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Track Feel

Wow is all I can say after reading Ollie's article "A Night at the Races" (March 10). I grew up going to a 3/8-mile dirt track. His article made me feel like I was there with him in the grandstands. Bravo.

> Lisa via e-mail

CORRECTION

In last week's story "In That Sea of Tattoos and Piercings" ("Blogging San Diego"), the author's name was incorrect and his web address was omitted. The author is Jeff Bryant. His web address is *www.syntaxofthings.com*.

Rotten Men

Interesting issue. Michael P. Sousa (Letters, March 10), who comments on Miss McMayor's finding sex revolting, acts like a typical macho male. He does not take into account a fact that the Sadkers' book *Failing at Fairness* proves without a doubt (even to the U.S. government) that all female students are discriminated against in favor of male students. Can you imagine all those drooling louts she suffered in school?

Then there is Brenda Spencer ("Blurt"), who killed a school principal in San Carlos, thereby taking revenge on the worst species of men in existence, who take out their own frustrations and mental malignancy on little children.

Then we read about a socalled judge, Wickersham ("City Lights"), who, according to varied testimony, violated at least every canon of law in a trial, which should earn him impeachment if not worse. He is very, very tired anyway.

And Paul Pfingst, who was in a similar state during his last election, is defending the rotten San Diego pension scandal and the worse election scandal.

> Don Stevens Escondido

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Please send Duncan Shepherd back to the BTK murder scenes in Wichita, Kansas (Movie Review, March 10). While there, please tell him to learn how to use a period at the end of a sentence. David Carpenter

La Mesa

Age Ease

I hugely enjoyed last week's cover story, "Age Gap" by Doug DuBrul (March 3). Since last summer I have been involved with a man eight years younger than me (I'm 37 years old), and though the age gap is not as big as with the couples featured in your article, I have been facing some deep questioning as to the viability of our relationship. Thanks to sage words from some of the youngest interviewees, I have been able to feel much more at ease with being the "older woman." Doug DuBrul's handling of the piece was clearly sympathetic, and the entire story was a heartwarming, tender read. Reading these people's stories reminded me that though age-gap relationships may not be the norm in our society, they are still entirely natural.

Name Withheld by request

Engaged

I am a longtime Reader fan. I picked up Thursday's paper to see what was up for the weekend and saw the cover article about relationships with large age gaps ("Age Gap," March 3). Since I myself am in one, I immediately turned to page 30 to take a look. To my surprise, my fiancée Cris and I were the headlining interview. We actually gave the interview 18 months ago and had lost touch with the researcher. Needless to say, I am honored and excited for my 15 minutes, but I thought it would be nice if you would give an update to all of the hopeful romantics afraid of pursuing a relationship with someone many years their senior or junior.

Since the interview, Cris and I have made a very nice life together. She is in nursing school, and I am the director of pharmacy for a large hospital in the area. We are engaged as of New Year's Eve '04/'05. We have set the date as May 19 of '06. We live together and are cur*continued on page 90*

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CITY LIGHTS

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Glass house Public radio station KPBS talking head Tom Fudge is steamed that Governor Arnold



Schwarzenegger won't appear on These Days, his morning ra-

dio talk show. "Maybe it's that so-called liberal reputation we've got," Fudge writes on the KPBS website. "Maybe Arnold thinks public radio is for weenie girlie men who drink Chardonnay and couldn't possibly bench-press their weight.

Tom Fudge

landing an interview if I smoked cigars and sprinkled my conversation with phrases like 'pump up.' " Fudge says he wanted to talk to the governor so desperately that he called rival Roger Hedgecock's radio show during a recent gubernatorial appearance. "I dialed KOGO's callin number twice before anyone picked up. When I finally got the call screener on the line she asked me what I wanted to talk about. I identified myself and told her I wanted to ask the governor why he won't come on my show. The screener had poor people skills and — if you ask me - not much of a sense of humor. Using a very frosty tone, she said she wasn't taking my call and hung up the phone." According to Fudge, "I'm a big guy and I can survive telephone rudeness. But the governor's avoidance of serious press interviews bugs me. No offense to the Hedgecock show, but nobody could reasonably call his interview with the governor a journalistic exercise. It was basically a pep rally for Schwarzenegger's latest initiative campaign."

Of course, Fudge has his own critics, who argue he is a politically calculating lightweight who often talks to hand-picked guests like ex-San Diego city manager Jack McGrory, and other icons of the local establishment. Critics also note that KPBS --- which recently drew fire from Del Mar literary agent Sandra Dijkstra for abruptly dumping Dirk Sutro and his evening talk show - rigorously screens callers to its own programs, filtering out opinions offensive to the downtown financial and educational interests that support San Diego State University. KPBS keeps the names of some of its biggest donors a tightly guarded secret. And the university, which could lose millions of dollars due to state budget cuts championed by the governor, controls the station.

Cake eaters Downtown redevelopment honcho Pam Hamilton says the long-delayed groundbreaking for that controversial museum tower adjacent to the Santa Fe Depot is just around the corner. It's been almost a year since the city ordered a big chunk of the depot demolished in the face of preservationists opposed to plans by La Jolla's Museum of Contemporary Art to erect a garish boxlike structure on the north end of the historic building. The well-heeled museum does not lack for cash to put into the project. IRS records show that museum director Hugh Davies, close friends with Union-Tribune publisher and museum benefactor David Copley as well as Rancho Santa Fe millionaire Pauline Foster, got an unsecured \$44,500 loan from the museum back in 2002. Under "purpose of loan" was written "Membership dues for country club to be used

As of the museum's most recently available tax return,

Davies was earning a salary of \$235,570, along with

\$29,148 in employee benefit plan contributions and a

friends jetted into New York a few weeks ago to party in Maybe I'd have a better shot at



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\$55,816 annual expense account.

Jeanne-Claude, and their Gates installation in Central Park. "Their jaunt included a dinner party in the Astor Court at the St. Regis Hotel the night before Sunday's park tour, and a luncheon at the Hotel Carlyle after it," reported the U-T's Burl Stiff. "The Copley visit was blessed with a flawless day:

brilliant sunshine and clear skies. It was cold but not too cold, with moderate breezes

Copley, Davies, and a few other intimate museum

that, as Jeanne-Claude put it, made the flags 'dance.' " ... Price Club founder Sol Price's name has once again surfaced in connection with long-rumored plans to

turn Montgomery Field into a warren of high-rise condos and office towers. Two years ago, the Daily Transcript reported that Price and downtown real estate mogul Malin Burnham had their eye on developing the city-owned private aviation airport, but nothing seemed to result. Now comes word that the



Montgomery Field

lease of Gibbs Aviation Service, one of the airport's most venerable tenants, has run out, and owner Buzz Gibbs must close down and vacate the premises by April. Suspicions abound that backstage maneuvering will eventually turn the airport into the city's latest real estate giveaway.

Pete's bronze tan How much does it cost to immortalize ex-San Diego mayor Pete Wilson? Plenty, according to the IRS filings of "Horton Walk: San Diego's Walk of Fame," a nonprofit "charity" set up by downtown real estate



man Stephen B. Williams to commission a series of bronze statues commemorating those who have helped pave paradise. First in the line was the late shoppingmall developer Ernie Hahn, whose likeness stands at the entrance of his Horton Plaza.

Across the street is Alonzo Horton, the father of all downtown speculators. Wil-

son is scheduled next. Among its charitable "accomplishments," the foundation lists "fundraising and installation of Ernest Hahn sculpture" (\$8477) and "fundraising for Pete Wilson sculpture" (\$12,879). A "Walk of Fame dinner" grossed \$135,000 but ran up \$90,534 in expenses, netting \$44,466.

- Matt Potter

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Penny Swindlers

By Don Bauder

t was quintessential San Diego: the son made news stiffing his stock-brokerage customers while the parents made Burl Stiff's

ity fundraiser. In the early

1990s, he loaned his son

\$10,000 to launch the now-

shuttered Pacific Cortez (née

La Jolla Capital) penny-stock

brokerage and had 10 per-

cent of the ownership until

his son paid him back. (In

Union-Tribune column glorifying the Beautiful People. It went on for years, and the parents were part-owners of the wayward son's dubious enterprises. Now the son, Harold Bailey

Gallison II — called "B.J." -

is in the Richard J. Donovan

state prison in Otay Mesa,

and some wonder if he's

running an offshore online

brokerage from there. "He

will be in jail one more year,"

says his father, Harold Bailey

Gallison, Sr., former execu-

tive director of the La Jolla

Town Council, public rela-

tions practitioner, and char-



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firm.) Gallison Sr. is now di-

1994, B.J. told me his father owned 90 percent of the

vorced from the mother, Janet Gallison, who did not return a call for comment. Steve Davis, the deputy district attorney who handled the case against B.J., says he considered pursuing Janet

and Vegas before he was sentenced to five years in prison for defrauding investors in August of 2003.

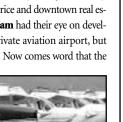
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Gallison Sr. confirms that Janet is part-owner of a Costa Rica-based Internet stock exchange named GIS-BeX. It's considered B.J.'s baby. The other owners are two Las Vegas ladies. B.J. had homes in both San Diego





10,000 Buzzing Bees

By Ernie Grimm

This is the story of Irwin the Bookman who, with the help of Lenny the Elf and Don the Kid, gives away hundreds of

thousands of books a year to schools, teachers, homeschoolers, prisons, homeless shelters, and old folks' homes around the county.

At 7:00 a.m. one recent morning Irwin Herman stoops over a pallet of books that arrived the day before. The pallet and ten others like it stand in a row bisecting the basketball-court-size secondfloor Bookman warehouse in City Heights. Fifteen or 20 boxes crowd each pallet. Herman, a short, round man with thinning hair and a gray mustache, has been here for an hour already, rifling through each box, separating out the paperbacks. "All of those paperbacks," he explains in a soft, nasal voice, "go to the jails, prisons. They

can't circulate hardcover books in the jail system. Inmates can get [hardcovers] in the classroom, but in their modules, where the books are most important, it's got to be paperbacks."

The reason, Herman says, is safety. With hardcovers, "Somebody could get angry with somebody else and throw a book at them. This is the mentality of the people who run the jails, and I don't interfere with that."

Giving books to a prison is how Irwin Herman became Herman the Bookman. "In late '89 or early '90 — I didn't mark down the date — a dear friend of mine was teaching at Descanso. He told me that the guys really had nothing to read. I gave him a handful of my own paperbacks. Later he invited me to the graduation when the guys got their GEDs. Every one of them came up to me, and I got a hug or a handshake from each of them."

That first book giveaway sparked something in Herman, and he began collecting books to give away, buying them at garage sales, library giveaways, and thrift stores as well as gleaning unwanted books from bookstores, particularly those along Adams Avenue in Normal Heights. He delivered them on his own to prisons. "I'm a high school dropout," he says, "and I relate well to these guys because I was there. I was never in prison or out on the street, but my dad died when I was a kid, so I became the man of the house really quick "

As he sorts books in the cold warehouse, Herman tells a visitor about growing up in Chicago, working odd jobs, learning the appliancerepair trade, and running an appliance-repair business for 40 years. "I gave the business to my son Jeff, and with my



wife Bunny I retired out here with no greater ambition than to buy a big jar of suntan lotion, take it to the beach, and sell it by the spritz while I sat in my beach chair." But Herman found that Irwin Herman such passivity isn't his nature. "I did sit by the pool for a while," he admits, "but I was used to getting up early in the morning and knocking out six to eight service calls in all kinds of weather. I'm a hus-

tler. I've been hustling since I was a kid. You know, if you're honest and you treat people honestly ... "Herman launches into a lecture on straight-dealing for the benefit of his much younger visitor. It's clear that Herman is more comfortable dispensing his wisdom and praising others than he is talking about himself. But when his visitor insists, Herman continues the story of his book giveaway, though he often reverts to praising others.

"It started in my garage," he recalls, "and I worked it up into six different garages. The man who owns this building — Jack 'Amazing' Grace I called him — he came into my life after he read an article about my need for more space. His owns a self-storage place, and he gave me some spaces to store books. But we were working out of six locations. Jack had this space available and he said, 'Why don't you come over here and use the space for a while?' Well, a while has turned into seven years. And, God bless him, continued on page 12





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cused on only one of his capers, purported sports board and clothing maker Natural Born Carvers, in which 400 investors got relieved of \$2.5 million, as B.J. and confreres were stashing the loot in tax havens such as Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands.

B.J. effectively bribed investors to peddle the stock when promoters gave him \$1.5 million worth of shares in it for free. It was just one of his offshore adventures, as he ran afoul of many state securities commissions, the National Association of Securities Dealers, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In 1999, the California Department of Corporations wanted Pacific Cortez shut down because of widespread violations of securities laws. A superior court judge appointed a monitor who confirmed that the books were cooked and brokers were making unconscionable sums on trades. When it was finally shut down, creditors got only 2.5 cents on the dollar. The receiver reported that the books were in such disarray, and so many key files were missing, that it was a potential criminal case.

As Davis prosecuted the Natural Born Carvers case in 2002, I got wind of B.J.'s role in GISBeX and did a column on it. Now David Marchant, the Miami-based reporter who covers smelly Caribbean financial activity in his Offshore Alert newsletter, has thoroughly probed GISBeX — beginning with confirmation that B.J. controls it through his mother and the Vegas lasses. "A notorious penny stock swindler currently in prison for fraud is secretly behind a Costa Rica-based Internet 'stock exchange,' " Marchant told his readers in his February 28 issue.

Marchant figures that since late 2001, the GISBeX exchange has listed more than 50 stocks. Collectively,

the companies have reported losses of more than \$640 million over that period. A Canadian who headed two different companies listed on GISBeX pleaded guilty to fraud counts in 1993. An Ohio attorney listed as auditor on five different GISBeX stocks claimed he had heard of only one of them. Later, the lawyer was described as "consigliere and mastermind" of an alleged mafiarelated stock swindle, but the complaint was dismissed.

GISBeX has listed several stocks of companies in the Internet gambling business. It's "popular bait among GISBeX issuers looking to catch investors," writes Marchant. In an interview, he says, "Costa Rica is renowned for its investment scams. Both the perpetrators and the victims tend to be North American. Costa Rica is full of expatriates" on the lam from the U.S., Canada, and other countries.

Today, there are 33 stocks quoted on *GISBeX.com* and on a companion site, *equitymedia.net*, which does stock promotion. There are three San Diego companies whose quotes appear daily and one that was formerly listed, according to Marchant. I tried to get to those companies for comment — did they pay to get on GISBeX, and did they know Gallison or one of his colleagues?

The best-known com-

pany is Peregrine Systems one of the biggest frauds and bankruptcies in San Diego history. As a result of accounting chicanery, revenues were overstated by \$500 million between 1999 and 2001. There are ongoing criminal investigations and civil suits. Last month, current management reported that losses are narrowing, but the company is still two quarters behind in calculating how much it's in the red. "We were not aware of it and did not authorize any mention of the company on that website," says a company spokesperson.

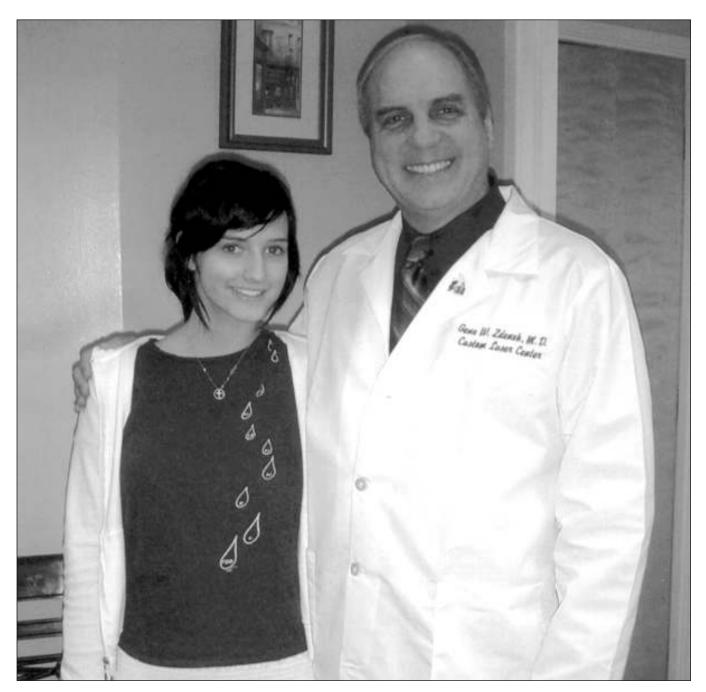
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continued from page 6 Systems, which supplies sophisticated financial information to Wall Street institutions, is baffled by his company's listing. "I don't know either of those [GISBeX and equitymedia]," he says. "How do we get off the cockamamie things?" On the day I talked with him, the stock had jumped 40 percent - to 13 cents per share — and he

had no idea why, noting that very few shares trade most days.

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Despite its financial savvy, the company itself is not doing well. It has an accumulated deficit of \$31.9 million, is \$350,000 in arrears on

paying bondholders, and its accounting firm says its survival as a going concern is in doubt. However, "The business has improved over the last year," says Overstreet.

Bio-Matrix Scientific Group, which says it is a biotech in such areas as adult stem-cell cryogenics, was formerly on GISBeX but isn't now. It changed its name from Storage Suites America last December. It keeps pumping out news releases saying it "is preparing to ap-

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ply for a stem-cell research grant" or is applying for "a cryogenic stem-cell bank certificate" or applying for "International Society of Stem Cell Research" membership and the like. Self-promotion based on applications is not a good sign. "We're a developmental-stage company," explains David Koos, chief executive, who says he doesn't know anything about GIS-BeX. The stock trades on the so-called pink sheets caveat emptor incarnate and does not report its results to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The stock has been selling for 34 cents per share.

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Another San Diego GIS-BeX stock is Safe Travel Care. This company has changed its name and its mission several times in the past few years. For a while, it was MLM World News, reporting on developments in the multilevel marketing or pyramid marketing world. It underwent a 100-1 reverse stock split in 2002 and a 200-1 reverse split the following year. In a 100-1 reverse split, the investor turns in 100 shares and gets 1 share back. It's not a good sign. Nor is the fact that the company, which specializes in travel insurance (such as insurance against stolen luggage) moved out of its fancy Executive Square digs in La Jolla, no longer maintains an office, and can't be reached for comment. The company has recorded consistent losses, and its accountant questions its viability. The stock trades for less than a penny a share.

So that's the kind of issue trading on B.J.'s GISBeX. The question is: does B.J. run it from prison? "It's just speculation," says Davis. "You know Gallison. He's an operator, manipulator, smart. You somehow just assume he's running it from his jail cell."

Marchant has his suspicions but won't make that assumption. Gallison Sr. says his son is not running GISBeX. He says that a key operator is Robin Michele Rushing, a former officer of La Jolla Capital. In 1996, she was slapped with a cease-and-desist order by the Securities and Exchange Commission and has had other regulator run-ins on her record — but not as many as B.J. ■

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For many years - Herman can't recall how manyhis book giveaway focused on the prisons. Herman, who says he educated himself through reading, was convinced that reading was integral to any chance of inmate rehabilitation. "Then my wife told me one day, 'You know, you're starting at the tail. Why don't you go the head.' And she was right. So I started looking for children's books. And I have a whole lot that are teacher-oriented too. My dream is to create not a library but a book giveaway in every classroom, so that the child at the end of the day can go over to their own bookcase and grab a couple of books and take them home to keep. If we can get the little ones reading, I don't have to bring them books later in jails."

The problem with "focusing on the little ones," as Herman puts it, is the books aren't as readily available as paperbacks for prisons. "We have to buy damn near 100 percent of our children's books. At least 95 percent. So I work the remainder market. How it works is, let's say Costco buys a hundred thousand of these Buzzing Bees," Herman plucks a brightly covered book off a nearby shelf. "Now, the cover price is about \$7. Costco puts them out for, say, \$4.98. Now, they sell a trillion of these, but they have 20,000 left, which they can return to the publisher. Now, the publisher doesn't want to mess with just small lots. Twenty thousand sounds like a lot, but to them that is a small lot. They then put them in what is known as the remainder market, and I get phone calls: 'Herman, I've got 10,000 Buzzing Bees. You can have them for a buck and a half apiece.' That means I have $\frac{1}{2}$ about a minute to say yes or about a minute to say yes or no. I hate to say no, but say-ing yes means I have to tie up $\frac{1}{2}$ a lot of my capital, which is very hard to come buy. But I very hard to come buy. But I bought them. I have perhaps ₽ 30,000 remainder children's

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books on my floor right now."

The Bookman's operating budget, about \$100,000 per year, comes mostly from a handful of philanthropists whose praises Herman will sing for hours if you let him.

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The rest of it comes from what Herman calls "maximiz[ing] dollar flow. The way we do that is when I buy huge collections, I let dealers go through the books because the dealers have the expertise."

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While he describes this process of selling more valuable books to dealers who resell them at higher prices in their bookshops, a tall blonde woman about 45 walks into the warehouse. Herman greets her and asks how he

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can help her. "I met you at the swap meet," she says. "You said you might be able to sell me some hardcovers." The woman, it turns out, is a swap-meeter who sells modern hardcover novels at swap-meets around town.

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Herman has plenty he'd like to sell her. "I usually ask for five dollars a box," he tells her.

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"The rains have been killing me lately," she replies, "and I'm really short on cash. Can vou do \$4 a box?"

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With that, he helps her load a dozen boxes onto the warehouse lift. When she's gone, he hustles down two flights of concrete stairs to the parking lot behind the building, where a silver van with the license plate BOOKMN 1 is parked. "I loaded a few boxes in here this morning," he says. "I've got to make a drop and a pickup."

