to my right, was randomly chosen. Oh, how unfair. It was my birthday! I let that frustration build until later that week, when I socked Timmy in his arm as hard as I could.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 BILLFISHING XTREME RELEASE LEAGUE ESPN2 28, 7:00 A.M.

Last summer Jess, Tom, and I took a boat out every weekend to fish. We'd each bring a 12-pack. By noon the bottom of the small craft was thick with empty cans. One day I attempted to jump from the bow to a nearby pier and ended up doing the splits between the two. After fishing we stopped at a local tavern to play pool, and I left wet footprints on the concrete floor. As lame as that trip was, it was the most "Xtreme" fishing I've ever done.

MONDAY, MARCH 14 DESIGNING WOMEN LIFE 38, 8:30 A.M.

I was a very impressionable young man. For a month after reading my first Spider-Man comic, I wore blue and red tights. My dad ordered my mom to never watch Designing



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Women again after he found me on the back porch sipping a mint julep and spinning a parasol over my head. "My, my, my, isn't it a hot one today?" were the last words I spoke in a slow Georgia drawl.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

TODAY

NBC 7, 7:00 A.M.

Morning shows are the most misguided programs. In the TV world they are the bubbly coworker who shouts, "Good morning!" She sings at her desk and thinks everyone is dying to hear how her weekend went. When really all we want is half of the lights left off and a strong cup of coffee.

THE AMAZING RACE 7 CBS 8, 9:00 P.M.

Previous Survivor winners and millionaires Boston Rob and his wife Amber are on this show. As dumb as Rob comes off on screen, he is fantastic at these games. I don't think he's fit to work in the real world. He might be the first person to make reality television a career.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 LOST

ABC 10, 8:00 P.M.

Lost has fallen into the same trap as Gilligan's Island. If the cast is rescued the show is over. If the show continues, the writers have to make three square miles of sand and coconut trees interesting. I'll watch this show again when they construct a car and radio out of materials found on the beach.

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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Something about last week's column bothered me. I had said only half of what I wanted to say. This is a sequel, because I found the jail experience so astounding in a free country, a relatively sophisticated city, and in the 21st Century.

Let me observe that the seventh floor, the one I was first taken to, is mostly for medical cases. I was sent there because of my heart, etc. The space was already occupied by a large African-American; I, dragging a cumbersome mattress and bedroll, was not allowed entry to my assigned cell. He said nothing but barred my entrance. I asked several questions as to why he would not let me in. "Is there someone else already here?" I could see there was not. "Do you have a contagious cold or flu or something?" Silence. "You just like the cell to yourself?" Nothing. Finally, as a stab in the dark — and I suddenly knew I had it - I asked him, "Is it because I'm white?" "Yeah."

It was another black guy who came to my aid. "Come on in here with me." I have forgotten his name, but he had been an inmate for months. He had hand lotion, candy, romance novels, and a Bible as well as other religious and inspirational literature that lay out on the small steel table. The deputy had barked at me to take a shower as soon as I had secured a bunk, and my cellmate lent me shampoo, not provided by the county, much like their policy with clean clothes.

I was a little puzzled that dinner was served at 4 p.m. This Friday it was a kind of rubbery turkey roll with dried sweet potatoes, instant potatoes the texture of paste, a few canned green beans, and a tasteless yellow cake. A fruitlike punch was served at every meal during my stay. Sodas are verboten, as either cans or bottles can be fashioned into weapons. We were given only plastic spoons, as even plastic knives or forks can be deadly.

The round metal tables are segregated. Blacks sit among blacks, Hispanics likewise, and whites together. Violation of this can erupt into violence. A couple of Chicano guys approached me at the white table (after I had initially blundered over to the black table and had been sent packing) and suggested in Spanish that I belonged with them. I explained that I was italiano. This was not only okay with them but they smiled and seemed to approve, as if I was a gangster.

A common method of doing time among the less manic (the pacers, the incessant rappers and jokers, liars, storytellers, and amateur, benighted lawyers) is to sleep as much as possible. I found it nearly impossible. The lights are beyond sunlight, turned off only briefly late at night but subject to being reignited for whimsical reasons at random times. This struck me as a technique learned from North Korean torture specialists in the early '50s during that police action. To allow prisoners to fall asleep and then immediately wake them with bright lights, loud noises (maybe bugles or "Montez, Vasquez, Montero, come to the glass for wrist I.D. check! Ricardo, Lucero, Maldonado, sick call now! Move it!" all at unnecessary, feedback volume and at 3:00 a.m.) if prolonged, is proven to induce psychosis in its victims. The lights are then left on until the deps are good and ready to douse them.

The deps, with their shaved heads, buff upper torsos (but often with beer guts) would, if naked, placed side by side with many white naked inmates, be distinguishable primarily by the tattooed prisoners. In most ways, they appear to be the same animal. And on the outside, the felons are better armed.

One kid, 23 years old, lifted his shirt to show me five bullet wounds and scars as if from some sort of drunken heart surgery. I told him, "Maybe you should stay away from guns." His answer, "They won't stay away from me. They keep comin' at me." I'll call him Dumont, and he'd been robbed more than a dozen times. "Bad karma, I guess." It may also have to do with the fact that Dumont deals in large quantities - multikilos - of cocaine, methedrine, crack, heroin, grass, and whatnot. He will commonly carry as much as \$50,000 in his pockets at any given time, if he is to be believed. For some reason, maybe his shot-up torso, I believed him.

I spent much time staring at the bottom of the top bunk from my bottom one. Previous tenants had, in pencil, scrawled crude drawings. Here were evil clowns; phalluses; ankhs; swastikas consistently gotten wrong; text in Spanish; the words "Sinaloa" and "Logan Heights" recognizable; crude female genitalia; and much graffiti in stylized lettering, incomprehensible though looking for all



"Come in here with me.

the world like ancient Toltec glyphs.

At one point, I experienced chest pain. It took 45 minutes to summon a deputy, who took me in shackles (wrists, waist, and ankles) to medical observation. I waited in a cell for an hour and a half before a nurse took my temperature and blood pressure. Much later, when I saw a doctor, he spent a great deal of time typing in the list of heart meds I take and their dosages. I was then, shackled still, taken to UCSD hospital. After much laughter among the doc and deps (the doc made a point of calling over all the deputies to look at his computer screen with my records) as to how many visits I had made to that hospital in the past year, I was called a frequent flyer. This implied I was faking pain to get out of jail, something I gladly would have done had I thought I could get away with it. I was given morphine and briefly debated with myself about trading alcoholism for drug addiction.

Seven days went by, and I swore I had been there a month. I still dream I am in custody and can sleep only an hour or so at a time.

I feel I should add that my incarceration had to do not only with public intoxication and trespassing, but things I did not do. Not that I infer my innocence, it's just that I did not attend the slew of AA meetings and eight-hour course on alcohol, drugs, AIDS, domestic violence, anger management, and drunk driving that the court had required of me previously.

I did not comply. I failed to appear. To be a criminal, a bad actor, antisocial, and, I suppose, assumed dangerous, gives me a perverse sense of gratification at my fundamental badness.

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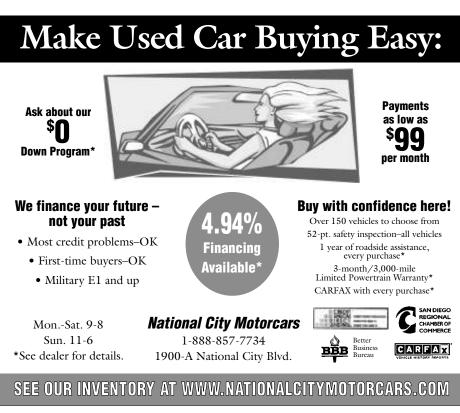
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