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The first stop is the Neil Good homeless drop-in center in East Village. On the way, Herman explains the deal he just struck with the swap-meet blonde. "Modern hardback novels — the Danielle Steel and John Gr-

isham books you bought for \$25 or \$30 at Barnes & Noble a couple of years ago — I can't give them to the prisons or to the schools. So I box them up and people like that lady come and buy them by the box from me. Then

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they sell them for a buck apiece at the swap meet."

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"I've got another guy who comes into the warehouse," he adds, "we call him the colored-book man. He comes and picks out books by the color to use for TV and movie sets and for interior designers to use in their rooms."

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At the Neil Good center, Herman parks the car with windows down and doors unlocked, despite the fact that he had a van stolen once. "I always do that," he explains. "It shows respect for these people. You've got to give respect to get it."

Inside the center, Herman points to a four-by-four-foot bookshelf bearing a dozen paperbacks on its three shelves. "Need to restock," Herman says. None of the 30 homeless people sitting around the conveniencestore-sized room are reading; most of them are giving their full attention to a 50inch television along one wall. Herman, moving at a brisk pace, unloads half a dozen boxes from the back of the van, then drives over to the Alpha Project homeless shelter — which is housed in a circus-type tent, 150 feet long, erected on a closed street just east of Petco Park — to check the bookgiveaway shelf inside the tent. Twenty or so books stand on the top shelf. After chatting with the staff a while, Herman steers the Bookman van to nearby City College, where he pulls down a driveway between the college and San Diego High School. Just inside a gate on the City College campus, a double set of wooden shelves 20 feet long stands empty. "Two days ago these shelves were completely full of books," he says. "I drop off a lot of books here for the students to pick up for free."

The Bookman's last stop is at the Delaney Book Service warehouse in the Morena area. There, after a minute's flirtation with the female employees, he picks up a dozen boxes of children's books.

He's back at the warehouse by 11:00 a.m., where his three volunteer crew members, Lenny Pearlman, Don Schulz, and Darrel Sims — nicknamed the Elf, the Kid (because he's the the Kid (because he's the youngest), and the Southern Illinois boy, respectively — are busy sorting books. "This are busy sorting books. "This is my amazing crew," Herman says. "They are all volunteers. They work for the same kudos that I get: the same kudos that I get: the hugs and the handshakes ⁷₂₀ and the respect of people μ that we serve."



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Hey Matt:

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I've noticed that when the planes begin to take off from the airport at 6:30 a.m., the first plane is always a small propeller commuter plane, which is immediately followed by the big jets. Why is the small commuter plane always the first to go? Also, I've noticed a recent increase in the number of curfew-busting jets that take off around 5:00 a.m.

— Donald, the net

Heymatt:

I was under the impression that there was a 6 a.m. curfew for planes landing and departing Lindbergh Airport. This morning, thanks to the cat, having arisen at 4:30 a.m., I was surprised to see a plane descending to land at 4:54 a.m. Was this a regularly scheduled airline landing?

-G and S, the net

The elves can't figure what you're all doing up so early formulating questions for us. They're all excused from any serious thinking before 10:30 or 11. But I guess these are pretty good crack-of-dawn queries, so we'll see what we can find out. We'll cut and paste information we got from the FAA regional office in L.A. and from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and see if we can get you sleeping late again.

The first thing we need to know is that the 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. curfew at Lindbergh only applies to departures. There are no restrictions on landings. The FAA couldn't tell us exactly what flight it was that made G, S, and the cat curious, but it could have been a cargo plane, charter flight, almost anything. The runway door is always open at Lindbergh, 24/7. C'mon down!

Departures are a little more complicated. The FAA controls the Lindbergh tower, which gives clearances for take-offs. It's not their job to stop planes from leaving our little burg. If a pilot wants to go, the tower can't say no. At least not for any curfew reasons. It's the airport authority that sets the departure rules, but even they can't run out onto the field and stop a plane from departing. If the carrier or the pilot is willing to risk a fine for busting curfew, they can.

To quote the airport authority, "Departure curfew times are regulated by the amount of noise an aircraft makes. The noisier the airplane [as defined by the FAA], the more restrictive the hours of operation." The curfew isn't in place to stop air traffic, just to strike the right balance of being a neighbor-friendly environment and a major international airport. Most commercial, commuter, and cargo planes are so-called Stage 3 aircraft. Their particular noise levels are allowed between 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Noisier Stage 2 craft are restricted to 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

So if nobody's actually going to stop you from taking off, whatever the time of night, where does the curfew part come in? When a plane takes off during curfew hours, Lindbergh's automatic noise-monitoring system kicks in and records the level. A whole lot of letter-writing and paperwork follows, including notifications to the carrier/pilot of the offending plane (asking for an explanation of the situation), neighbors who are members of the Airport Noise Advisory Committee, and in bimonthly public forums. If a fine is levied, it's \$1000 for the first violation in a quarter, \$3000 for the second in the quarter, \$5000 for the third, and open-ended for four or more. At the last bimonthly Curfew Violation Review Panel meeting, six operators were fined \$1000 each for noise-curfew violations. Seventeen carriers/pilots were fined in 2004.

Emergency medical flights and "flights of military necessity" can take off and land at any time. There's no restriction on them. And as for the little commuter planes being at the head of the departure line at 6:30, the FAA says departures are on a first-come, first-served basis. There can be up to 15 or 16 flights ready to go at that hour, so the feisty little short-hop commuters make every effort to be first to get tower clearance and get their planes at the head of the line. Now go back to sleep.

Dear MA:

I love Lay's potato chips, especially the burned ones. Sometimes I find a green chip. What the heck is that, and are they dangerous, because I eat them anyway.

— David Blaise, the net

Lay's didn't get where it is today by killing off its customers. But our friend the potato is a member of a family of plants capable of making us pretty sick. And yes, the green part is a little ominous, but not very. Store a potato in too bright an environment and certain nasty alkaloids (mainly solanine) collect near the skin, colored green with chlorophyll. The odds on your downing enough green chips to knock you out are pretty much zero. The real danger from solanine is in potato leaves and in the little eye sprouts. Your "burned" chips are from potatoes with a higher than usual sugar content, which makes them cook a darker color. Save up the green chips to go with your green beer on St. Paddy's Day.

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SportingBox By Patrick Daugherty

March Madness

ead out the door, find a freeway, and drive to Lindbergh Field. Get on a plane and fly to Des Moines, Iowa. Rent a car, motor north on I-35, turn right on Highway 20, turn left on Hudson Road, turn right on West 27th Street, drive six blocks, stop, get out of the car, and slap your feet on the pavement. Pilgrim, breathe deep and take in the academic vista that is the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). As you must know by now, the UNI Panthers have been invited to this year's NCAA basketball tournament.

The Box is eternally vigilant when it comes to your sporting needs, so I have Matt Cross of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier on the phone. Matt is the beat reporter for Northern Iowa basketball.

'Tell me about the team."

"They're making their second straight NCAA appearance," Cross says, "first at-large berth they've ever received."

'What happened?'

"Four years ago, this program was 7 and " Cross says. "They brought in Greg McDermott from a Division II program as head coach. He played at UNI in the mid-'80s. He's turned the program around. They won 13 games his first year, then 15 games, and then two back-to-back 20-win seasons. His teams get after you defensively, and they rely on the three-point shot. He puts four or five guys on the court who can shoot the three.

"How does he recruit basketball players? Nothing against Cedar Falls ... " save for the plane ride and the rental-car ride and the cornfield destination.

"The first thing McDermott said was, 'I'm going to target the state of Iowa. I'm going to get the best players in Iowa.' He's done that, and he's also got some big guys out of the Twin Cities.

"Is the town nuts over the team?"

"It is. Two years ago, they averaged 2300 fans for basketball games and now it's close to 5000. We're only an hour and 15 minutes away from Iowa City, so a lot of people who have been on the [University of] Iowa bandwagon are becoming fans. And we're only two hours from Ames, so a lot of people who have been on the Iowa State side of things have adopted UNI as their hometown team.'

"When did you get a fix on the team; you know, what they were going to be like this year?"

"The second game. They went into Cincinnati, got up by 18 points with ten minutes to go and lost the lead; ended up losing the game in double overtime. People

thought, 'Well, now we'll see what they're made of.' Three nights later they beat Iowa State by 20 points," Cross says. "UNI is resilient, disciplined, and relies on execution. But, if they don't execute their sets, because they run a ton of stuff, they're in trouble."

"How do you see them in the tournament?"

"In terms of match-up, the first round is as good as you can get. Last year, when they played Georgia Tech, they were behind the eight ball in terms of athleticism. But with Wisconsin [UNI plays Wisconsin Friday night], they match up pretty well. They're similar in terms of height on the front line. The guard position is pretty much a draw. I think it's going to be one of those 56-50 games."

"How long have you been working at the paper?"

"This is my second year."

"You fell into a pretty good deal."

"Yeah," Cross laughs, "I did. When I got here they were coming off a 24-win season. You could see something special was going to develop.'

"How many papers cover the home games?"

"Des Moines Register has - I don't know if I'd call him a beat guy; he covers all the home games, but he doesn't travel. The Cedar Rapids Gazette has a guy who covers the team. Cedar Rapids is about an hour away from here. And that's it, in terms of newspapers."

"I see UNI's enrollment is 12,800, so it's a midsized-to-small school?"

"Yeah. Two years ago the enrollment was 15,000, so it's declined by quite a bit over the last two or three years.'

"How come?"

"People are leaving the state. I hate to say that. A lot of people are going to warmer climates."

"How about you?"

"Graduated from the University of Iowa in 2000. Then I worked at a small daily in Mason City, Iowa. Worked there for two and a half, three years and then came down here."

"Bottom line: How far into the tournament will they go?"

"The farthest this program has ever gone is the second round in 1990. They beat Missouri in the first round and then lost to Minnesota in the second round. So, I think if they can duplicate that, that would be good. I think Wisconsin is a winnable game, but then you're probably staring at Kansas in round two, which would be a nightmare of a match-up.'

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"I believe the [Greek Orthodox Church] is the true church, but I'm not going to rub it in anyone's face," said Nazo Zakkak, an altar boy at St. Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church. Zakkak said he believes this because the roots of the faith go back to the formation of the Christian church and the traditions remain unchanged.

"The Greek Orthodox tradition by our own view is the truest expression and most consistent expression of Christianity," said Reverend Father Demetri Tsigas. The Greek Orthodox Church traces its roots to the day of Pentecost, when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to begin the mission of the Church to the world. In 1054, the Greek Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church split into two.

"The Catholics' view is that we broke away from them," said Father Tsigas. "Our view is they broke away from us. Before the split, the churches were collegial. It was when the Pope decided his authority superseded any council or other authority that we had to part ways. At the time, there were five centers of the church; Rome, Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem, and Alexandria. Four of the five decided to part with Rome." "The Pope has had

an amazingly powerful ministry in his life," said Tsigas when asked about his view of the current Pope. "Our church doesn't believe someone should stay king until they're dead. It's unfortunate that he hasn't stepped down to let someone take on his ministry."

I asked Tsigas his view on the Reformation and Protestant church. "The Reformation was an important reality in light of the clear abuses in the Catholic Church," said Tsigas. "At the time, we were a church enslaved to the Ottoman rule. I believe the Reformation threw away the baby with the bath water. They threw away a lot of the liturgical aspects of the church. Today, there are very few Protestants who hold to Reformation ideals of Calvin and Luther. There are very few Calvinists in the Protestant Church; they really are the minority.

"The Protestant church has a problem when they say their authority is Scripture alone. This really becomes, 'the authority is in my interpretation of Scripture," said Tsigas. "Traditions are a divine manifestation of God. How do Protestants

accept the Canon of Scripture without accepting the council's decisions on other issues? The Protestant churches need to be humble and recognize they are not God's gift to man individually. We are all collectively the church. There are no Lone Ranger Christians, we need to work together."

St. Gregory of Nyssa was founded 12 years ago when people asked to have a Greek Orthodox presence in the East County. The church meets in the New Jerusalem Forum, a bookstore and coffee shop. Icons, images of Jesus, and other saints hang on the store walls. A large image of Jesus and an image of Mary holding a baby-sized Jesus with adult features are placed on either side of a communion table.

The service included responsive readings and a cappella singing led by Father Tsigas and four singers. Readings were in English and Greek. Tsigas, whose back was to the congregation for most of the service, wore a white robe with a vellow cross stitched onto the back.

Father Tsigas's sermon was entitled "Begin with the End in Mind." The message was created from the book 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, writ-

ten by Steven Covey. Tsigas asked the congregation to visualize their own funeral. "What would you want people to say about your life," asked Tsigas. After the funeral, we were told to visualize going to heaven and standing before God. "What sins have you not confessed? What do you need to repent of?" After the visualization, Tsigas recommended everyone live in response to our eventual death. "Each of us has a calling from God and a very specific purpose for living," said Tsigas. After service, people gathered around donuts and coffee outside the store. Nelson Chase recently converted to Greek Orthodox from his Episcopalian upbringing. Chase said the conversion came after a trip to Jerusalem, where he saw the Greek Orthodox traditions. "I was attracted to the unchanging nature of the faith. The faith has stayed the same over 2000 years, where other traditions, such as the Roman Catholic Church, have

changed over the years," said Chase. He now plans to attend seminary to become a priest.

"Several people have converted from the Episcopal tradition," said Father Tsigas. "They are looking for something that isn't going to change on them. Some have left over theological issues, like the ordination of women or homosexuals. Now, there are even questions about the resurrection and the authority of scripture [in the Episcopalian tradition]."

I asked Father Tsigas the question I ask each week: What happens to a person after he dies? "The Greek Orthodox Church believes that after you die there is a partial judgment, and after Jesus returns, then there is a final judgment," said Tsigas. "In the partial judgment people get a foretaste of the final judgment." Tsigas holds to a minority viewpoint that disagrees with the official Church stance. "I believe after a person dies he can still grow toward God." I asked Tsigas if Hitler could work his way back to Heaven. "Even the devil could work his way back into heaven," replied Tsigas.

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Dear Saffron,

How do I get my husband, who is generally a stand-up guy and not a slacker, to take some responsibility for maintaining our house and for the duties that come with managing hired help? We have lived in this house for five years, and every time something needs fixing - whether it's small, like getting the garbage disposal repaired or big, like when the basement flooded — it seems that it's not our problem but my problem alone. I should say that we both work full-time so it's not as if he's the breadwinner and I'm the house frau who's in charge by mutual agreement of all things having to do with the domestic dwelling. He simply won't make calls to repair places, ever, or deal with the repair persons. He won't talk to them about what needs to be done, get estimates, oversee work, or ask questions. I am getting tired of being the one who has to deal with plumbers, painters, handymen, washing machine repair guys, gardeners, roofers - all by myself, as though I lived here solo. My mate just disappears when these problems arise. If he doesn't like the job that ultimately gets done, he criticizes my choice of hired help or lets me know that in his view we got ripped off but never offers to do the hiring himself. I don't understand why these mutual problems are no concern of his, and they are taking up more and more of my time. Nagging is the last thing I want to hear myself doing. I've told him nicely that I want him to share this responsibility, and he says "Sure, fine, of course," but the next time the sink is clogged or a portion of the rain gutter falls down or the dishwasher is on the fritz he just ignores it and leaves it for me to deal with. When the plumber or fix-it guy shows up, my husband vanishes like Houdini. He mysteriously reappears only when it's all over and the workers have driven away.

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instead of jumping in and doing it yourself. He'll hem, haw, procrastinate, claim he doesn't know what to do, and complain. Be patient and calmly offer coaching, but let him do it himself. Be lavish in your praise when he takes any step toward taking charge of the problem. He's going to have to learn what millions of housewives know only too well: taking care of a home requires a big investment of time, energy, and attention.

Hi Saffron!

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Nanna Kelly came from County Mayo, Ireland. She loved a plate of ham and cabbage with some good potatoes, followed by a fine cup of tea and her own homemade Irish soda bread. Nanna — "God

love her," as she might say — went to her eternal reward some 15 vears ago, leaving me wondering how she made such delicious bread. With St. Patrick's Day here, I have to make

my own soda bread.

I started with sister Nancy, keeper of the few family recipes that have been passed down. "Well," she said, "I substitute plain yogurt for the buttermilk or the water," she said. "It makes for a nice texture and a moist bread. When I use raisins, I soften them overnight before putting them in the bread. I'll use a bit less

yogurt in the mixture if I am using raisins." Nancy also boasted

about her soda bread's staying power. "I gave a loaf to a friend last year, and she said it tasted delicious a week later."

"The Irish soda bread looks very different at home," said Tom Dowd, general manager and head chef at Hooley's Irish Pub and Grill in Rancho San Diego. Though his restaurant does not sell soda bread — they do make the traditional Irish wheaten bread — Dowd recalled the soda bread he grew up with in County Longford, Ireland. "When I make it," he said in a musical brogue, "I just make it the way I know how to make it, which is the way my mother used to make it. It's not something they teach in culinary school. It's made in a round flat-bottomed Bundt pan, and it is like a hot cross bun. You score it deeply with a knife, so it looks like there is a crucifix on the top of it. I have

seen it with raisins here. but I've never seen it with raisins in Ireland. Occasionally they do have it with currants around Ash Wednesday — as a replacement to a hot cross bun, and because of the deep crucifix score in

it. But that is not traditional, because grapes aren't indigenous to the island.

"Back East," chef Dowd continued, "they use a lot of caraway seeds in soda bread to flavor it - giving it almost a rye flavor. But caraway wasn't available in Ireland before free trade, so traditionally there are no caraway seeds in soda bread either. Out here I have seen soda bread in pound cake loaf form, and to me, that changes it. It makes the crust a little bit harder

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than it used to be at home.'

What consistency should the dough have?

"It's a bread dough. You make it as sticky or as not sticky as you want when you flour the rolling pin. But the closest description I would have to it would be French peasant bread as opposed to Italian peasant bread. Italian peasant breads are far more aerated, and French peasant bread would be denser, and more moist. The difference is in the crust. The crust on soda bread is not going to cut the roof of your mouth, whereas a peasant bread from France or Italy will."

I've heard that some people use buttermilk instead of water in their breads. Dowd chuckled when I told him that. "There is an Irish song, 'Drinking buttermilk all the week long, and whiskey on a Sunday.' We would never waste something as

valuable as buttermilk in bread. I am sure it would render a nice dough, but it wouldn't be traditional. Traditionally we would never waste buttermilk because Ireland was a poor country.'

When do they eat the soda bread in Ireland?

"Where I grew up in Ireland, our main meal of the day was at noon. Then when dinnertime is [here in the States], that would be our teatime. There is tea in the afternoon, and then there is a real tea, which is at about six o'clock for working-class houses in Ireland. That's when I remember eating soda bread — warm, with butter on it. So my mother would have made it during the day.'

'There is also another variation on the soda bread," offered Frances Avik of the Irish Shoppe, "what we call a Tea Brack. You soak your fruit [that will be used in the soda bread] overnight in a cup of tea and Irish whiskey. It is soda bread, but it is a little darker, a little richer. That one has currants and raisins, whatever you want to put in it."

Sarah Tritschler, waitress at the Field, comes from Waterford, Ireland. "You could have soda bread for teatime, or for what they call 'foursies' or 'elevensies.'" she said. "I'm not a good cook so I don't make it, I buy it here at the Field [\$8.50 a loaf]."

Shakespeare's Corner Shop in Midtown sells an Irish soda mix for \$5.25. Tom Giblin's Irish Pub in Carlsbad sells a small loaf of soda bread for \$3.50. For those looking to hear a few brogues, the House of Ireland in Balboa Park serves soda bread and tea every Sunday afternoon.

1. Irish soda bread 2. St. Patrick 3. Brack

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BACK WHEN

In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

I saw the miracle today, the one at the Israelite Church of God in Christ on 32nd and L Street.... When the newscasters explained that the miracle on 32nd Street, the image of a cross through a bathroom window, would disappear with the flick of a light switch, my mind was put to ease. That is, until I realized this thing has been in the news for three days, people are still streaming to see it, the sidewalks of a typically avoided neighborhood are overflowing, and four cops have been sent in not to stop the riots but to control the traffic.

— "MIRACLE ON 32ND STREET," Judith Lin, March 20, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

There was Dave Vandenberg, jogging along the Rose Canyon bike path, when out of the brush came the scream of a chainsaw. Vandenberg turned down a dirt path to investigate. There he found a middle-aged man and two teenagers slicing off limbs of an oak tree; the lumberjacks had loaded two cords of oak wood into their pickup truck.

"What do you think you're doing?" Vandenberg asked the older man. "You know this is city land, don't you?"

The man shrugged. "Heck, everyone does it," he answered.

Seven concrete posts once guarded the canyon bike path's main entrance at the northern end of Santa Fe Street. But someone knocked them down and car drivers began to invade.

- CITY LIGHTS: "THE ROSE CANYON CHAINSAW

MASSACRE," Jeannette De Wyze, March 20, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Take the sign west of El Centro near the intersection of Interstate 8 and State Highway 98. According to the sign, the downtown post office on E Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues — the common point from which Caltrans measures distances to and from San Diego — is 93 miles away; the actual distance, though, is 97 and a half miles.

The eight distance signs between Los Angeles and San Diego are each inaccurate by between one and four miles, and two signs near the San Diego–Orange County line are contradictory. One claims San Diego is 57 miles away; the next, less than two miles down the road, alleges the distance to be 53 miles.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"HOW FAR TO THE NEXT SIGN?"** *Thomas K. Arnold, March 21, 1985*

Fifteen Years Ago

"It was before the war. San Diego had a grand population of 180,000 people. I was an investigator for a lawyer, and Judge Ed



San Diego Reader, March 21, 1985

Luce — 'course, he wasn't a judge anymore, but they called him 'Judge' — Judge Luce calls me up and says, 'Kent, I got a toughie.' This fella had been ducking the sheriffs for days; they used to serve all the process in San Diego. Well, I got it served right away, and Luce asked me how I'd like the job permanent. Pretty soon I was in *bidness*!"

- CITY LIGHTS: **"HE WHO SERVES,"** Joe Daley, March 22, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Before you think there's no San Diego in this piece, let me lay something on you. The first performance of Schoenberg's arrangement for orchestra of Brahm's Piano Quartet in G Minor took place in L.A. in May 1938, conducted by that other escapee from National Socialism (and father of the man who would play "funny Nazi" Colonel Klink on *Hogan's Heroes*), Otto Klemperer. Shortly thereafter, the composer himself conducted it in SAN DIEGO.

— "ARNOLD, O.J., AND THE BRAIN FROM PLANET AROUS," Richard Meltzer, March 16, 1995

Five Years Ago

How interesting that dead catfish were delivered to the *Reader* offices — along with business cards from Larry Lucchino and John Moores — the day after you published "Are the Padres Married to the Mob?" ("City Lights," March 9). Obviously, somebody is trying to smear Lucchino and Moores. Those two fine gentlemen would never use such mob-style tactics. Making veiled threats by sending dead creatures or parts of dead creatures to enemies is as trite as it is reminiscent of the Mafia. I'm surprised neither Lucchino nor Moores returned phone calls from the *Reader*. They both must be out of town.

- LETTERS: **"TRITE MAFIA TACTICS,"** *Helen McKenna, March 16, 2000*

Crasher

AND THE CANDY BAR GOES TO...

by Josh Board

L can never go to more than one party when the Oscars are on. It would be my luck that while driving to the second one, I'd miss a famous moment like the streaker who ran across the stage, or when Brando had that little Indian girl pick up his award. During the Super Bowl, it's easy, because the halftime show always sucks. I never mind driving to a second party at halftime.

The day before the Oscars, there was a party at Caffe Calabria in North Park, put on by Ken and Chris Calloway for the fourth straight year and attended by many of the folks who run the San Diego Film Festival. They had a red carpet out front, velvet ropes, and a large statue by the door. It wasn't an Oscar. It was a woman. Chris explained, "It's Oscar's girlfriend, Eve. This party is the night before the Oscars, but we call her Oscar's Eve."

Inside near the entrance stood this great backdrop of a car with a moving background in the windows. A cameraman was filming and a sound person held a boom mike, and they let people do a scene from *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. It was fun to watch couples doing this.

The first person I talked to was Wally Schlotter. He's the chairman of the film festival and told me about events they have,



the biggest being the San Diego Film Festival in late September. He was wearing his sunglasses, which made him look very Hollywood. We agreed on all the movies that came out this year, on which ones were great and which ones sucked. The only debate was about *Million Dollar Baby*. He loved it, and I thought it was the most overrated film of the year. And Clint Eastwood getting nominated for an acting Oscar, when this is the same

"I've never seen anyone get more out of Loren Nancarrow in my life."

character I've seen him play for 30 years, is ridiculous. Chris walked by and said, "That's what is great about this party. We can talk about all those movies that were nominated. During the Oscars nobody talks, because award. When the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park displayed all his photos, he went to that event instead. Wally told me how the event Bridges had done for almost 20 years is called the "No Show Ball." The

they are watching the show and

how Jeff Bridges was going to

come to an event they put on.

The festival was going to give

Bridges an actor as humanitarian

Wally told me a story about

listening to the winners."

Top: Ken & Chris Calloway

invitations Bridges sends out say that you can help end world hunger, with 100 percent of the proceeds being donated. The invite states, "Because you won't have to eat rubber chicken and listen to boring speeches or put up with silly skits, send \$100. Because you don't have to rent a tux or a limo, send \$250. You won't have to buy your wife a new evening gown, send \$300." Bridges lists all different reasons why you should send more money, including \$50,000, since you can sit at home in a T-shirt watching television and leave your Learjet in the hangar. Wally introduced me to Karl

Kozak, who had some interesting stories to tell me about the film festival. *Reader* critic Duncan Shepherd mentioned recently that San Diego didn't need another film festival, but Karl explained that their festival takes all films. It's not for just Latino films or Jewish films or gay films.

His wife Robin was pregnant, and I asked if she had any names picked out. She said "Brooklyn" since it has letters from her and her husband's names. I said. "What about Brooke? That has the same letters." I think Wally and I then started talking about actresses who have given their babies funky names. (Gwyneth Paltrow and her daughter Apple are the only example I can think of at the moment.) I think that was our subtle way of saying we didn't care much for the name Brooklyn.

An Italian woman came up to me and with her thick accent commented on my Jack Nicholson shirt, which showed his face coming through the door from *The Shining*. She told me she loved Nicholson, especially in *As Good as It Gets*. I told her that movie was good, but I never bought the relationship with him and Helen Hunt. She said, "But I loved all his disorders and the way he





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walked down the street trying not to step on certain things. I actually know people like that."

When a few limos pulled up for this party, it started to look like the real Oscars. I went to the door to take a photo of a couple dressed up. The man was wearing a tux, and his blonde date had a sexy gold dress. I said something to them as I took their photo. She responded, "My stomach is so sore from modeling all day." I responded, "My stomach is sore from eating all day."

After the third person I saw in a tuxedo, I thought that if you owned one, this was the perfect event to wear it to. How often do you get the opportunity to wear a tux? Aside from senior prom and some friends' weddings 15 years ago, I haven't had the need for one.

There were a few guys with fedoras, with the word PRESS on the side, taking photos as people came in. It was a great re-creation of old Hollywood. One woman walked by, and I told someone that she looked exactly like Joan Rivers. He responded, "Yeah, and she probably thinks she looks like Joan Collins."

There were ballots on which you could pick the Oscar winners. And there were lots of prizes, including movie tickets and a giant framed picture of an Oscar.

I saw a guy who I thought was an old friend of mine. When I said my friend's name, the guy looked at me and walked away. I realized it wasn't him. This guy was Devin Scott, and he had a film that has won awards at various film festivals. It was called The \$5 Movie, and it was hysterical. A room had been set up with 25 seats to show some films. The \$5 Movie starts with a six-year-old kid doing a home movie with his parents. The father was newscaster Loren Nancarrow. It was a blast watching this little kid direct, then watching as he got older. He went from film school doing the same film (in an arty way),

to big-time Hollywood (where he yelled at assistants and demanded coffee), to doing the same film pornstyle in the back of a limo. I told him later, "I've never seen anyone get more out of Loren Nancarrow in my life."

I said something to Wally about Devin's shiny silver jacket. Wally laughed and said, "He was actually named the San Diego Filmmaker of the Year last year."

Another cute film was called *Superman Safety Crossing*. A guy in a Superman outfit helped people walk across the street in Hillcrest as the theme music from *Superman* played. The people looked at him as if he were crazy, as he directed traffic (which wasn't necessary, with the street lights). It reminded me of a Letterman bit.

I was invited to the group's Oscar party the next day, which was at the Ultra-Star Theaters in Del Mar. The thought of watching the Oscars in an actual movie theater, with popcorn, sounded cool. Ken told me, "UltraStar does that at four different theaters here. They give away tons of swag during the commercials. It's the only fully digital chain, so they can run live television on the screens."

There was a short Asian woman taking photos, and she had the cutest laugh. I had seen her setting up food earlier. She told me she had volunteered for the event. When she asked why I was writing, I told her I was doing a story for the Reader. She told me her friend knew Barbarella. I said, "Sometimes she writes about parties she goes to. I was thinking about telling her we should both go to the same party and see how different the articles on the same party turn out. Her talking about cats and what boa she was wearing and my talking about the food and cute chicks." And, in one of the weirdest coincidences imaginable, I looked up and saw a black-and-red boa. I said, "Barbarella, this party is already spoken for. I'm writing about it, so you can't."

She laughed and we had a good conversation. I'm not sure if she'll write about the event, though.

As I was leaving, I asked Wally if he had anything he wanted to add. He said jokingly, "Make sure you mention the film festival. And you can say I was intelligent, extremely handsome, single, and fun to talk to."

He was all those things. He was also, as Jerry Seinfeld would say, "a close talker." There were times we'd be talking about some old movie, and he was only inches from my face! I guess I'd rather have that than someone who gave me my space but didn't have anything to say.

The next day I went to an Oscar party at Leslie's house in Point Loma, near Sunset Cliffs. The view of the ocean from her living room was spectacular. But I noticed a huge house being built right in front of hers. She said, "I know. I hate that. I should've taken a picture before it was built and put that over the window." Every time another person entered the house they would say, "I can't believe you are losing this view. Aren't you mad?" I counted five people commenting on this. But one of her childhood friends told me, "She didn't tell you that when she lived in 0.B. she built a place that blocked a bunch of people's views." Leslie laughed. Since my friend Patrick

and I were the first ones at the party, Leslie was changing her clothes and told us to let anyone in. As I did let a few people in, I would ask, "And what are you wearing?" To me, it's the stupidest part of the Oscars, to have everyone at the red carpet asking the stars this. One, I don't care what they are wearing. Two, isn't this just a commercial plug for these designers?

One lady entering, when I asked about her outfit, said, "Levi jeans and a shirt from the Gap." Another woman spun all the way around to show her outfit and said, "It's Robinsons-May." One woman told me, "I'm wearing my work

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clothes here." Her husband said, "I got my clothes at Amvets."

I didn't think Chris Rock was that funny as the host. A few jokes worked, but others were old. Patrick said to me, "They wanted hip and edgy, and they got a rerun."

I didn't see how talking about President Bush was relevant to anything. If Rock wanted to make fun of the other actors (as he did) that was great. But why Bush? Don't get me wrong, I love when Letterman does it. Or anyone. But at the Oscars? Do we really need actors and comedians telling us how they think politically? I think Sean Penn is the most amazing actor, but he doesn't have a clue about politics and when he got mad at Chris Rock for making a joke about Jude Law, he showed he had no sense of humor, either.

A French woman at the party commented, when Beyoncé sang one of the nominated songs in French, that "....her accent is so thick. I can't even understand what she's singing." None of us could figure out why she sang three different songs and why Antonio Banderas sang one (and when Jorge Drexler won for his song from The Motorcycle Diaries. "Al Otro Lado Del Río." he got up there and sang, which really confused me; he sounded a lot better than Banderas did).

When Prince was on screen, I commented on him having more makeup than Beyoncé. One woman said, "He looks a lot like Robby Benson."

During commercials, we'd go grab food off the counter. Lots of people brought different things, but the hit was a ten-pound Ghirardelli chocolate bar. We spent half an hour trying to figure out how to break pieces off of it.

When the movie *Ray* won for sound editing, someone yelled, "He should thank Ray Charles for being blind and not deaf."

The French woman and her boyfriend wanted *Ray* to win everything. They loved the movie, but it turned out, they hadn't seen any of the other nominees. I thought *Ray* was great but had problems with them not dealing with all aspects of his life (his first wife and his nine illegitimate kids, among other things).

Leslie complained about a lot of the movies this year. She said they were all depressing. I didn't have a problem with Million Dollar Baby being depressing. I just thought it was poorly written (yet the screenplay got a nomination) and couldn't believe Eastwood won an Oscar for best director (and he cost me my pool, since I picked Martin Scorsese). Using Morgan Freeman to narrate has been done, the music Eastwood used didn't work (using evil music when the dirty boxer got into the ring was so corny), and a few of the characters were silly. But I was happy for Hilary Swank, who was amazing in that role (and beat out former San Diegan Annette Bening for the second time).

After Leslie commented on *Closer* being about a bunch of losers, I said, "You have to like *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. That wasn't depressing." She said, "Yes, it was, and all those people in it were so flaky."

One couple at the party talked the entire time. We kept turning the volume up on the TV. Another lady was knitting.

I heard one couple complain that *Million Dollar Baby* and *The Aviator* won so many awards. They talked about all the films released and how just two movies winning so many awards wasn't fair.

I wouldn't have a problem with that. The problem I had was that my favorite movie of the year, *Sideways*, only won one award (best adapted screenplay, which was from the book former UCSD student Rex Pickett wrote). And I hate the fact that I picked 13 winners correctly and lost my pool by one pick.

I guess there was one person more upset than me after the Oscars. Martin Scorsese. ■

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Dental Anxiety

by Barbarella

Dentist, n.: A prestidigitator who, putting metal in one's mouth, pulls coins out of one's pockets.

— Ambrose Bierce

was surrounded by glittering green shamrocks, some made of tinsel, others of poster-board. To my left were tea and cookies. Who would eat a cookie *here*? A girl's head popped up from behind the counter.

"May I help you?" she asked.

"Yeah, I'm a little early for my appointment. Is there any paperwork I need to fill out?"

"No, just have a seat and someone will be right with you."

"It's cool, I'm in no hurry," I said. Not 30 seconds later I heard my name being called — this time, the voice was coming from the doorway to the right of the counter. *Here we go.*

There he was, in my mouth, grinding my tooth with a tool, vibrating my skull... By the time I turned 16, I had misplaced my two front teeth, or parts of them, six times. Along with the trauma of falling on my face so frequently came the miserable mending imposed by the man I now associate with tremendous pain, horror, and disgust — the dentist. Even though he's made things better, somewhere between fillings and fixings, my anxiety grew. And grew.

I chipped my porcelain incisor well over a decade ago (shortly after it had been implanted when I was 16) but still refuse to have it bonded. Two years ago, headaches drove me to have my wisdom teeth removed. The surgery, or postsurgery, tested my budding relationship with David, as he discovered how I react to pain — not very gracefully. After surviving the removal of my vestigial molars, I parlayed my newfound courage into making an appointment to have some of my more serious cavities filled — a procedure that ultimately required two equally nightmarish visits to the office of my longtime dentist, Dr. M.

On neither occasion, however, did I actually *see* Dr. M., who has become so popular that his office is full of associates. When I arrived for the first appointment, I was fairly relaxed. It was an early appointment, and I hadn't thought to eat anything (miraculously, I avoided the tempting cookies in the lobby).

"I need extra Novocain; I don't want to feel anything. I wish you could just knock me out," I said when the young man in white arrived at my side. He assured me I wouldn't feel anything, to which I said, "Right. Sure. Tell me one I haven't heard." Anesthetizing fluid was injected into my gums and cheek. "I can still feel my cheek!" I announced when I thought he was about to begin. My heart rate leapt.

I bit obsessively at my lip. *Can I feel that? How about this?* Too late: there he was, in my mouth, grinding my tooth with a tool, vibrating my skull, giving me goose bumps, and then...I couldn't deal. My hands, which had been clutching the arms of the chair, began to shake involuntarily. I tried to escape by pushing my head farther back into vinyl. The drill stopped.

"Are you all right?" The words were drowned out by the sound of my heart beating in my ears. When I opened my mouth to answer, I broke down in a fit of sobs; the man in the white coat and his female assistant shared a look over their mouth-masks before the man said, "We're going to give you a few minutes." Great. *Now, on top of completely freaking out, I am utterly humiliated*, I thought as I attempted to gather myself.

When I returned a few weeks later for that second filling I was told my anxiety may have been exacerbated by an empty stomach and the type of Novocain used. This time, they said, "We'll try something different." But this time, the anesthetic wore off halfway through the filling process.

"UNGH! AAAAAHGGLLLUUHH!" I screeched through the crap in my mouth. Hands quickly retreated from my mouth.

"What is it?" asked a different young man in white.

"I can *FEEL* that!" Traumatized by this new possibility of feeling pain in addition to those horrendous vibrations, my eyes again let loose the embarrassing flow. *Fuck, not again,* I thought, and, shaking like a chihuahua in a snowstorm, I excused myself to the restroom.

Despite my tenacious tooth decay, I refused to return. Then, last week, this jaw thing happened. David said I've been clenching my jaw and gnashing my teeth in my sleep. He suggested that stress could be the cause of my self-inflicted torment. A month's increasing discomfort had climaxed into a crescendo of exquisite pain; last week, it got to the point where I could not open my mouth in the morning without sickening spasms shooting



through my head on the left side of my face, where my jaw meets my skull. As though caving in to a torturer's demands, through winces and moans I lifted the receiver and called the madman and his minstrels.

"Remember me?" I said to the voice on the line.

"Of course we do, Barb. You've been coming here since you were ten.'

"Remember the last few times I was in?" I asked the voice. "You know how I get," I said, my own voice beginning to shake with the memory of the last two visits.

"Yes," he said, "yes, that's right. You know what? I'm going to call in a prescription for you. Are you allergic to Valium?" I gave him the phone number of the pharmacy down the street, and he advised me to take a pill an hour before my appointment.

I received six pills probably a minimum number required for a prescription. As an experiment, I took one the next day. I didn't physically feel any different, but David said the change in me was awe-inspiring and half-seriously suggested I get a permanent dose of the calming drug. That day, a handful of things occurred that would normally freak me out - for one, my car wouldn't start, and I had to part with a huge chunk of money to have a mechanic come out and replace the starter on a Saturday. Remarkably, being away from tasks and chores to hang out and watch some guy fix my car for an hour did not bother me. Whereas on any other day, I would have bitten my nails to the nub, clenched my jaw so tight it would have snapped, and walked up and down every line on every sidewalk in the neighborhood in a fit of stress-triggered obsessive compulsion. Practiced and ready, I

swallowed the pill as instructed an hour before my scheduled suffering. I found the green of the shamrocks decorating the office to be soothing, but I couldn't keep myself from making a flippant comment about the unnecessary bulk of them to

the girl at the front desk as I followed the white coat through the door. I had told the man on the phone that I wanted a one-stop-shopping kind of day and requested a cleaning, at least one cavity filled, and some kind of prognosis for my pain. All I got was a cleaning.

We began with X-rays. I spoke freely about my opinion of their methods. "When you stick that little plastic thing in my mouth and tell me to bite down, it *cuts* into my flesh. Why don't you invent a napkin or something soft to put around it? Who designed these torturous devices? Do you like it?" I talked until I was told to bite down. I was annoyed, but not as edgy as usual, thanks to mother's little helper.

Lying back, I saw the TV that was set into the ceiling. Headsets were given to me. Oh, sweet distraction! But then a bright light impeded my view of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and a high-pitched

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whine eclipsed the campy dialogue coming to me via the headset.

"Can't you put a silencer on that?" I asked, causing her to pause with the instrument midair. I shouldn't have looked. My question was answered with a lecture about flossing.

Despite the Valium, my shoulders rose and my fingers tightened with tension. "Relax, it's okay," she said. No, it's not, I thought. It's not okay because that thing is in my mouth, and it's vibrating my skull, and I just...I can't...I won't be able to take this much longer! When it was over, it was all I could do not to pass out as the tense energy drained from my body.

Yet another man in the ubiquitous white coat (I couldn't remember if I'd met this one before) approached to inform me there was nothing he could do about my iaw and referred me to a jaw specialist (whose services are

covered only by insurance policies whose premiums cost more than the actual treatment).

"Can we fill those two cavities?" I was referring to my distorted black molars being displayed to everyone on a big screen to my left.

"Nope. We should find out what's wrong with your jaw first," he said. I stared at him blankly, bereft of energy to argue. He's right, I thought. I probably couldn't hold my jaw open long enough to get at those bad boys and, even on Valium, I don't think I can handle any more right now.

I snatched the referral from his hand, smiled insin-ecstatic that I had made it through this visit without shedding tears. And as a special bonus, tomorrow I get to go to this "specialist" and pay hundreds of dollars to find out something I already know: that I'm a nervous wreck. 🔳

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The City of San Diego has a website (*www.sannet.gov/development-services/industry/ pdf/urmpn.pdf*) that contains a list of 706 local buildings supposedly built out of unreinforced masonry — that is, bricks held in place with mortar but not tied together by steel reinforcing. On this list, you'll find such prominent structures as the La Jolla Arcade, the venerable complex that lends charm to the intersection of Girard Avenue and Prospect Street. There's the building at 3325 Adams Avenue that once housed a movie theater (and now contains a discount fabric store). In Ocean Beach, Hodad's restaurant and The Black inhabit buildings on this list. Dozens of downtown buildings are listed.

Although the Little Pig outwitted the Big Bad Wolf by building his house out of brick, one assumes he didn't live in earthquake country. In seismically active areas, unreinforced masonry is considered one of the most dangerous building materials. Its lethal potential was demonstrated in December of 2003 when a magnitude 6.5 earthquake racked a large section of the Central California coast near San Simeon for four long seconds. Amidst the chaos, two women working in a clothing store in the historic center of Paso Robles tried to make their way outdoors. They died when the second story of the unreinforced masonry building in which they worked slid off the first story and collapsed, crushing them as it fell to the sidewalk.

Don't Stand in the Doorway

If you have the bad luck to find yourself inside an unreinforced masonry building when an earthquake occurs, where's the safest place to be? *Not* under a doorway, advises Doug Copp.

Copp is the rescue chief and disaster manager of the San Francisco–based American Rescue Team International. He claims to have crawled inside close to 900 collapsed buildings over the past 20 years while working with rescue teams in 60 countries. "Everybody who gets under a doorway when buildings collapse is killed," Copp stated in a recent interview. "How? If you stand under a doorway and the doorjamb falls forward or backward, you'll be crushed by the ceiling. If the doorjamb falls sideways, you'll be cut in half by the doorway. In either case, you'll be dead!"

Based on his rubble-crawling experiences, Copp has

concluded that "when buildings collapse, the weight of the ceiling's falling upon the objects or furniture inside crushes these objects, leaving a space or void next to them." Inside such "triangles of life," as Copp calls them, individuals can find shelter. He thus advises, "If you are in bed during the night and an earthquake occurs, simply roll off the bed" and into the safe void surrounding it. If watching television, "Lie down



Doug Copp

and curl up in the fetal position next to a sofa or large chair." Avoid stairs at all costs, he urges.

Kimberly Shoaf, assistant director of the Center for Public Health and Disasters at UCLA, concurs that doorways are a bad choice for refuge. "A lot of people still think that's what you should do," she says. "When *I* moved to California, that's what I thought we were supposed to do." This notion arose, she says, "because in old adobe buildings that are not wood-frame buildings, they have a wood-frame doorway. And from the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, there were some significant pictures of old adobe buildings that had fallen and were all collapsed, except for the wood-frame doorway. So that became the norm."

For the last 15 years or so, Shoaf says, schoolchildren in California have been taught another response: namely, to drop, cover, and hold. But she points out that no research has proven "that drop, cover, and hold is the appropriate thing. It makes sense. It's logical. But it's not based on data."

Shoaf says she and some colleagues have surveyed survivors of three fairly recent earthquakes (the 1987 Whittier Narrows quake, the 1989 Loma Prieta quake, and the 1994 Northridge quake), and their findings do suggest that staying put leads to fewer injuries. "The Northridge earthquake is the one for which we have the most data, so it's the easiest to be able to make extrapolations from." The researchers found, "People who stayed in bed were less likely to be injured than those who got out of bed. That was a significant finding. It was the middle of the night. Everyone was disoriented. It was hard for a lot of people to get up, so when they tried, they fell. Falls were a significant injury in that earthquake. Or if they were able to move, they ran into things that had fallen over or moved out of place, or they walked over glass."

The survey data also showed that "men were just as likely or more likely to be injured than women." Also, elderly people were the ones most likely to sustain an injury requiring hospitalization. However, it was the younger adults who had the highest likelihood of being injured. *continued on page 47*

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Structural engineers began to realize almost 100 years ago the disastrous impacts that shaking has on unreinforced masonry, according to Frieder Seible, dean of UCSD's Jacobs School of Engineering. "Starting with the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, we had ample evidence that these buildings have problems." Nonetheless, chambers of commerce, politicians, and other civic boosters for years resisted instituting building codes that would restrict the use of unreinforced masonry, arguing that such regulation would cost too much and dull California's golden reputation. This attitude persisted even after a large quake struck Santa Barbara in 1925.

It took the Long Beach earthquake to shatter that complacency. The magnitude 6.4 temblor struck at 5:55 on the evening of



March 10, 1933, destroying 70 brick schoolhouses and inflicting major damage on another 120. Only the quake's occurrence after school hours prevented thousands of children from dying. (Even so, at least 115 individuals perished.)

Within just one month, the state legislature reacted by passing a law that became known as the Field Act. Intended to ensure the safety of all public schools in California, it dictated that only structural engineers who were knowledgeable

about earthquake engineering could design schools, and they had to follow rules that exceeded those for other buildings. Plans had to be checked and construction inspected. In 1935, the state's Uniform Building Code was amended to make all

buildings more earthquake resistant, and in the years that followed, local jurisdictions brought their own regulations into line. San Diego's ban on unreinforced masonry buildings was adopted on March 24, 1939.

Buildings constructed after that year were safer. But a large stock of buildings remained from the preceding, less enlightened era. In 1986 the California state government finally recognized the danger that these structures posed, when legislators enacted a law that required local governments in the most active seismic regions -Zone 4 — to inventory their unreinforced masonry buildings. This law didn't affect San Diegans because most of the county was then classified as Zone 3. Although damage in both Zones 3 and 4 can include the collapse of

buildings and other structures not designed to seismic standards, the Zone 4 regions include high-risk, active faults, and major earthquakes are assumed to occur more frequently in Zone 4 regions. In the wake of the 1986 law, approximately 25,400 structures were identified in the Zone 4 regions. More than half (14,225) fell within Los Angeles County; San Francisco counted another 2014.

Even as jurisdictions elsewhere throughout the state scurried to assess how many unreinforced masonry buildings remained in their domains, some individuals were suggesting that San Diego ought to be doing the same thing. It deserved to be classified Zone 4 also, they argued, because it did contain a highly active earthquake fault — namely, the one that runs through Rose Canyon. An extension of a fault that goes north-





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ward toward Los Angeles, this fracture line crosses into San Diego from offshore at La Jolla Shores, runs east for a bit, then bends south and, after passing through Rose Canyon, proceeds along the eastern side of Mission Bay, through Old Town, and under eastern downtown San Diego, before splitting into a number of more southerly branches. Although conventional wisdom decreed that no movement had occurred along the Rose Canyon Fault for at least 10,000 years, making it inactive, some geologists were disputing that by the 1980s.

Conclusive evidence that they were right came in 1989, when a San Diego State University geologist named Tom Rockwell and one of his former students dug into an SDG&E parking lot off Santa Fe Street in eastern Pacific

Beach. The researchers knew that the ground there consisted of sediments laid down a mere 8000 years ago. Their excavation revealed that the two sides of the Rose Canyon Fault had slid by each other a total of 8.78 meters — close to 30 feet — over the past 8000 years, and Rockwell's subsequent work demonstrated that at least three earthquakes in the range of magnitude 7 to 7.3 have probably caused that movement. That's a lot of shaking — more than enough to topple any weak structures should the Rose Canyon Fault move that much again. When Rockwell's

findings emerged, San Diego's seismic status didn't immediately change to Zone 4. (That didn't happen until February 7, 1996, when the state's 1994 Uniform Building Code became effective.) San Diego also never became subject to



the state's Unreinforced

Masonry Building Law,

because the law was not

written to apply retroac-

tively to areas whose

seismic status became

upgraded. As a result,

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attention to San Diego's unreinforced masonry building has lagged behind that paid to those in other Zone 4 areas. Since 1986 approximately 85 percent of L.A.'s unreinforced masonry buildings have been either torn down or retrofitted

to better withstand the impact of earthquakes. San Francisco in 2003 reported that 75 percent of its unreinforced masonry buildings had been either demolished or retrofitted to some extent. Statewide, the number of demolished or retrofitted buildings had reached 13,303 by 2003, according to the California Seismic Safety Commission. But San Diego's unreinforced masonry buildings have never been included in the building totals compiled by the state.

Rockwell's research did spur the San Diego city manager in 1990 to form a committee charged with drafting an ordinance to address the hazards of local unreinforced masonry buildings. According to Tony Court, a local structural engineer who was a member of the committee, "The options we considered ranged from 'do nothing' to 'do a full retrofit.'

Court, who has studied older buildings for almost 20 years, has a

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dispassionate manner that remains understated as he enumerates the terrible ways in which unreinforced masonry structures react to being shaken by earthquakes. Parapets (the extension of the wall above the roof level) pose the biggest hazard, he says. Typically the parapets in these older buildings consist of unbraced freestanding walls. "And the freestanding elements are the ones that fall over first," the engineer says. "If you look at the Northridge earthquake or anything similar, even in areas where they did not have unreinforced masonry buildings, some of the first things that fell over were the six-foot-high freestanding screen walls between properties." Parapets are vulnerable in the same way. Moreover, buildings typically experience more severe shaking at their tops than at their bottoms, Court adds. "So you get the highest forces at the top where you often have the



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weakest element."

After parapets, Court says, the walls of unreinforced masonry structures pose the next most severe hazard. "The wall as a mass can pull away from the floor and roof." Walls may buckle and fall down "if the buckle goes too far." In a wall that contains a lot of windows, shear cracks also may develop between the windows, "and eventually, if the forces are great enough, the wall can collapse."

Finally, the first stories of some unreinforced masonry buildings tend to be weak, he says, explaining, "The first floor on a commercial building is often left open as a storefront. And that makes a very weak point in the system." Apply sufficient force to such a structure, and the upper stories can break free of the



Fabric store, Adams Avenue (old Adams Avenue theater)

base and collapse like that historic building in Paso Robles that killed the two clothing-store workers.

The mortar in the older buildings can also be problematic, according to Court. "The mortar between the brick is supposed to hold it together. And it does, to a degree." However, in some unreinforced masonry buildings, "You find that the mortar has eroded to the point where it needs to be repaired. When that's the case, you can 'repoint' the mortar. That's the term for pulling out the weak outer portions and putting in new, stronger mortar." Court points to a large photograph on the wall of the conference room of his Mission Valley office. It shows the Christ Episcopal Church in Coronado, built in 1895. When Court's firm, Curry Price Court, took on the job of retrofitting it in the early 1990s, they found

that the mortar was composed of beach sand mixed with lime, a common choice of materials in the past. "What happens over 100 years is that the lime interacts with the salts in the beach sand and loses its strength. So you're left with potentially a pile of rubble." In the church's case, Court says fourinch-diameter center cores were drilled through the 50- and 60-foot-tall church walls. Steel reinforcing was placed into the cores and secured with a polyester-resin grout. Before that was done, however, "We repointed the masonry, which entailed removing the outer inch and a half of weak mortar and replacing it" with a stronger material.

As with the mortar, engineers have devised a variety of ways to beef

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up the parapets and walls of unreinforced masonry buildings. Court says, "Parapets can be stabilized by adding bracing." That typically consists of adding diagonal steel braces, spaced four to six feet apart, behind the parapet. Although it's the cheapest solution, builders must be sure to waterproof the holes created in fastening the braces. Court says it's better (though more expensive) to add "a continuous 'cricket' "that is, to build a plywood frame behind the parapet and around the perimeter of the building within which parapet anchors and braces can be secured. And there are other ways to achieve the same end. "You can core down through the wall and insert reinforcing. That gives you a clean, unseen





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retrofit of the parapet." Yet another option is to remove the parapet altogether, though "that sometimes is not permitted if you're dealing with a historic building. Or the parapet might be providing a fire-separation function," Court says. "Typically you need a 30-inch-high noncombustible parapet on property lines, and sometimes the existing masonry parapet provides that function."

Retrofitting parapets is "pretty effective, if it's well done," Court declares. "I think any moderate earthquake say a 5.5 to 6 on the Rose Canyon — can knock the parapets off [an unreinforced masonry building] if they're not retrofitted. But once you retrofit the parapets, they'll probably be good up to the 6.5 to 7 range. And usually by that time, if the rest of the retrofit has not taken place, some other parts of the building will have problems."

A wide variety of other measures can be taken to fortify the rest of the building. Court says the typical building pattern in San Diego before 1939 was to use unreinforced masonry walls in combination with wood floors and roofs. For engineers who are concerned about preventing the walls and roofs from separating, "The wood gives you something to tie into," the engineer says. "You might put a six-inchsquare plate on the exterior of the wall, and you put a bolt back into the roof system and anchor it off the roof structure. If you drive down through the Gaslamp, you'll see a lot of those." Another approach is to



The Black, Ocean Beach

tie the floors or ceiling to a steel rod embedded in the walls. To embed it, Court explains, "The contractor would first drill a 7/8-inch-diameter hole in the wall from the inside. Typically the walls are 9 to 13 inches thick, and you drill almost all the way through. You then insert a screen-tube into the hole, inject it full of epoxy, and push a 3/4inch steel rod into the hole." (The drawback of this approach is that it's not as strong as and may be more expensive than using through-bolts and plates.)

Still further steps that can be taken to strengthen brick structures, according to Court, include upgrading the horizontal wooden floor and roof systems to make them better resist seismic loads. This can be done, he says, by adding new plywood to these "diaphragms," as they're known, to make them stronger. To upgrade old walls, concrete or other materials are sometimes added to their interior faces. Steel columns and bracing can also be

installed, anchored to the roof, floor, and walls. "Those stiffen the walls and add some bracing," Court explains. "And if [the old building has] the open-storefront problem, you put bracing at the open storefront. It usually takes the form of diagonal steel bracing, but it can also take the form of a shear wall, a solid wall, or some kind of a rigid rectangular frame. If you look as you walk around downtown, you'll see some diagonal steel bracing. It can either be an X-form or a chevron --- two diago-nals coming together in the middle of a beam between two columns." Charged in 1990

with deciding which if any — of these retrofitting measures to require, the city manager's committee took a middle course. For one

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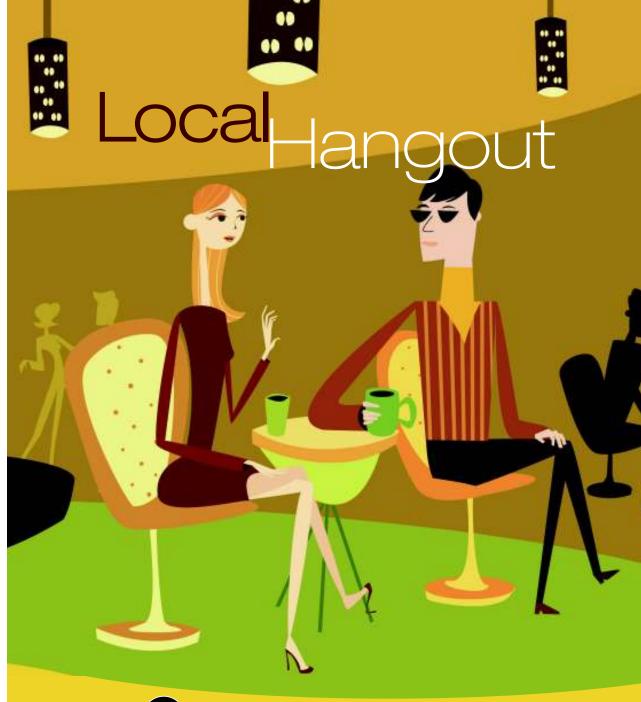
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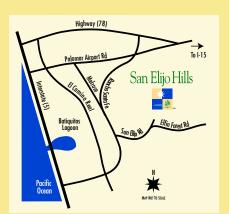




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thing, the committee recommended that no owners of single-family unreinforced masonry residences or multifamily buildings containing fewer than five units be required to do any earthquake retrofitting. Most residential buildings are smaller, Court explains. "Though you could certainly argue that a three-story apartment building with residents in it on a full-time basis and sleeping for a third of the time presents a higher overall risk than a low-use commercial building. But in general terms, residential involves smaller buildings that are less at risk than large buildings. Also, the walls are closer together, which tends to make them self-bracing to a greater extent than a large unreinforced masonry building.... Then, of course, there's a political side," Court adds. "The broader the net they cast, the more resistance they would get. And that played a role in limiting [the retrofit requirements] to commercial buildings." According to Ali

Fattah in the city's Division of Building and Safety, the city ordinance that ultimately passed in November 1992 had two

parts: one voluntary and one mandatory. The mandatory requirements dictated that property owners had to do certain things to strengthen their commercial buildings by January 1, 2006. "You have to provide roof-to-wall ties, and you have to brace, stabilize, or remove your parapets if they exceed a certain height-to-thickness ratio," says Fattah, who served as coordinator of the unreinforced masonry program until recently. "And also, if you have any falling hazards or appendages on the building, like if you have

a marquee or architectural appendages on the parapets or walls, you have to either remove or stabilize them."

The voluntary part of the ordinance is much more complex. Fattah explains, "If you choose to do work to your building, that may trigger certain requirements. So if you choose to do remodel work, and the accumulated value of the remodel over a fiveyear period is more than 50 percent of the value of the building, then you have to tie the floors to the walls. If the accumulated value of the remodel over a five-year

period exceeds 100 percent of the value of the building, then you have to do a full seismic upgrade. If you have a change of occupancy to a higher-hazard category, say going from retail to restaurant or going from office to residential, and that change of occupancy involves more than a third of the building, then you have to do a full upgrade."

"The seismic risk is such that the smaller earthquakes are much more likely to occur than the larger earthquakes, so it's those high-probability earthquake events that you're addressing when you secure the parapet and tie the roofs to the walls," says Court, who adds, "That's really why the ordinance was written the way that it is to address that highestrisk element first."

Court points out that the city didn't have to require as much as it did. In fact, even the 1986 state law didn't force the municipalities that were in Zone 4 at that time to do very much about their unreinforced masonry buildings. They had to make a list of them and come up with some kind of a "mitigation plan." But

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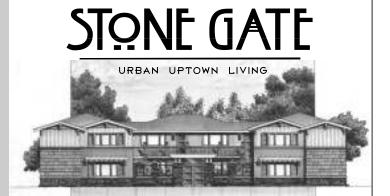
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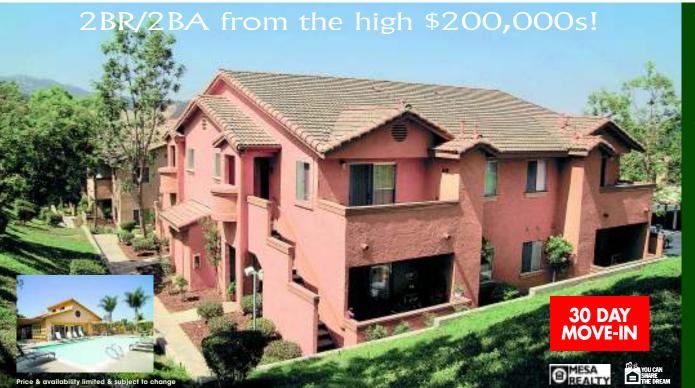
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they didn't have to require the property owners to strengthen their buildings. The mitigation plan could include as little as writing letters to the building owners and stating that their building type was known to perform poorly in earthquakes. ("This is typically the least effective type of program," the California State Seismic Safety Commission reported to the state legislature in 2003.) Or they could ask owners of unreinforced masonry buildings to post warnings that occupants and passersby might be at risk. ("In general, placarding has not proven to be an effective motivation for owners to retrofit," the Seismic Safety Commission also has

In some cases, municipalities have adopted retrofitting requirements but set deadlines for accom-

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plishing them far into the future. That's what happened in Paso Robles. Although the city in 1992 declared that all unreinforced masonry parapets had to be retrofitted by 1995, with the other parts of the affected buildings to be strengthened by 2007, business and building owners protested about the financial hardship this timetable placed on them. So in 1998, as the city's downtown area was beginning to experience a resurgence, the Paso Robles City Council pushed the buildingretrofit deadline back still further, to 2018.

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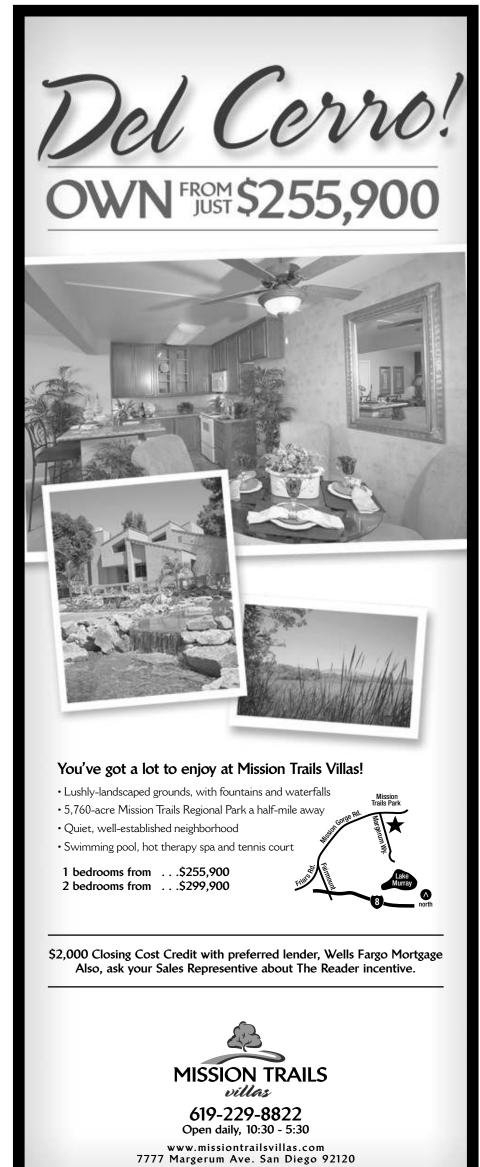
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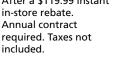
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buildings, according to Paso Robles building official Doug Monn. After the dust had settled, seismic authorities looked with interest at those structures. They found that none of the 9, even those that had received only basic retrofits, had suffered any major damage. In contrast, 6 of the 44 unretrofitted commercial buildings sustained enough damage to require demolition. Among the conclusions drawn by one group of 15 scientists who reviewed the Paso Robles damage patterns was that "buildings on street corners performed poorly compared to other buildings." Having windows on the two

street sides and solid walls without openings on the other two sides created an asymmetry that caused the building to twist as the ground shook, "leading to much larger damage." This group found that even unreinforced masonry buildings that had had no retrofitting didn't experience catastrophic failures when they were located midblock."It seems that adjacent buildings provided confinement to each other and prevented collapse." However, both midblock and corner unreinforced masonry parapets and façades "were damaged due to out-of-plane motion...imposing hazard to adjacent buildings and pedestrians."

construction, even the best retrofit won't be as good," says Court, the San Diego structural engineer. But Court says the committee that developed San Diego's retrofitting requirements felt confident that requiring full retrofitting here could limit potential disaster down the road and requiring partial retrofitting could at least significantly lessen the risks. Fattah says by the time the ordinance was passed in 1992, the City of San Diego had conducted an inventory of the unreinforced masonry buildings in the city limits. Fattah says San Diego followed the methodology that Los Angeles used. First a team was hired to pore over Sanborn maps of San Diego. These are documents originally produced for fire-insurance underwriters who used them to calculate risks and establish premiums. Created at scales of 50 or 100 feet to the inch, they show not only the footprints of all the buildings in an area but also such other details as what each was made of, its height and number of stories, what it was used for, and even such minutiae as the location of doors, windows, chim-

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(Shoaf speculates that's "because they do stupid things like catching their television sets. They're more likely to take those kinds of actions to protect things.")

Shoaf says her "dream research project" would be to try to validate the drop, cover, and hold strategy using some experimental design. Shake tables, for example, could be used to study "at what level of shaking people can successfully move and at what level it is really detrimental to even try moving." Shoaf says she also would love to use crash dummies to determine "what kinds of positions are the most appropriate to take."

One person who has tried something like this is Marla Petal, director of community mitigation programs for Geohazards International in Palo Alto. Petal extensively studied the deaths and injuries in the Kocaeli, Turkey, earthquake, which killed 20,000 people on August 17, 1999. "We're all trying to put together the mysterious pieces and see how they fit," she says. "Particularly in terms of what to advise people."

"We've shaken buildings to see what happens, but we haven't shaken people," she says. However, Petal and some colleagues who had a shake table did take an informal look at human responses to shaking on one occasion when she was in Turkey. "Our public-education trainers came in one day and saw us shaking stuff on the shake table, and they said, 'Gee, could we try drop, cover, and hold?' 'Cause they were out there teaching that."

Petal continues, "I have seen numerous pictures of drop, cover, and hold illustrated with people squatting. And I can tell you for sure, when we tried that, you just fall over. It's a stupid position. Squatting is inherently unstable." She says the trainers also tried getting into a fetal position, something that was being advocated at that time in Turkey. "But when we got into a fetal position, we found that, depending on the angle you were lying at, you were just being rolled back and forth like a little ball."

Instead, "What we found was that the most stable position was to get down on your knees, but as close to the ground as possible and make yourself as small as possible. You want to be a small target, because things are going to fall, and the smaller you are, the less area there is to hit. The other thing we know absolutely from the death and injury studies is that the most vulnerable part of the body connected with death is the head, neck, and chest. So that's the part that needs the most protection."

Once they were folded up over their knees, "What people wanted to do — when they had a chance to try it, again and again — was to go into a kind of military-style crawl on the front of their arms," Petal says. "That gave them the most power of mobility. They could actually scoot to a safer place — like to crawl under a table or away from something hazardous."

Petal points out that additional study would be necessary to confirm these observations. In the meantime, she mentions a "very interesting thing that was suggested to me as I was doing my study, by somebody who's an architect who's studied this for years. Basically, it's that people need to imagine scenarios for the places they live and work. They need to think about what they would do in the settings where they would most often be found. And frankly, those are different in every place. Maybe it *is* a doorway. Maybe it's staying in bed sometimes. It's really very, very difficult to hone in on the advice."

As for running outside of an unreinforced masonry building, some people argue that's a prudent thing to do, Petal says, "but all I can say is, I'm not one of them. If you're on a particular floor, there may only be bricks from one floor falling on you. But as you go outside, you may have bricks from multiple floors coming at you."

neys, and elevators. A preliminary list of

about 1900 buildings thought to be built of unreinforced masonry was compiled, Fattah says. Then drive-by surveys were conducted "to see if the buildings were still standing." This process pared the list further, and Fattah says what resulted "was in the 800-something range."

Late in 2001, the City of San Diego finally sent notices to 813 building owners, telling them they had to take certain steps to make their unreinforced masonry buildings safer by January 1, 2006. That was almost nine years after the city's adoption of the ordinance in late 1992. Why the long lag? "Well, I think it was partly a staffing issue," Fattah says. "As I recall, the ordinance had a quiet period. I think it was about a year, when it wasn't going to go into effect...or something like that. And then there were some issues with the noticing. We sort of had a false start with the noticing. And then we had staff turnover, and then we had the recession. And we sort of lost staff, and we came roaring back after the recession. But ultimately I think now we're getting to be fully staffed."

One person who has some insight into the reaction of property owners to these notices - when they arrived at last — is Larry Figueroa, a marketing manager at Adamo Construction in Lakeside. "Ongoing facility modification is our specialty," Figueroa explained. "We've been in business for 43 years." To develop the retrofitting side of the business, Figueroa has spent some time visiting buildings on the city's list and getting in touch with their owners. "This is not something that these property owners are budgeting for," he said. "And we under-



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stand that. We felt bad for them. But at the same time, it's something they have to do. It's not us making them do it. We're trying to help them accomplish what they have to do."

Figueroa said he sometimes likens the retrofit requirements to "having to put a new roof on your house. It's something that doesn't add maybe a tremendous amount of value. It's not something you get to look at and say, 'Oh, it's really nice and pretty!' - like a pool or a new kitchen or a new bathroom, where you're going to look at it every

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day and use it. It's just a roof. It's the same with [the retrofits]. It's money that the property owners don't necessarily feel like they're going to see. But it is a safety issue."

Figueroa said his company has done jobs ranging from just under \$100,000 up to a little more than \$500,000 (in that case, for "an enormous structure"). The cost depends "on a million factors," he said. "Buildings that are bordered by other buildings and share common walls can be very difficult. Parapet heights are a big issue. If your parapet is small enough, it won't

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Figueroa recalled two bids that his employers produced for two brothers who both owned property downtown. The one brother's building "was half the size, if not less, than the other's. But it cost more money because the amount of work that was involved was dramatically more. The access to the roof and

ceiling in the bigger building was very good and easy. The access to the other one was horrible." If retrofit work must be done without disrupting commercial or other operations, that can add to the complexity and expense of the job. "We just did Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Little Italy," Figueroa said. "They have beautiful paintings on their ceiling, and we were working above that. So it took a lot of great, great care not to damage any painting or hurt anything." Furthermore, "We had to work all kind of crazy hours, split shifts, because they have Mass every day. So we'd work in the morning, then take a couple hours off and not work until Mass was over, and then we'd go back. That went on for four months."

In visiting buildings that were on the city's list, Figueroa commented that he'd had a lot of surprises. "Some of the buildings on that list are not brick or block. They're concrete or wood." In other cases, he'd found that the property had already been retrofitted. Indeed, before the

current list was last

revised (on October 21) it included the building at 910 Prospect Street in La Jolla. That's the Grande Colonial Hotel, a massive structure that looks as if it would kill a lot of people if it collapsed. But Terrence Underwood, the general manager, says a thorough inspection by a structural engineer confirmed that the hotel was never built of unreinforced masonry. Rather, its framework consists of steel-reinforced concrete — "really cutting-edge construction technology back in 1928, when it was built." Underwood adds that



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A block away from the hotel, the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library did for a long time occupy structures built of unreinforced masonry. "We have three separate buildings," explains director Erika Torre. "One was built after 1957, so that one did not fall under these regulations. But the other two buildings needed to be done. And it mostly had to do with securing the roof to the walls." Torre says this work was carried out in the fall of 2003 and cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 (including all the engineering and design fees, permits, and so forth). Torre says that although the Athenaeum informed the City of San Diego that the work was completed around the end of 2003, the library is still included on the list, with the cryptic notation "Partial Retrofit."

In other parts of the city, it's not hard to find similar examples. The large Wilkinson Building at 3402 Adams Avenue in Normal Heights is made of brick and bears signs announcing its establishment in 1928. But it was extensively remodeled and retrofitted for earthquakes early in 2002. In Ocean Beach, the site of the old Strand Theater at 4948 Newport Avenue now contains the Wings surf shop. When that use-conversion took place, the required retrofitting was also accomplished - and yet the property continues to be on the city's list of unreinforced masonry buildings.

It's thus unclear how many of the older buildings in San Diego continue to be death traps. "We were short-staffed for a while," Ali Fattah replied when asked how long it takes for retrofitted buildings to be removed from the list. "So we didn't have people to do the data entry. So that list was static. That list now has been updated to reflect demolitions, and it's been updated to reflect non-URM buildings." When informed that buildings such as the Wilkinson Building have been retrofitted but still remain on the list, Fattah suggested that the building owners "should probably be contacting" the city's new coordinator for the unreinforced masonry program.

Asked how many buildings he thought were on the list that shouldn't be, Fattah exclaimed, "You know, talk about a hip shot! Nobody agrees with me, but my sort of gut estimate is I'd say for 60 to 70 percent [of the buildings on the list] something has happened with it. Meaning, someone called and complained or they did a retrofit or they filed a letter saying, 'I'm demolished.' Something has happened." He guessed that maybe 50 to 60 percent (of the total) had already gotten some kind of retrofit, partial or complete. "But again, what do I have to base this on? I don't go down to the barrio, so I don't know what's going on there. I work downtown. From time to time, I walk around the Gaslamp. I've walked around La Jolla a little bit. But some of it is concealed. So I don't know."

The consequences for property owners who fail to meet the January 1, 2006, deadline sound murky also. "That's a very complicated question," Fattah responded when asked what those consequences will be. "Because, as you know, we're a city that prides ourselves on customer service. And we'll work with people to sort of get compliance. So the







range of what could happen could vary. If you look at the literal wording in the municipal code, the building could be boarded up and vacated. That would be one extreme." But Fattah sounded dubious this would happen. "It would seem like it would have to be something pretty bad to go to that." Another possibility is for the city to levy fines and civil penalties on noncompliers, he said. Even milder would be "something called a retrofit guideline document, where the municipal code does allow phasing of work under certain cases. In one case, it's over a ten-year period. They'd have to show a hardship, I would think, and they would have to sort of have a time-certain schedule for how they intended to accomplish [the retrofit]." Fattah reiterated, "Our goal is customer service. We're here to sort of

help people comply. Our goal is not to prosecute people."

Should the day come when every unreinforced masonry building in San Diego has been retrofitted or torn down, that still won't mean no building will ever fall down or hurt people when subjected to severe enough shaking. "There are other buildings that pose significant risks that have not been addressed on any wholesale level," says Court, the structural engineer. One category, built primarily from 1900 through about 1930, is known as nonductile concrete frame with hollow-clay-tile infills. These are reinforced concrete buildings that lack "the modern detailing that enables them to resist seismic forces," Court says. "The earthquake imposes a deformation on the building, and a well-detailed ductile

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concrete system will ride out" those forces, whereas nonductile buildings "tend to fail brittlely," he says. Insult is added to (potential) injury when such buildings contain in-fill walls made of 12-inch-square hollow, brick-looking units, as is the case in many old buildings downtown, according to Court. (The Balboa Theater, which Court's firm is currently retrofitting, is built of such materials.)

Although the use of hollow-clay-tile in-fill walls largely stopped after 1930, nonductile or semiductile concreteframe buildings continued to be built into the 1970s, Court points out, and they can be dangerous too. In the 1979 El Centro earthquake, the Imperial County Services building was brand-new at the time, but its semiductile concrete columns failed. "Likewise, in the 1971 Sylmar earthquake. The Olive View Hospital had semiductile detailing in the concrete columns, and that led to its failure," Court says, adding that most of the concrete



buildings erected in San Diego before 1970 used this vulnerable connection detailing.

Even wood-frame buildings can kill people if they're not designed well. Court says, the collapse that killed the most people in the 1994 Northridge earthquake involved a building that was made of wood but had a "tuck under" parking level that made the whole structure flexible and weak. "Every earthquake reveals something new, so you never have all the answers," Court says

Earthquakes also can offer reassurance, though, a case in point being the magnitude 6.5 Paso Robles temblor. Even though two people died in it, that can be compared to the outcome four days later when a magnitude 6.6 quake killed 30,000 people in Bam, Iran. The Iranian deaths were "mostly due to the collapse of unreinforced masonry buildings," according to one group of earthquake scientists who studied both events. "Part of the difference is that the strongest shaking from the San Simeon earthquake probably occurred in the sparsely populated epicentral region, while the fault in the Bam earthquake ran directly through a sizable city." But "California was also more prepared."

Asked whether he hesitates before entering one of the city's unreinforced masonry buildings, Court reflected. "I'd say my risk is much higher on the highway than it is going into an unreinforced masonry building. The chances of an earthquake occurring in any given year, month, day, or hour are remote," he said. "So I go into them. But I wouldn't buy an unreinforced masonry building without doing something to it. I wouldn't work in one." — Jeannette De Wyze

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In the time that I have been volunteering at Pomerado Hospital, I have come to respect and admire its nurses, doctors, and other staff members. They are enthusiastic about my interests and always eager to read my writing. Ironically, the hospital is a good atmosphere in which to work. I hope to be as genuinely kind and supportive as they are.

A few of my teachers, who have a passion for what they do, stand out as good role models. They fill me with a desire to learn the material, and I admire their patience with students. They demonstrate how it's possible to value education but still have a life as well.

Lastly, I look up to my fellow writers, both the ones on my high school paper and professionals. From Mt. Carmel's newspaper staff, I have learned that there are so many ways to take advantage of the written language. I endeavor to imitate writers who display a strong sense of ethics, those who strive for accuracy and always take both sides of a situation into consideration.

When taking a look at the people after whom I model myself, I realize that I look more toward the people in my community, as opposed to celebrities. This has provided me with a realistic mindset.

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hose who can't do, teach," as the saying goes. But there are also those who live to teach. My third-

grade teacher was one of those people. All the eight-year-olds of Room 7 adored her and she adored every one of us. She spent bundles of time with each individual to help them learn and grow. As cliché as it sounds, teachers help to shape future generations.

Two years ago, I was part of a musical theater production. The director of the show can be described in one word: brilliant. His work never fails to inspire me and get my brain moving. He has a pure talent for creating shows and films and makes his passion come to life through art. This man also has heart. Recently, he went to Africa and made a powerful documentary about Uganda's "forgotten" children. He is trying to raise awareness for this cause. Both his vision and compassion make me look up to him. Although I do not know him well, the view from afar is amazing.

Another role model is one I have known for a long time. She is a twentysomething Christian woman who is trying to start a ministry in the villages of China to help orphaned children. She feels a calling to help these orphans. I also admire this individual because she is such a beautiful person. I have never seen her angry, strict, or unreasonable. She is always positive and makes friends with toddlers and seniors and everyone in between. Her smile makes everyone smile. That is the quality that I admire: I want to make people smile. – Derrick Sun.

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"WHEN AMELIA AND I WERE VERY YOUNG, **STEPHAN** WOULD PRE-TEND TO BE A MONSTER AND CHASE **US AROUND** WHEN THE OTHER **ADULTS** WERE TOO

BORING."

resident Lincoln was my first role model. Every school year, from kindergarten until about the fifth grade, when we were asked to give a report on our role model, I chose President Lincoln. I don't know what it was that had drawn me to President Lincoln. I think it may have been the top hat. Maybe because he was born in a log cabin. In retrospect, I realize I idolized Lincoln because he risked

everything for what he believed in. He believed in America and he believed that each person should not be forced into involuntary servitude. He was such a patriot that he was willing to commit soldiers to war in order to keep the United States united.

In junior high I was introduced to Dawn Rochelle. Dawn had leukemia. I admired her because she was 13 years old, as was I, and she found the strength to combat a disease that had the potential to kill her. She was strong; stronger than I could have been and stronger than I will probably ever be. Oh, yeah, I forgot to mention that Dawn was the protagonist in a series of novels by Lurlene McDaniel. Sure, it is just a book, but through those novels, I realized that there are some things a person must cope with, whether they want to or not.

- Christina Chovan, Mission Bay H.S.

HOME AND GARDEN

s I have gotten older, my role models have changed from the celebrity types to the people around me on a daily basis people who make the most of what they do and who live life with a smile on their face.

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y most influential role models have been the two people that have acted unofficially as a second set of parents. I have known them all my life, and their daughter has been one of my best friends. Kate and Stephan's house has been one of my favorite places to go. When I was a kid, it was like a vacation from my home. Amelia was my childhood best friend and we played together constantly on weekends. Kate has always been so levelheaded and a caring mother. One fond memory was going over and spending the night and having Kate kiss both Amelia and me goodnight. Stephan is active and has always had a sense of humor. When Amelia and I were very young, Stephan would pretend to be a monster and chase us around when the other adults were too boring. When I have a family of my own, I would like to think that this family contributed to the way I chose to be as a parent.

My cousin Kristyn became an ultra-cool role model when I was about 12. Kristyn is 16 years older than me and lives in one of the most exciting cities in the U.S.: New York. I saw her - and still see her — as a fabulous

and exciting woman that does what she wants and enjoys life to the fullest. She travels a lot and whenever I talk to her she seems to have something great going on in her life. The time I have spent getting to know her has always been too limited. She is a role model of mine because of the way she leads her life.

Other role models I have had are newscasters Kimberly Hunt and Marti Emerald. Ever since I can

remember watching the news, I have wanted to model their careers. I had the pleasure of meeting Kimberly Hunt when I was in junior high. I learned about the broadcast-television field and how compassionate a newscaster can be. I admire Marti Emerald's gumption in her 'Troubleshooter" segment. She stands up for people who need help and informs the public of organizations to watch

out for

William Wegman has always stuck in my mind as a person who has achieved success in a hobby I would like to pursue one day. Wegman, a photographer, incorporates his well-known Weimaraner dogs into his work. I have always been delighted by his photographing methods of many extravagant dog poses.

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ene Roddenbury (creator of Star *Trek*): As the daughter of Trekkies, I was raised to regard the words of Captain Picard, Sisko, and Janeway with reverence and to be amazed with their endless quest for knowledge. Star Trek taught me tolerance by portraying normality in the aliens, despite bizarre appearances. It taught me that weird is cool.

Louisa May Alcott: My longest-lasting literary love came in the form of *Little*

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Women, a novel about four sisters during the Civil War. I adored the girls, seeing myself in the awkward, intellectual tomboy, Jo, who fit in as uncomfortably as I did. Because she grew up to find true love, write, and open a school for boys, I saw her as proof that I would enjoy as happy a future. Reading was my hope, my joy, my escape.

President Clinton: I believed him when he said he "did not have sexual relations with that woman" until he admitted to lying. I learned that despite the good some do, politicians lie. My first political disillusionment; if only it were the last.

Brita Schou (my grandfather's brilliant cousin): She traveled the world as a stewardess, learning about ten languages. From tiny Denmark, she has read more books than I have heard of. With dignity, she accepted her longtime husband's death, continuing life with her beloved dog.

Mia Hamm: When they won the 1999 Women's World Cup, Mia and her team inspired me. They verified that Title IX was worth it because girls can play as well as boys. Mia not only plays soccer, but is a biology major, which proves that girls can be strong and smart.

Buffy Summers: As a martial artist and a female, Buffy the Vampire Slayer was my hero. Her bravery and elegance captivated me, as did screenwriter Joss Whedon's humorous and poignant writing. I especially adored Buffy's best friend Willow, an academic who hid pluck behind a sweet façade; although shy, she showed courage by admitting that she was a lesbian.

Since entering high school, my greatest influences have been teachers, particularly my fun, crazy journalism teacher who teaches me about the world and writing; my sage of a humanities teacher, who taught more life lessons than world history; and my sweet, geeky environmental science teacher who made me enjoy science for the first time since fifth grade. - Megan Zapanta,

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As I sit in the dark cell, there is a pervasive odor of feces and urine from a toilet that did not flush, and I have a claustrophobic feeling that the walls are about to cave in on me. Twenty people share six cold, bare-metal bunks, and the man sitting next to me says he will die from leukemia if he does not get medication soon.

I close my eyes and try to convince myself that worse things could happen to me than being locked up in a Tijuana jail cell with 18 other people. But not much worse. And for some peculiar reason, I ask myself again and again: What would I be doing right now if I were leading a normal life? Breathing the fresh air of San Diego, maybe. Dodging seaweed while swimming at Imperial Beach. Taking a stroll through Balboa Park after dark, perhaps. But it does little to assuage

the feelings of rage that I have for the police who locked me in here because I had no money to bribe them.

Until you have been incarcerated in a foreign jail, you have no idea how important it is to behave yourself properly when visiting another country. I am



and even the aggressive shopkeepers, and I can certainly tolerate the groping women in the sleazy cantinas, but it is difficult for me to bear seeing the begging mothers with their sad-faced infants. It's not that I couldn't afford to give them some money a dollar could probably

I would haggle some shop owner out of a decent leather jacket for a

ridiculously low price, then eat lunch, have a couple of Coronas, and make it out of there before nightfall, laughing all the way back to the border.

and always have been an obedient man by nature, but there is a point at which tolerance becomes extremely difficult to muster, and patience is an almost laughable virtue.

San Diegans' desire to travel across the border is a peculiar one, especially the desire to make a second trip. Curiosity pulls us down the first time. For me the first time was in



RESEARCH STUDIES

1985, when I was in the Navy and was conned into going by two of my shipmates. I had no real desire to see the place; I had heard plenty about it from friends and acquaintances. Eventually I learned from bitter experience that all of the horror stories they shared with me were quite true. I can handle the trash

in the gutters, the odor,

buy them enough food for a day or so. But I know that I cannot play savior for all of them, and any charity would only help for that day; tomorrow they would be just as destitute.

So why did I return? I went down there to buy a leather jacket, which costs about \$200 here and about \$45 over the border. I had my plans carefully detailed in my mind: First I would haggle some shop owner out of a decent leather jacket for a ridiculously low price, then eat lunch, have a couple of Coronas, and make it out of there before nightfall, laughing all the way back to the border. The entire schedule shouldn't take more than an hour, I thought. At least that was the plan.

However, while sitting in a saloon cooling down with a Corona, I became involved in a conversation with a stranger, an American, who called himself a political liberal. And since I am a conservative, we discussed the notion of writing duet columns, like a print version of CNN's *Crossfire*.

Later, after searching about the city for something to catch our attention, we ended up at a bar where we met the class of '89, celebrating in a festive manner that is legal here and illegal north of the border.



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My companion and I had very nearly made it to the border when we ran into Tijuana's Finest. The officers grilled us in great detail about what we had

I swore that if God did not fix my car for me on the spot, I would never go back to church

again.

been doing in Tijuana and our destination. All of the talking, however, was in Spanish, and this Total Stranger/Good Friend I was with was trying very hard to keep up with them. I was learning my first real lesson in foreign justice: it really didn't matter if we understood what was going on or what it was they were accusing us of; they only wanted money. I had placed \$40 in my shoe earlier that evening, but of course, I could not find it by this time.

When we both were unable to produce any cash, they accused us of being drunk and disorderly. Right as they were about the first half, the last was a total invention on their parts. In fact, I had never been so cooperative with any cop in my life.

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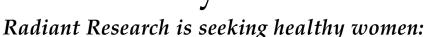


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they were only going to give us a hard time, then let us go. But when they handcuffed us and threw us into the back of their car, I began to get just a little bit nervous. We were never read any rights (presumably because we didn't have any), nor were we officially informed of the charges against us. We were simply put into the police car and sped off to the jail. But even as we were driven around the city by the police, I was still certain this was all some sort of scare tactic.

As we were escorted into the jail in Tijuana, I was prepared to remove every item from my pockets, items I was sure I would never see again. When I was arrested once in Michigan, the police had even taken the laces from my shoes. The reason, they said, was to prevent people from hanging themselves, though I had great difficulty trying to visualize a corpse dangling from a shoestring. Rather than take any of my belongings, the Mexican officials only asked me my name and address, and the address I gave them was contrived. I was between apartments and was actually sleeping in my car, but I saw no reason to tell them this. Then we were told to follow one of the guards.

In the Navy, a gunner's mate in my division had once been arrested in TJ for drunk driving, and the

officers on the ship filled our heads with gruesome details of his ordeal, some of which, I later learned, they had invented. He had been in the cell for five days, and when he was finally released, the captain made him appear in a videotape that was broadcast over the ship's television system, describing what had happened to him in there as a warning to all of the crew. Unfortunately, I missed seeing the video but heard from the gunner's mate himself that the place was a haven for diseases and lice, that it was ten-foot-square cells. The officers steered us to the right, and we went up a flight of concrete stairs to our cell on the second floor. I was anticipating 3 or 4 people in there but shuddered when they put us in with at least 18 others.

Finally locked inside, I glanced around, slowly taking in the surroundings. There was barely enough room to stand because people were everywhere. There were six baremetal bunks, and each bunk was shared by two or three people, curled up into individual balls, trying to make

I can still remember my intense disappointment every time I awakened to find myself still prisoner, that this wasn't just some horrible nightmare after all.

overcrowded and filthy, that the food was inedible and the water nearly undrinkable. These descriptions flooded my brain as we pulled up to the jail.

The police led us through a revolving door made of steel bars. Beyond this was an enormous threestory cement chamber with antiquated vents and fans in the ceiling. It smelled horrible, and I could see rats in a far corner of the room. The chamber itself was filled with at least 30 enough room. I saw people who looked as if they had been in captivity for weeks. There was obviously no laundry or showering facility available, no linen, and there was only one toilet, located toward the back wall. Later, I would learn, to my chagrin, the toilet did not even flush.

Still, genuine fear eluded me because I continued to believe the police were only trying to scare us and would let us go as soon as they accepted the fact



that we really didn't have any money. Later, as I sobered up a little and realized at last the kind of mess I had gotten myself into, God and religion continued to enter my mind as the one and only recourse for the increasingly frightening situation I was facing. To this day, I am convinced that it was my religious background that kept me from panicking in there. I really believed deep within my heart and soul and mind that God would not let me remain in there long enough to go insane. I recalled reading something in the New Testament about how Saint Paul had been in jail in Rome and an angel had come and freed him. So almost immediately after I was placed in the cell, I tried to get the others to join me in a little communal prayer, convinced that we could melt the lock on the cage. Desperation can make you do some illogical things.

There were three or four young men walking about the chamber running errands — carrying water hoses, bringing us lit cigarettes and coffee that wasn't too bad — and they would periodically ask for money. The deal was that if one could bribe them with enough cash, they would pull some strings to get us released from the cell. Total Stranger/Good Friend seemed unwilling guards brought in a short, rat-eyed drunk who made it clear that he did not intend to share a jail cell peaceably with Americans. I gathered he was trying to get the others to help beat us up; he joked incessantly about "gringos" with the other cellmates. Suddenly, he attacked Total Stranger/Good Friend,

punching him square in

the jaw. My companion

nailed him back fairly

solidly a couple of times,

but it didn't seem to slow

him down any. I grabbed

the belligerent little man

and tried to wrestle him

to the floor, but he was

much too active. Trying to

hold him down, however

small he was, was like try-

This was not the way I was supposed to end my days on earth — stuck in a stinking jail cell shared with rats, a crazed cellmate, and a rising puddle of sewage.

to believe that I was no longer in possession of the money I had hidden in my shoe earlier that evening. They wanted \$40, and I didn't even have 4 with me. I held my watch, a \$20 Timex, aloft, hoping it would be tempting for them, but they were uninterested.

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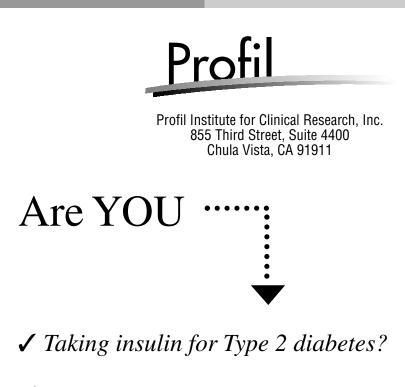
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ing to hold down a wild bull. It took the aid of some of the others to help pin him to the floor. Eventually he calmed down, but only for a couple of minutes; before long, he was back at it again, trying to deck old Total Stranger/Good Friend for having blond hair.

My companion was winning the fight and seemed to be inflicting the most damage, but when the guard came and saw the fight, it was the drunk they pinioned and hauled off to God only knew where; they left me and my companion alone. I decided that the best thing to do, considering my situation and the fact that I was still a little bit drunk, was to fall asleep by sitting on the floor with my knees in my face, and maybe I would awaken to find this whole thing was just a wicked dream.

Sleeping was the only way for me to dodge the misery of how I was begin-

attempt to do as much sleeping as was possible, but it never seemed to last very long. I don't think I was out for more than half an hour when the others had noticed that the door had been left unlocked and partially opened. I looked carefully around the rest of the cell, then the chamber, and seeing no guards about,

ning to feel. I made every

into jail earlier that evening. I pushed my way through and Total Stranger/Good Friend followed me. The door led us into the front desk, where we had been escorted in by the police who had arrested us. We actually had the nerve to be surprised to find people with badges in there, eyeing us and knowing well what our intentions were.

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Total Stranger/Good Friend and I decided to make a run for it. Actually, we did no running but instead walked carefully through the jail, looking for guards, trying to find a way out of the maze in which we were trapped.

Shortly, we came to the revolving door we had encountered on our way

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Only then did it occur to us that we would be in even bigger trouble than before. Total Stranger/Good Friend had the common sense to run back to the cell, and so did the others who had followed us. I, however, was stupid enough to sit down in despair, cursing myself for setting foot beyond the border.





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chamber. There was one other person in there: the same rat-eyed drunk who had earlier assaulted my companion in the crowded cell.

After throwing me in the cage, the officers hosed both of us down with cold water for several minutes. The cage itself was about four feet wide and six feet long, very dark, and made of thick cement walls and those padlocked, wroughtiron bars on the other end pouring in. The floor sloped slightly downward toward a clogged drain at the lowest end, and the water in the cell rose higher and higher until it was nearly at my feet. Since there was no toilet in the cell, the drain was full of sewage, which was rapidly covering the floor.

where all of this water was

I took a long look about the room, and my heart pounded in fear. I have an active imagination, but it didn't take much imagining for me to recall horrible accounts of people who had been in cells like this one for years, fed spoiled rice and rotten meat and given stagnant water to drink. There was no way that I could have remained in that cell and maintained my sanity even for a day. This was not the way I was supposed to end my days on earth - stuck in a stinking jail cell shared with rats, a crazed cellmate, and a rising puddle of sewage. I thought of my family and how hard it would be for them when I apparently

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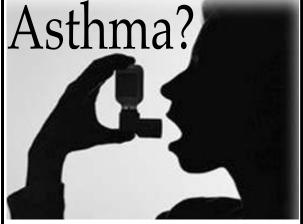
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deserved this. But here I

vanished; because, at this point, all my earlier hopes that we would be freed shortly had now been shot down, and I was no longer certain that I would even survive this ordeal, much less be released.

was, guilty only of being drunk and failing to bribe the authorities, rotting away in a foreign jail cell like a I didn't deserve this. bad tuna sandwich.

Philosophy, of course, brought me no closer to getting out of the cage, but am I going to be in here

tomorrow," said my crazed cellmate.

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two."

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I didn't dare believe what he was saying. After all, I had resigned myself to die here. "I don't think so," I told him.

He tried to explain something to me, but I was having a hard time under-

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it was one way to pass the time in a situation that was slowly and surely robbing me of my sanity. The thing that kept pressing on my mind was, 'Just how long

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"What?" I replied, called briefly out of my shocked reverie.

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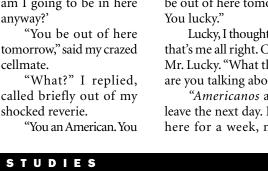
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standing, though I gathered that, for some reason, he was trying to get me out of the cage. Although it wasn't true, he seemed to feel responsible for my being there. He began hitting the bars of the cage with his belt and kept telling me to yell when he hit them. Then I understood he was trying to get the guards to think he was beating me so they would let me loose. But I wouldn't go along with his idea, since that would only bring the wrath of the big cop down on him.

I finally sat down and buried my face in my arms, pretending I was at the Hotel del Coronado. But my cellmate kept waking me up. There are people in this world who simply can't last five minutes without running their mouths, and this guy was one of them. He woke me up at least three times to ask me what time it was, though I couldn't imagine what possible difference that could make in there.

After what seemed like six hours but was actually closer to two, one of the guards came and unlocked the cage. I couldn't believe I was glad to be going back to the old cell where the 19 others, including Total Stranger/Good Friend, were still hanging around. I was relieved to get out of that sewage-infested hole, but I was also somewhat concerned about my health; I was still soaking wet. And of course, as my gunner's mate friend had informed me years earlier, the cell itself was a breeding ground for diseases.

"I heard they hosed you down," said Total Stranger/Good Friend. It was the first time he had spoken to me since the police had locked us up. "Yeah," I said. "Beat

me up, too."

"It doesn't look like they beat you up."

"I guess I got kind of lucky. But he really tore up my lip." I showed him the inside of my lip, which was lacerated.

"What did he beat you up for?"

"Because I belted him when he grabbed me by the hair."

"That wasn't very smart."

"Yeah, well, to tell you

the truth, I've kind of figured that out now."

I sat down on the seat of the nonflushing toilet and tried to get back to sleep. I wasn't thinking too clearly or rationally, and I was now so dazed that I honestly believed that if I thought about it hard enough, I could turn myself into a two-inch-tall midget and slide under the bars or perhaps dissolve into a puff of smoke and float out one of the vents in the ceiling. Total Stranger/Good Friend was banging on the cell bars, and I was tempted to get up and tell him not to do that or he'd be beaten and hosed down and thrown into the infamous toilet cell. He managed to get the attention of one of the guards, and I thought, "You are not going to like that cage."

"Listen," he was telling the very angry-looking guard, in a slow, measured cadence. "I have to get medication soon or I'll die. *Muerto*. I have leukemia. Do you know what leukemia is?"

"You have money?" the guard asked him.

"No, no money." He looked completely crest-

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fallen. "But if you don't let me out of here, I'm going to die."

"We will tell somebody," the guard said, then left.

One of the cellmates who had been sitting next to me on the toilet seat overheard the conversation with the guard and gave up his space. It was the most comfortable position in the cell that was unoccupied.

"Why didn't you tell me you had leukemia?" I asked him. This was the first time I'd heard about it. "Is it smart to go out drinking when you have a disease like that?"

"Does it make a dif-

ference?" he asked me.

I said nothing for a moment, then asked him, "What kind of medication do you take?"

"Anargosil," he replied. I had never heard of it, but then again, I wasn't a pharmacist. I didn't even know leukemia victims needed lifesaving medication. But I wasn't about to say anything else.

For the next three or four hours, I drifted in and out of sleep. I don't recall dreaming anything at all, but I can still remember my intense disappointment every time I awakened to find myself still prisoner, that this wasn't just some horrible nightmare after all. At 6:00, the chamberboys shoved a water hose through the bars of the cell, and someone used it to try to flush down the waste from the toilet. This sleeping on one of the bottom bunks. I quickly absorbed his position, and Total Stranger/Good Friend sat next to me. He told me that his disease was start-

There was another big cop there (not the same one I had belted), who informed me that I would have to do some work for them, and then I would be set free.

meant we had to temporarily sacrifice our throne, but about the same time, the guards called the name of somebody who had been ing to take its toll and that he was feeling dizzy. He did look a little green, but then, if I'd had a mirror I probably would have noticed myself suffering from the same problem.

Within an hour, a mild panic was further clouding my already hampered reasoning, and by now, the incarceration was affecting me physically as well as mentally. My stomach felt as if I had eaten barbed wire for breakfast, and I was breaking out in a cold sweat. Our new sitting area on the bunk did have one serious flaw. It was located directly in front of the toilet, which, of course, gave us a direct, clear view every time somebody used it. I remedied the problem by burying my head in my shirt and plugging my ears. Again I began drifting into sleep when I heard Total Stranger/Good Friend say, "I don't believe it." I looked up and followed his widened eyes. There on the other side of the bars were two Navy Shore Patrol officers. He and I rushed to the front of the cell. Apparently, they were only on a routine check of the jail to make certain that no sailors had been penned up in there. I knew that they would be unable to spring us loose but would at least be sure to get a message out. I gave them the name of my boss and a work telephone number. Total Stranger/Good Friend gave them his mother's number and told them his



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predicament of not having his medication.

From then on, I began to see just a faint light at the end of the tunnel. There was always the slim possibility the sailors might forget to deliver the messages, but only a slim one. The greater probability was that the messages would get through; that was the most encouraging thought yet. At least now, I didn't have to think about the fact that nobody even knew we were in here.

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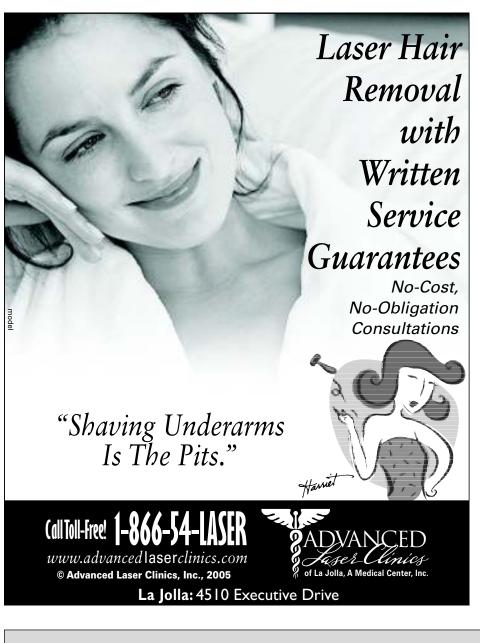
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starting to get a little concerned about him. I decided then that if it came down to one of the two of us, I would volunteer to let him go free. Then I thought I heard somebody call my name.

I jumped out of the bunk at rocket speed. "Shawn Higgins! That's me!" I screamed.

The guard opened the cell door. "Follow me," he said.

I wasted no time. I followed him down two flights of stairs, very slowly, feeling as if I were in a dream. Surely, I thought, I am going to wake up and I'll be back in that stinking cell again.

I was led down through the same revolving door through which I had tried to escape the previous evening. There was another big cop there (not the same one I had belted), who informed me that I would have to do some work for them, and then I would be set free. I smiled at the prospect of working for them to win my release. I would have worked in the sewers to win my release.

They instructed me to go to the front desk and check out with the clerk. I went to the clerk and told him my name. He looked at me with a blank expression. I repeated it and he gave me another blank face, then he asked me if I had any money. My heart sank. I told him that I didn't. Again I was terrified that I would be sent back to the cell, but at the same time, I didn't dare believe anything that bad would happen now. After all, I kept thinking, it could not possibly get worse than it had been.

The clerk went back to the big cop and said something to him in Span-



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Total Stranger/Good Friend looked almost as disappointed as I felt when he saw me heading back inside. "What happened?" he asked.

"I don't know," I said, too disgusted and disappointed for words. "They must have called somebody else's name." "I'm not going to last much longer in here," he said.

"I don't think I am either. I don't like it when people play games with my mind like that."

He lowered his voice to a whisper. "I really don't have leukemia. I'm just telling them that to try to

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get out of here quicker. Sometimes they speed things up if they think somebody's sick."

"To tell you the truth, I didn't think people who had leukemia had to take lifesaving medicine."

"As far as I know, they don't. I'd do anything to get out of here right now." "Me too. If I have to stay in here for very much longer, I'm gonna go nuts." I buried my head in my hands again and tried to fall asleep.

It was then that I began to try prayer. I had decided over a year earlier that I was going to become a born-again Christian and



had for a long time lived up to that decision, but when I had serious car failure on my way to work going northbound on 163 the past month, I swore that if God did not fix my car for me on the spot, I would never go back to church again. Now I was convinced

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that the only way for me to get out of there was to reconsider. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened for you. Everyone who asketh shall receive, and anyone who seeketh shall find, and the door shall be opened unto he that knocks."

I must have prayed for an hour straight when one of the people sitting next to me tapped me and said, *"Comida.*" I looked at the food being served, mostly out of curiosity. One of the guards was carrying a huge bucket of something that looked a lot like wallpaper paste. The others in the



cell were anxiously waiting to have some. I told him, "*Grácias, pero no tengo hambre*." ("Thanks, but I'm not gonna eat that slop.")

Then it came to me. I could go on a hunger strike! I would simply refuse to eat until I was released from the cell! Chances were strong that these people probably wouldn't care whether I ate or not; but as my companion had said, they weren't too anxious to see American citizens die in their jails.

I had this most recent eccentric idea planned out carefully, when I heard somebody call my companion's name. He looked at me, puzzled; but I warned him that it might just be the same game they had played on me. He got up and went to the bars.

"You are the one with the leukemia?" asked the guard.

"Yes," he lied. "The American consulate is here to see you." My heart leaped. If this

were true, we would be out of here in no time. I tried to remind myself of my little adventure earlier and how I'd been duped into believing that I would be freed momentarily. But I could not stop thinking about walking out of this snake pit, into the United States, and starting my new life as a born-again Christian. The guard unlocked the door and escorted Total Stranger/Good Friend out of the cell.

It wasn't very much longer that I heard my name called. I stood up, once again wasting no time getting to the gate. "That's me," I said, though, with remarkably less enthusiasm this time.

"You are free to go. The American consulate wants to see you."

"Good," said I. We started down the stairs, when he asked me for money. I told him that I had none, trying to sound apologetic when in fact I wanted to wrap my hands around his greedy throat and choke him until his face turned purple. If I had any money, I certainly wouldn't have given it to him after all that I had been through.

We went down the same corridor that I had seen earlier, but this time we took a detour through the lobby, where the cellmates I had seen earlier were still talking. I was encouraged to see Total Stranger/Good Friend in there as well, talking to a small man with thick-lensed glasses, who I assumed was from the consulate's office. The little man nodded to me abruptly. I sat next to him

"You are Shawn Higgins?" he asked me.

"Yes," I answered. All the time this was

going on, I was still nervous. I realized in some dark part of my mind that this was not yet over; they could still be playing some sort of game with us. It wouldn't really be over until we crossed the border and were safely back in the States again. The man wrote down the information from my driver's license and handed it back, then asked me to sign something, which I did without hesitation. This was not a smart move, actually, since the document was printed in Spanish and

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could have been a confession to murdering nuns, for all I knew. I just wanted out of there. I handed it back, and he left the room, saying he was going to try to get us out of there without any bail.

We had a moment to talk, Total Stranger/Good Friend and I, and he told me that he was not going to go back into that cell again, even if they threatened to shoot him. I concurred but was secretly still afraid that the big cop was going to return and order me back to the chamber of horrors. About 20 minutes later, the consulate returned and told us that we were free to go.

There are no words to describe how it felt to walk out the door, breathe the open air, and step into the sunlight. I lingered there for a moment, knowing that I would never in my life forget the past 12 hours. We thanked the man from the consulate's office for freeing us from the dungeon, then walked back toward the border, still feeling nervous, not daring to stop even long enough to eat, knowing that to do so could be to invite yet another arrest. And this time, like Total Stranger/Good Friend, I would rather be shot. My companion confided in me on our way back that although he had been a lifelong atheist, he had actually prayed while in that cell, in the depths of despair, for a way out.

"Looks like your prayer was answered," I pointed out to him.

He paused a moment and then said, "Yeah, I guess you're right." Since then, I've often wondered if that made any difference to him since we parted ways and the worst was now and always would be over.

We reached the United States about an hour later, and there was no comparison to that feeling of freedom. Tonight, I was going to live like a king. I had just spent the worst night of my life and was determined to make up for it. I had been sleeping in my car for a week, but for now I would have to find a good, clean motel room.

— Shawn Higgins

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watching the Padres getting whacked by the Expos. It's 1982. The Padres stink. Dick Williams is their manager.

I'm there with a flimsy tape recorder to get quotes from ballplayers for the UCSD campus radio station that no one listens to. Sports writers are all around me, middle-aged white men in ties and nice sweaters. Everyone's talking and laughing and scribbling in spiral notebooks and wolfing free popcorn and drinking free beer. Except me. I'm just some punk college kid frozen in his seat, nervous as hell. "You know what I'm going to do to you, Barry? I'm going to pick you up and smash your head into that wall out there."

The game ends on a strikeout, and the writers scramble from their seats and blow down the hall, around the corner to the elevator. I catch up just in time to squeeze in, and down we go. Everyone gets quiet.

The doors slide open and I'm the first one out. It's a dark corridor. Where the hell are we? I step to the side, faking that I have to check my tape recorder, to let the sports writers slip by. They move down the corridor in a pack, and I join them from behind. We turn right, then left, and arrive at a closed blue door above which it says "Padres Baseball Club." After a minute the door opens and we step inside. It's a big, brightly lit room. The air is hot and soggy. Guys are sitting around half naked. A few sports writers fan out to the players, but about ten of them go through a doorway to the right. I follow. It's a small room lined with chairs and a long couch. The manager's office.

The writers quickly take seats until there's nothing left but a small space at the end of the couch. I make my way over and sit down. In front of me is a large desk and chair. It must be the manager's, which is perfect for me since I need to get quotes with my tape recorder. I notice I'm the only one in the room with a microphone. Everyone else is sitting with a pen and notepad. Where are all the radio station reporters, I wonder?

In a side doorway a figure appears. He is wearing long under-

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Former Padres manager Greg Riddoch talks with press, spring training, 1992

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wear. He walks in holding a can of Schlitz beer. He has gray hair and deep lines in his face. It's Dick Williams.

I knew nothing about Dick Williams to this point except that he managed the Oakland A's to a couple of World Series titles in the

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Williams grunts a little as he slowly sits down in his chair. He takes a big gulp of beer and then belches. No one says a word. Williams stares at his desk. Without looking up he takes another swig of beer. I can't figure it out. Why isn't anyone saying anything? Williams burps again. He's two feet away from me. I'm so nervous I could puke.

"Uh, Dick," someone finally mutters.

I get my tape recorder ready.

"Uh, Dick, did Ruppert miss a sign off first base in the fifth?"

I click on my recorder as Williams clears his throat, and I push the mike up near his mouth.

"What the fuck?" he says, staring at the microphone.

"What the fuck is this?" he says even louder. Then he snaps his head around and glares at me.

"Who the fuck are you?" he yells. "Who the fuck are you!"

My whole body freezes. I try to answer. "I'm-I'm-J-J-Jeff Saa —"

"Who the fuck are you?" he yells again. Then he just explodes. "Get the fuck outta here! Get the fuck outta this office!"

I lift myself from the couch as Williams springs from his chair. The other reporters are dead-still. "Goddamit!" he screams as he points at the door. "Get the fuck outta here!"

I crash over ankles and feet as I bolt from the office, out the locker room, and up the corridor to the elevator.

"Press box?" the elevator operator asks as I step in. "No," I say with my heart pounding. "First level."

I flee from the stadium to my car without looking back.

I never should have gone back to the Murph. Ever. Instead, it became a big part of my life. I was thrilled with sports and athletes, so I got a job as a sports writer at the San Diego *Tribune.* I lasted eight years in the business. I finally wised up and quit in 1992.

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When David Hirshey, a sports writer for the New York *Daily News* in the '70s, learned that Reggie Jackson of the Yankees fantasized about singing with the O'Jays, he decided to write a story about it. "I walked up to him at his locker," Hirshey said, "and asked, 'Reggie, I know you can carry a team. Can you carry a tune?' "Jackson turned around, lifted a leg, farted, and said, "How's this tune?" Shortly thereafter, Hirshey left sports writing.

An athlete never farted on me. I was lucky.

To get locker-room quotes on game day, you have to be very careful where you position yourself. It's especially tough after a Raiders or Rams game in L.A., with the media cramming in. A player sits naked on a stool in front of his cubicle, toweling off from a shower, and you're squeezed in with 20 other fools straining to hear him mutter, "We never shoulda lost" or "The ref blew the call." Your face is buried in another reporter's greasy hair, the guys pressing you from the sides have B.O., and you're getting banged from behind by a television camera. Worse is when you're in the front of this scrum and there's a push from behind and it takes all the leg strength you've got to maintain your stance. I've seen guys fall onto players. I've seen players get pissed.

I got yelled at plenty while learning the business, working for the UCSD campus newspaper and radio station. I didn't know the lockerroom rules, like sticking a microphone in the face of a sonofabitch manager whose team just lost. I also asked a lot of stupid questions.

One time, when the San Francisco Giants were in town, I approached slugger Jack Clark (another of my Bay Area heroes) in the locker room before the game.

"So, Jack," I said without introducing myself, "what's it like to carry the Giants?"

"Hey, man, I don't want to talk," he said as he yanked his shirt over his head.

God, I thought to myself. What a dumb question. I'd better try another

one a little more tame.

"So, Jack, how do you think the team's young pitching staff will hold up this season?"

Clark wheeled on me. "Hey, muthafucka!" he yelled, "I said I didn't want to talk! Clear the fuck out!" I didn't try a third

question.

Another time the Phillies were in town, and I just had to talk to Pete Rose. He was standing in the locker room with some shady-looking characters long after the game had ended.

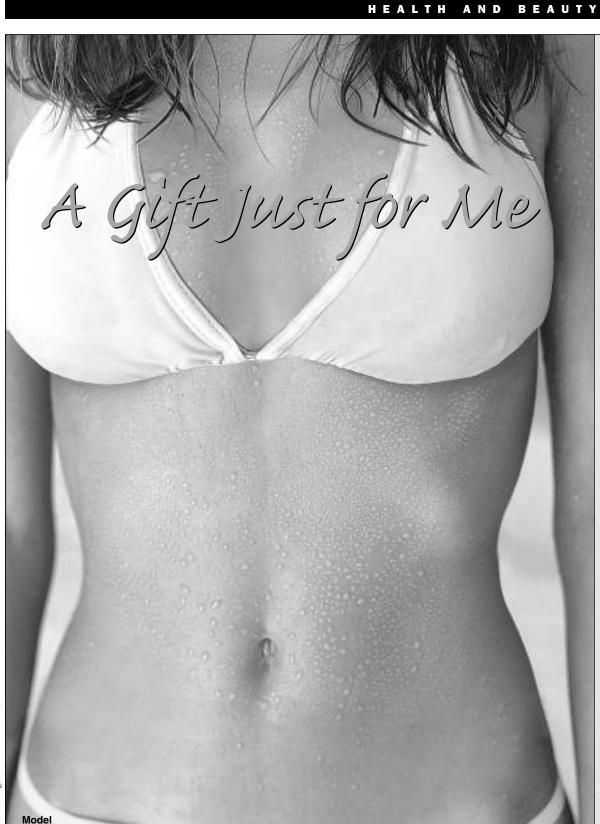
"Hi, Pete. I'm Jeff Savage from the UCSD *Guardian*." "So?" "So I was wondering if I could talk to you for just a moment."

"What about?" he snapped.

"Well, I was wondering if you might be thinking about switching to the American League to be a designated hitter."

Dumb. Dumb. Dumb. The man is one of the greatest hitters ever, and I'm suggesting to him that he's too slow and old to play first base (which, of course, he was by then).

"Listen," Rose said, "if I decide to be a designated hitter, you'll be the first guy I let know. What's your phone number? I'll call you the moment I decide."



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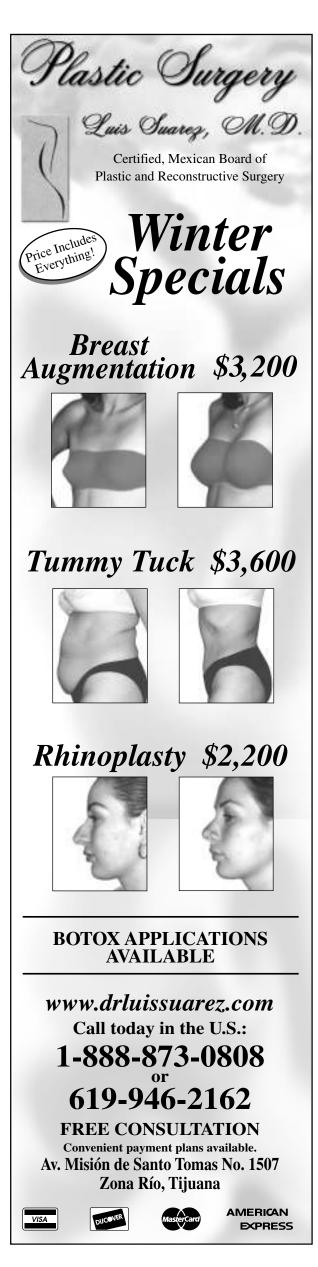
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His buddies were laughing now.

"Tell ya what," Rose went on. "Let me give you my card. It's got my home phone number on the back. Call me as soon as I get back to Philly. I'll decide on the plane."

Embarrassing myself was no fun, but I didn't care much. I was hanging with the athletes, talking with the pros. How many guys got to do that? I wanted to do it for a living.

New colleague Mike Canepa told me my first week of work at the *Tribune* in 1984 that being a sports writer would be great for the bar scene. "Women love it," he said. "They'll be all over you." If you've seen Mike, you know he didn't need to be a sports writer to attract women. Me, I needed the help.

Kirk Kenney was hired shortly after me, and we'd go barhopping together. We'd get involved in some lame conversation with women, and eventually one of them would ask, "So, what do you guys do?" Kirk was classic.

"Write," he'd say real cool out the side of his mouth.

"Really?" they'd say. "That's great. What do you write?"

"Sports."

"Really? You're a sports writer? For what newspaper?" "Trib."

"Oh, wow. That's great. Your name is, like, in the paper and everything? You know all the athletes? Tell me about...."

At first, being a sports writer was great fun. I sat in the dugout with the Giants for two innings as they were clinching the NL West in '87. I rode around in a golf cart with Eric Dickerson, had lunch with Nolan Ryan, dinner with Dominique Wilkins, had long conversations with John Elway, Warren Moon, Evander Holyfield, Jerry Tarkanian, David Robinson, Will Clark....

I was caught up in greatness by association. In one two-month period, I was quoted in USA Today as an authority (which I wasn't) on some sports subject, seen by all my friends in a front-page Union photo standing on the sideline as the Chargers were making a game-



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saving tackle, and shown on ESPN holding Dan Forsman's baby while Dan was tapping in to win the tournament at Torrey Pines. I was the coolest guy I knew.

Somehow you lose perspective.

When I covered a Raiders exhibition game in Oakland in 1989, I got a press pass for my childhood pal Gerry Bottero, because we grew up rooting for the Raiders and I knew he'd enjoy the experience. On our way down to the locker room after the game, I handed him a pen and notepad and told him to fake as though he were taking notes so it looked as if he belonged. As I moved from player to player gathering quotes for my story, I noticed

Gerry across the room, high-stepping through heaps of wet towels and mounds of white tape, doing his best to dodge players and reporters. "Pretty neat, eh, Ger?"

"Pretty neat, eh, Ger?" I said as we left the locker room. "Neat?" he replied. "Just a bunch of hairy butts in my face. What's so neat about that?"

He had a point. Still, I was having too much fun hobnobbing. And not just with sports stars. My ultimate elbowrubbing came every January when I spent a week on the phone getting Super Bowl predictions from celebrities. I talked to Jimmy Stewart, Janet Leigh, Sidney Poitier, and a bunch more. I talked with Bob Hope every year, and one



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It wasn't talking with bigwigs that thrilled me, but seeing the reaction of my friends. Then I'd play it down as if it was nothing. "Just part of the job," I'd say.

I got so carried away that I called the Kremlin to get Mikhail Gorbachev's prediction. After 20 minutes of being transferred from one department to another, I figured I'd burned up enough of Helen Copley's money and hung up.

Another time I tried to talk with Cary Grant. "Hello, is Cary home,

please.' "Who is this?" a woman

says. "This is Jeff Savage from the San Diego Tribune. I'm calling to get Cary's Super Bowl prediction for the game, if he's got a minute."

'You're kidding." "No, really, we like to get predictions. People love reading about that sort of stuff."

"Are...are you serious?" she says.

"Yeah, sure. Why not? Is he busy or something?"

Long pause. "Hello?" I say. "Are

you still there?" "Cary's been dead," she whispers, "for over a year."

Slowly something began to change. The thrill of interviewing athletes subsided. What they had to say was predictable and boring. And sometimes they refused to talk at all. the players were, I needed quotes for my story. I asked Eric Davis in the Reds' locker room one day about his home run prowess. Eric is a slight man who generates tremendous bat speed to hit with power, unlike bigger men like Frank Thomas, who

But no matter how dull

use their size. I explained to Eric that I was writing a story on the subject. "Nah, man, I ain't got

nuthin' to say," Eric replied.

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Nothing to say? About his own magnificent skills? Was Eric one of those rare athletes who don't like talking about themselves, preferring instead to discuss the exploits of others? "What about your

teammate Kal Daniels? Are

you impressed with his home run power?"

"Nah, man, ain't no thing.' What about Darryl

Strawberry? Kevin Mitchell? Do they impress you?" "Nah."

"Do any players

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Eric Davis wasn't rude.

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question.

"What about playing baseball in general? Are you happy to be playing?" "Ain't no thing."

It is common courtesy after an interview to thank an athlete for his time. It was hard to thank Eric.

I approached first baseman Wally Joyner in the Angels' locker room at spring training one day to ask him about the

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upcoming season. Wally was lacing his shoes when I introduced myself. I asked him for a minute of his time.

"No," he said.

I told him I'd just driven up from San Diego and that all I needed was a forecast. No deep thinking required. Just a prediction for the paper. "No time to talk," he

said. I stood there a to the press box in a hurry." "Asshole," he said. When U-T sports columnist Nick Canepa goes into a baseball locker room, he says he often gets the feeling that 25 guys don't want him in there. Nick doesn't unfairly jab

moment, wondering how

a person could be so cold.

I asked him to reconsider.

Just a quick assessment of

the team. A comment.

"Game time," he

This was three hours

"Oh, game time," I

before a spring training

said. "Then I'd better get

Anything.

muttered.

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local athletes. In fact, sometimes he can be too nice. He gets the chill for one reason alone — because he is a sports writer.

Athletes don't need sports writers anymore. Back when salaries were fathomable, athletes appre-





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ciated any exposure they could get. Players and reporters may not have been fast friends, but their relationship was harmonious because each had something to gain. Now, money is out of sight and TV is the road to fame. It's safer for athletes to make a few harmless comments in a quick postgame TV interview than reveal their thoughts to sports writers and worry about what will be printed. Writers are now a nuisance.

Trib beat writer Barry Bloom criticized the Padres in a column for their childish behavior in a beanbrawl in Atlanta in 1984. When the players read the story, they voted 24–1 to ban Bloom from the clubhouse (Steve Garvey cast the dissenting vote). Majorleague baseball rules prohibit such an act, so Bloom was allowed to remain. But some players made it miserable for him.

When Bloom wrote that some unnamed Padres (Gary Templeton and Alan Wiggins) were concerned about teammates belonging to the John Birch Society, catcher Terry Kennedy (a Birch member) approached Bloom and punched him in the shoulder. Bloom got in Kennedy's face and yelled, "Don't you ever touch me again." The locker room fell silent. Bloom reiterated, "Terry, don't you ever, ever lay your hand on me again. Understand me?" Kennedy turned away.

Pitcher Eric Show asked Bloom later what he would have done had Kennedy not backed down. "What could I do?" Bloom said. "I would've had to fight him."

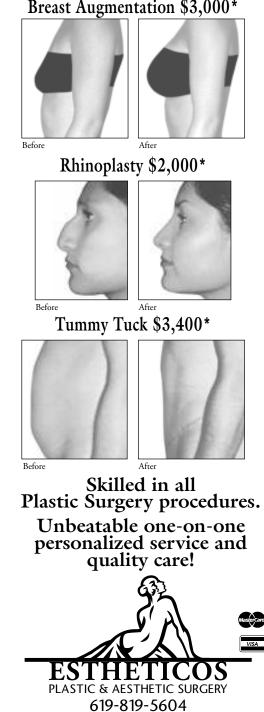
"He would've kicked the shit out of you," Show said. "You showed a lot of guts."

When Rich "Goose" Gossage blew a lead in a game in 1986, manager Steve Boros took the blame by saying he should not have used the relief pitcher two nights in a row. "He was probably tired," Boros told reporters."I should've rested him. It was my fault."

Gossage was sitting at table when Bloom approached him.

"Fuck you, Barry. Get away from me," Gossage





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said. "I'm not talking to you."

Bloom stepped to the side as Daily Californian reporter Dennis Wynne came over and said to Gossage, "Steve said you were tired."

"Steve who?" Gossage responded.

"You know, Steve your manager."

'Steve my manager said that?" Gossage replied. "Well, we'll see exactly what he said. Come with me. You too, Barry. You can come too."

Gossage pounded on the manager's door and yelled for him. Then he went inside. Bloom and Wynne followed. Boros was shaving.

"Did you say I was tired?" Gossage asked his manager.

"What I said, Rich, was that — "

"Listen," Gossage announced. "Don't you tell me when I'm tired! I'll tell you when I'm tired!" Gossage stormed out

of the office. Bloom felt sorry for the manager. In a way, he also felt sorry for Gossage. He followed the pitcher back to his locker and said to him, "Rick, I think your days in New York really ruined you."

"Fuck you," Gossage said as he pushed his face into Bloom's. "You know what I'm going to do to you, Barry? I'm going to pick you up and take you outside and smash your head into that wall out there."

"Go ahead, Rick," Bloom said.

"I'm going to do it right now," Gossage said. "Go ahead, Rick. I'll be happy to take your home

in Tierrasanta." Fortunately, Gossage

walked away.

I met Jim McMahon in 1989, when he joined the Chargers. Chris Jenkins was covering the team for the *Union* one day before the season began, and I was covering for the Trib, when we decided to talk with McMahon. He was escorted to the stadium newsroom by a Chargers PR staffer, who then left. We were sitting at a large table, and McMahon took a seat across from us. He was wearing dark sun-

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glasses and a tank top. Chris and I introduced

ourselves. McMahon said nothing. He stared down at the table. The interview went something like this:

"Jim, are you learning the new system pretty easily?" Chris asked. McMahon didn't look up. "Yep," he said. "Are you having any difficulty with it in any way?" I asked. "Nope." "Do you like the passing system?" 'Yep." "What do you like about it?" "I don't know." On the table was a stack of statistic sheets.

McMahon pulled the stack toward him and began leafing through the pages. He wasn't reading, just leafing. "Are you getting situ-

ated here in San Diego?" Chris asked. "Yep."

"Do you like it here?" "Yep." "Have you bought a

house yet?" "Nope." McMahon still didn't

look up. He kept turning the pages of statistics. "Are you happy with the Chargers' receiving corps?" "Uh-huh." "What do you think of Anthony Miller?" "Good." "How so?" "Don't know." "Are you looking forward to the season?' "Yep." "How good do you think this team can be?" "Don't know." "How's your shoulder?" "Fine." Chris and I looked at each other. "Well," Chris said. "I guess that's all I need." "Me too," I said.

"Cool," McMahon muttered, and in the next moment he was out of his chair and gone.

McMahon hated sports writers. (You can see why, considering those terrifying questions we bombarded him with.) So why did McMahon agree to be interviewed in the first place? He didn't. NFL players are obligated by their contracts to "foster good public relations for the league." In



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other words, they must meet with the press, at least occasionally.

I suppose we should have expected such behavior from the quarterback. The Today show made arrangements the day McMahon was traded from the Bears to San Diego to interview him at the stadium the following morning. The set was prepared at 2:30 a.m., and host Bryant Gumbel was ready at 5:00 a.m. McMahon was due in an hour later. He didn't show. The program began at 6:00 a.m. with Gumbel announcing that the quarterback would be arriving soon.

A Chargers' PR staff member went to McMahon's training camp room at UCSD to get him. McMahon wasn't in bed. The staffer woke up quarterback Mark Vlasic, McMahon's roommate. Vlasic said he hadn't seen McMahon all night. Meantime,

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Gumbel was making periodic references to McMahon's imminent arrival. It was rather embarrassing for NBC. Eventually, the show came to a close with Gumbel saying, "We apologize, but it seems as though something has happened to Jim McMahon."

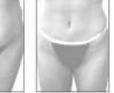
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When McMahon arrived at camp later that day, his excuse was that he overslept. And that's what the PR department had to tell NBC. The truth

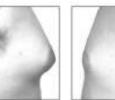








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is, at a Mission Valley nightclub early that morning McMahon got into a scuffle in which he choked a transvestite. The police and the Chargers kept it a secret.

Following a loss to Seattle in October, McMahon was surrounded at his locker by reporters. Among the group was T.J. Simers, the Chargers beat writer for the Union. T.J. was a tough-minded journalist who wrote the truth. The Chargers were a bad team at the time. Not many players liked T.J.

Suddenly, without provocation, McMahon tilted his head back, covered one nostril with his finger, and rifled a wad of snot through the other, directly into T.J.'s ear. It was disgusting. And humiliating.

An offensive lineman revealed to me later that almost every player on the team approved of McMahon's wretched act. "Why?" I asked. "Because we don't like Simers," he said. "Why not?" I asked. "Because he's, uh...because he's a jerk," the lineman said. I wondered if the words "sports writer" could be substituted for "jerk." I didn't ask. Another time, cor-

nerback Elvis Patterson sneaked up on T.J. from behind, threw a garbage bag over his head, and tried to toss him in the shower. Several players in the room laughed. It was like watching the fourth-grade bully picking on a weaker classmate. Today, T.J. Simers covers the Rams for the L.A. Times. Patterson is out of football.

Not all the Chargers

were coldhearted. Kellen Winslow was kind. So were Gill Byrd and Martin Bayless. Everyone knows about Rolf Benirschke. And Junior Seau remains gracious. But most of the players were infantile galoots. Professional athletes are stars in high school, so they're conceited early on. They're lured to a college where they're coddled by administrators and given a free ride and passable course load (a popular major is criminal justice, maybe so the athlete can figure a way to stay out of jail). Finally they're drafted







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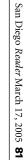
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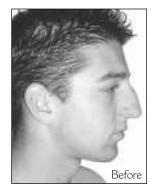
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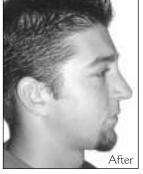
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Rick Smith, the Chargers PR director for many years, was caught in the middle of this acrimonious relationship between reporters and players. Rick works today in the same capacity for the Rams. Rick says, "The press grinds on you to make players available, and the players bitch to you about the reporters. You tend to get buffeted. Everybody in the NFL has an ego. Players may not feel comfortable talking to the media, or a coach might be on them, or a girlfriend might be on them, or they're just not very pleasant to begin with. Whatever it is, their first inclination is to strongarm the reporter or blow him off."

I was on the field for

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the last five minutes as the Chargers were beating the Dolphins in December 1991. The Dolphins were rallying when Dan Marino was penalized for intentional grounding. As gifted as he is, Marino is a consummate crybaby. He argued the call, then on the next play threw an interception to Chargers safety Stanley Richard to ensure the loss. At the final gun, Marino tore off the field and up the tunnel. I followed him.

"Where are the fuckin' officials?" he screamed. "I want the officials!"

He ran down the hallway, knocked teammate Jim Jensen into the wall, and kept on going.

"Where's the goddam officials' locker room?" he demanded.

A security guard gestured for him to continue down the hall. A few steps later, Marino arrived at a door. It was his own visitors' locker room.

"Goddamit," he yelled. "Where's the fuckin' officials?"

He stormed farther down the hall until he

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"Aw, fuck it!" he said before turning around and stomping back to his own locker room.

After showering, Marino arrived at his cubicle, where a dozen reporters were waiting for him. He called the referee "a fucker" and answered a number of questions about the game. Then I asked him about his post-game tirade.

"Why were you trying to find the officials after the game?" I asked. "What are you talk-

ing about?" he said. "When the game ended, you ran up the tunnel screaming for the officials' locker room," I said.

The other reporters were silent, wondering what I was talking about. "No, I didn't," he said,

glaring at me. "I followed you," I said. "You ran down the hall and wound up at the San Diego State locker room."

"Never happened," he said.

"How can you say that?" I asked. "I was behind

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you the whole way." "Look, man, it never

happened. Next question." The interview ended

soon after, and I walked away in utter disbelief. I talked to a few more players for my story and was leaving the locker room when I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned around. It was Marino.

"Hey, man," he said as he leaned into me, "if you print that, I'm gonna kick your ass!"

"Print what?" I said. "You know," he said. "If you write that shit, I'm coming after you." He pointed a finger at me and said, "Remember that."

I wrote it the next day. I didn't mention the threat. I'm still waiting for him to come by.

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thing to admire, to marvel at.

Talking twice with ultra-hero Joe Montana and learning that he is dense; seeing Dave Stewart and James Worthy and Courtney Hall, athletes with whom I shared a pleasant conversation, go out and get busted with hookers; hearing athletes privately criticize the stupidity of fans and then go sign autographs — all of it helped me see that professional athletes are just guys who play a game. Certainly nothing to idolize.

Jose Canseco stood



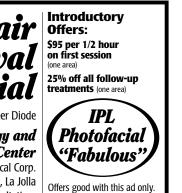
outside the A's dugout several hours before a game in Oakland one afternoon where a lone boy at the railing could see him. The boy was no older than ten, and he had a speech impediment.

'Can-thako," the boy called out. "Ho-they Canthako."

Canseco didn't turn around. He stared out to the field, but he sneaked a peek in the boy's direction. The boy was holding up a baseball and a pen.

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Canseco kept his head steady toward the field. Then he turned around and came in the dugout. The boy stopped calling for him.

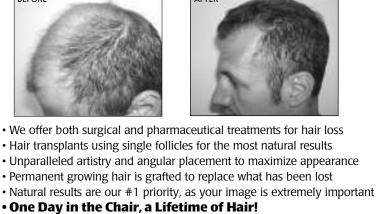
"What a fuckin' idiot," Canseco said with a laugh. "The kid can't even talk."

Novelist Kurt Vonnegut was hired early in his writing career by Sports Illustrated to write an article about a racehorse that took a circuitous route across the infield and over a fence to finish first in a race. Vonnegut sat at his typewriter for a while, then got up, walked out of the room, and never came back. On his typewriter was a single sentence — "The horse jumped over the fucking fence."

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Warriors coach Don Nelson greeted Egoscue on the floor of the Coliseum Arena. "Who's he?" Nelson said pointing at me.

"He's with me," Egoscue said. "He's doing a story about me for a San Diego paper."

"Oh," Nelson said. I introduced myself. "Listen," the coach said. "You can't write about anything you see here today."

"But that's why I'm here," I said. "That's why I came."

Nelson didn't argue. We walked together to the training room, where he stopped me at the door. "Wait here," he said. Nelson went in with Egoscue, and in a moment the team PR director came out.

"Since you're with Pete," the PR guy said in a hushed voice, "you can come inside. But you can't write about anything you see. This is highly secret stuff. Top secret."

We went inside. Some players were lifting weights, and others were on the floor in stretching positions prescribed by Egoscue. It was all familiar to me. I'd been to Egoscue's clinic and seen the routine.

"No reporter's ever been in here," the PR guy said with a straight face. "This is top-secret stuff. You're getting a very special treat to see this."

It looked like the Miramar Family Fitness Center. What was the big deal?

"Remember," coach Nelson said to me before

we left, "Not a word. Okay?" "Sure," I said. There was nothing to write about anyway.

Not having something to write about — that predicament arose with regularity when writing about the Chargers. How many middle-of-the-week stories can you do about a team that goes 6–10 every year? But that's what the paper wanted.

The players used to hang out at Petricca's restaurant on Morena Boulevard. Tony Petricca represented the model diehard fan who suffered through the Dan Henning era. Tony was especially frustrated during the middle of another lousy season when I wrote a story about him. Tony had season tickets for many years but said he was so upset he couldn't bear to see another Chargers game as long as Henning was coach. The story appeared in the paper the next day, and the Chargers' front-office people were pissed. They wanted to know why I didn't write a second story about a happy Chargers fan. I told them it would



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be difficult to find one. They said, "We'll get Petricca for this.""For what?" I asked. "For criticizing our team," they said. "He just voiced an opinion shared by many," I said. They didn't listen.

The next Sunday the Chargers played at home against Tampa Bay. Petricca gave his ticket to USD basketball coach Hank Egan. When Hank arrived at the stadium, he had no place to sit down. Petricca's seat had been ripped out. Hank went home.

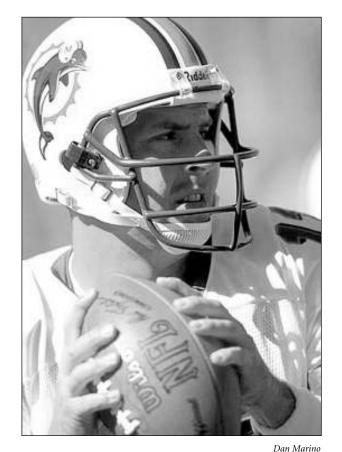
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ment. Easygoing general manager Bobby Beathard has weeded out most of the pompous personnel. Beathard himself replaced perhaps the most overbearing snob of all, Steve Ortmayer. Henning was just a crummy coach with a lot of Irish pug in him, but Ortmayer was a scoundrel. One former employee says Ortmayer suffered from "a bunker mentality." The sad part of it is, Ort's haughty personality filtered through the organization. The Dawg Pound is a

renowned end-zone section at Cleveland Municipal Stadium where Browns fanatics go crazy. When I arrived at the stadium for a Browns-Chargers game on a cold December day in 1986, I went down on the field to see these crazies. The section was packed more than an hour before kickoff. Some fans were wearing ugly dog masks (though they were hard to distinguish from the rest), and snowballs were



flying everywhere. Men were drinking and yelling and barking and hurling dog biscuits and batteries at people on the field. I walked over to a game official who was standing at the ten-yard line, and we both looked up at the stands. "God, I hate this place," he said. "I never feel safe here."

When I returned to the press box, a member of the Chargers organiza-

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tion approached me.

"Jeff, you shouldn't be down on the field," he said.

"Why not?" I asked. "Because. Sports writers are supposed to be in the press box."

'But the game's an hour off," I said.

"You're representing the San Diego Chargers today," he told me. "We're a first-class operation. You're with the big-time now. We keep our sports writers in the press box." "I represent the San

Diego Tribune, not the Chargers," I said. "And the media is allowed on the field before the game."

'Not in my book," he said. "Don't you understand? We're first class, not coach. Our sports writers are supposed to be in the press box."

"Whatever," I said.

A Cleveland reporter overheard the exchange. "What's the big deal?" he said. "I go on the field all the time. We all do."

The "first-class operation" Chargers lost the game 47-17 to end another losing season.





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Charger linebacker Gary Plummer and I grew up in the same hometown. We shared common interests and talked a lot. When I told him one day that I was considering leaving the business, he said it was the best thing I could do. "I'm glad to hear it," he said. "I would never be a sports writer no matter how much they paid me." "Why not?" I asked.

"I like sports too much to ruin it," he said.

I knew what he meant, but he explained it anyway. "Players don't like sports writers," he said. "Why would anyone want

to always be talking with guys who didn't like them?" I had to agree.

* * *

Then the merger hit, the newsroom wall fell, and the U and the T became the U-T. My boss, Tribune sports editor Bill Pinella, was put in charge of the afternoon edition — in other words, benched. Union sports editor Bob Wright was put in control of the new staff. Morale among the writers and copy editors was in the gutter.

I spent much of the first two months after the merger investigating the sordid world of pro wrestling. Not my favorite topic, but a story that needed to be written. I had been working 12-hour days for about two months.

Bob Wright got involved in the project exactly once, when I met with a group of editors to discuss the story. They were concerned about a lawsuit because I was making some serious allegations against the World Wrestling Federation involving drugs, rape, and other sexual offenses. After seeing the boldness of the three-part series, the editors wanted to cancel it. I had good sources and knew the allegations to be true, and I spent an hour trying to talk them into running the stories. Wright did not support me - not that I expected him to.

"How can you be sure the WWF won't sue the paper," one editor asked.

"Because the WWF has never filed a lawsuit in its history," I said. "It doesn't want a procession of witnesses taking the stand exposing its dirty affairs." We were having an educated conversation when Bob spoke up. "But you just said the WWF was involved in a lawsuit with [a wrestler]," he said.

"Yes, Bob, they were," I said. "But they settled out of court, just as they always do."

"So they sued someone then," he said.

"No, they were sued by the wrestler. They filed a countersuit, which is standard practice when a company is sued. But they did not file the lawsuit. They did not initiate the litigation. They countersued." "Well, same thing," he

said.

The editors were silent. The stories eventually ran (though they were greatly toned down), and the national media swept in. I was on radio talk shows in New York, Los

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Angeles, Minneapolis, and Dallas within a week and helped producers for Entertainment Tonight, Donahue, and Larry King Live prepare shows on the subject. I received a memo after the first story ran from U-T editor Karin Winner, which read, "Jeff. Excellent work on the WWF. It reads very well, is full of good documentation and thorough research. You left the L.A. *Times*' piece this morning in the dust. Looking forward to your next installment. Nice going. Karin." Another of the stories won the San Diego Press Club 1992 sports writing story of the year.

Bob Wright never said a word to me.

I visited the Murph for the last time as a sports writer on April 11, 1992. The Padres improved the stadium (if you can't change the players, might as well change the grass), and I went out to do a hohum story on the upgrades. A new type of infield grass was planted, mostly

because shortstop Tony Fernandez complained so much about it the previous year. I approached Tony on the field before the game. He was standing alone, doing nothing. 'Tony, can I talk to

you for a minute," I said. "Nah, man, I don't got nothing to talk about," he said.

"It's a story for the Union-Tribune about the new infield," I said. "I just want your opinion of it."

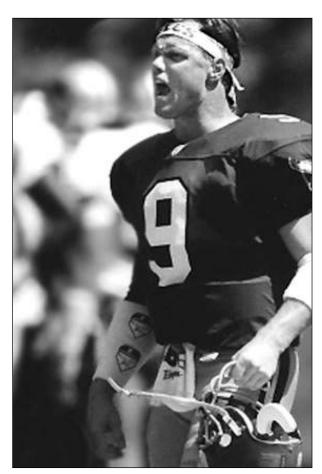
'Nah, I don't know nothing about it," he said. You played on it last night," I persisted. "Do you like it better than last year's

grass?" "I ain't gonna talk about nothin'," he said. "Get outta my face."

The grass changed. The players hadn't.

A while later I stood behind the batting cage next to manager Greg Riddoch. I told him I was seriously considering leaving the sports writing business. "I don't blame you,"

Riddoch said. "Who would want to work with these



Jim McMahon

"Tony Fernandez is a jerk," Riddoch said. "He makes a million dollars a year and he's an unhappy person. Go figure that out."

I suggested that Tony's attitude is not unusual among athletes.

"A lot of players are jerks," Riddoch said. "It didn't used to be that way. Money changed them. There's exceptions like Tony Gwynn. But a lot of them are spoiled brats. Do you know that I have to babysit Benito Santiago every damn day? He's a baby. Any little thing not exactly to his liking and he whines and whines. A lot of these guys are that way. It's the money. And the egos."

I wrote a story in mid-April about a man with no legs and one arm who overcame years of drunken despair by learning to swim. He became so fast in the water that he qualified for the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona, only he didn't have the funds to go. I talked with him twice by telephone and then went on a Saturday to see him swim in a local meet. I wrote the story the next day, and it appeared in Monday's paper. The office

was flooded with calls from caring people who had read the story. In three days we received letters and donations from 57 people totaling more than \$3000 — enough for the swimmer to go to Spain. The story was a success, and I felt good about it. On Thursday, Bob Wright stopped by my desk.

"Did you get results of that meet you went to on Saturday?" he asked.

"Results?" I said. "No, Bob, I was out there to do a feature on the swimmer."

"Well, next time get the results," he said with disdain. Then he walked away.

At that moment I decided to quit. I could have sought a transfer to another department, maybe writing breezy stories for "Currents" or copy editing, but the incident left such a sour taste that I had to leave the building.

And it wasn't just me. Since the merger on February 2, 1992, 11 people have left the U-T sports department. One distraught

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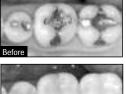
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to talk about a benign story like the new grass. HEALTH AND BEAUTY

I told him about Tony

Fernandez's unwillingness

idiot players."

sports writer says he spends the first hour every morning chanting to himself, "Don't quit today. Don't quit today. Don't quit today."

Wright's glass-enclosed office is dubbed the "Shark Tank." One of his routines is to step from his tank and announce an employee's name followed by "Got a minute?" Heads sag at the sound of this.

Ed Graney's name was called one day. Wright spent the next few minutes yelling at the sports writer for supposedly missing some key elements of a story. Finally Graney interrupted his boss. "Uh, Bob," he said, "could you take a look at the byline?" Another reporter had written the story. Graney was released from the tank. Then, a few days later, in Graney's newsroom mailbox was that same story, the story he didn't write, marked up by Wright in red pen.

In January 1993, columnist Nick Canepa was not included on the schedule to cover the Super Bowl in Los Angeles. Nick is the most entertaining writer on the staff and knows football as well as anyone.

He asked Wright why he wasn't going.

"Because we only got passes for three guys," Wright said.

'Really?" Nick said. "Only three? Well, I think I can get a fourth."

You can?" Wright said. "Okay. See what you can do."

Nick pushed some NFL buttons and secured a fourth press pass. He informed Wright.

"Hey, that's great," Wright said. 'So, when do you

want me to go up?" Nick asked.

"Oh, I'm not giving it to you," Wright said.

What can be done? Probably not much. A change should come from the top. Tom Cushman is a nice guy and a master craftsman, but he isn't a hands-on department head. He spends more time finding new and ingenious ways to describe Don King's hair than he does fixing staff problems. And that's as it should be. Cushman should be left to write. A new sports editor

would be in a position to

make some overdue changes:

feeling. Get him off the

preps and into the pros.

Ed Zieralski's scenic out-

door stories should be on

the front page with color

art. Don Norcross works

harder on a story than any-

one. He should do fea-

tures. Fritz Quindt should

write anything he wants.

the Padres and give him

the national baseball col-

umn as well. Give Phil Col-

lier a golden parachute.

Wayne Lockwood should

step it up or step out. He's

known among staffers as

"Cliff Clavin," the post-

Keep Buster Olney on

Nick Canepa's "Sez Me" column is the best thing in the paper. He should write it more than once a week. The section needs more columnists. Mark Ziegler is sharp and insightful. Make him one.

Expand pro football coverage during the season. Tom Krasovic is the best beat writer on the staff; he should cover the Chargers. Jerry Magee should write more about football and less about anything else. And so should Jim Trotter.

Less coverage of non-Olympic-year events. The USOC? Who cares? Less auto racing coverage. More local golf. And how about a men's local softball story once in a while? Bill Center is the most versatile writer on the staff, but really, how many people read about yachting and Thunderboats? Fewer stories about salary caps and arbitration, more about people.

Chris Jenkins should write more. Talent going to waste. And Ed Graney is clever and writes with

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man on Cheers, because he "just mails it in."

Finally, have staff meetings with open, honest discussions. Hire a writing coach. Communicate. Fix things. Just leave me out of it.

You may not agree with any of this. You may be a sports fan, reveling in the Chargers' fast start, blubbering over the baseball strike, chirping like a cricket about the fastest track times or latest PGA Tour winner. Me, I've seen the innards of this beast, seen

it all

Above all, in my new career as a children's book author, I have seen that the professional athlete is much like a child. And like a child, he believes he is the center around which the world revolves. Unlike the child, he ought to know better. I was there when Jose Canseco laughed at the boy with the lisp. I've seen enough.

- Jeff Savage

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continued from page 1 rently looking to purchase a new home. Even though it was described as an uneasy sort of truce, both of our families have been extremely supportive. For Cris's family, it did take some getting used to the idea, but now they realize she is very happy and treated with the kindness, respect, and love she deserves. I consider myself extremely fortunate that this beautiful person wants to spend her life with me, and I revel in it nearly daily. As I stated in

the article, age is just a number...love is love, don't be afraid of it

Dr. Daniel J. Page

via e-mail

Best Preserves

Thanks to Eve Kelly for her marmalade story ("Best Buys," March 3). I didn't know Crosse & Blackwell was available in San Diego. I had given up and started making my own in my bread machine.

A tip for her: the best apricot preserves are at Trader Joe's. I've tried them all.

Charlie Edmunds

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Recycle Shock

Just moments ago I was reading your March 3 issue during my lunch break in my kindergarten classroom. My students, ages five and six, had just returned from lunch when I read a letter from a concerned reader that was appalled that your publication is not being recycled by your employees. I read this letter aloud to my students, who were shocked at your environmental irresponsibility. We continually teach our students to recycle and to respect the environment and hope that you can learn to do the same. Please change your policy so that my young friends here at the Gillispie School, and throughout the world, will have a healthy environment to live and play in.

Mr. Candra Ms. Harte, and 16 concerned kindergartners The Gillispie School La Jolla

Puzzled

I have been sending an answer to the crossword puzzle for a few years. Then, I thought about the "out of 43 entries, 37 were correct" typical response.

The obvious question is: Why would you read all of the responses after you had five winners? It would save a lot of tedious studying to just find the first five winners and throw the rest away. A friend of mine who won three times fairly recently said that the only advice he could give me is "send the answer in as soon as possible." Makes sense to me.

Also, I have never seen anyone wearing a "Reader Puzzle Winner" shirt. Why don't vou send me a dozen of them (XL, thank you), and I won't send this letter to the Union - Tribune. Steve Hubbard

Puzzle winners are picked at random on Tuesdays. — Editor

El Cajon

Tragic Reality

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

As a second-generation San Diegan and a private pilot, it has been obvious for years that for safety and economic reasons we need a replacement for Lindbergh Field!

The tragedy is that we have to "buy leadership" to take us to a choice rather than elect it! Frankly, this is the way we now do business on so-called "public projects."

Take a look at the recent Sandag tax-extension campaign in which gobs of tax dollars were used to influence the outcome! Can anyone say that this was a just and legal use of our money?

The tragic reality is that we have such a lack of true political leadership in our town that the special interests with dollars to spend can and will influence the outcome of many important decisions.

I simply hope that the selection of a much-needed replacement site for Lindbergh is not a victim of public cynicism over the selection process!

Greg Finley

Drink, Drink, Drink

I have a couple of mild criticisms of "Remote Control King" by Ollie. It's very interesting to read, but criticism number one: practically no mention of regular onthe-air television programs that do not come over cable. I do not have cable, and I do not intend ever to get cable. If I had cable I'd be spending too much time doing nothing but watching the boob tube. So I wish he'd give a little bit more coverage to regular broadcast stations for the benefit of the one in a billion oddballs like me who don't have cable.

Criticism number two: I really don't think he should be advocating his life style — and please spell that two words. I mean, you get people sending you letters complaining about cigarette advertisements and everything else. Well, this guy is talking about dope and booze and how they snort cocaine and how they drink, drink, drink. I know from personal experience of several people who never lived to make it to the age of 60, who died in their middle 50s or late 50s just from a life of boozing, died of things like cirrhosis of the liver or congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema, and emphysema; of course, the emphysema probably came from smoking. I also know of people who died much younger, in their 20s, as a result of accidents caused by both liquor and cocaine.

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former Count Basie band member Frank Wess, alto flutist Ali Ryerson, and local flutist Holly Hofmann ---play jazz standards and original compositions at the Neurosciences Institute in La Jolla. See CONCERTS, page 120

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Auto & Cycle Swap

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f you see a Camaro convertible, there's more than likely a blonde driving it. For some reason, the ladies like Camaros," says Ray Taylor, who founded San Diego Auto Swap (also known as Ray Taylor's Swap & Sale) in 1990. "As far as I'm concerned, anything motorized — or it doesn't even have to be motorized — if it has wheels, bring it," says Ray.

The next of Ray's monthly Auto Swap events will be held on Sunday, March 20, in the parking lot of Grossmont College. There will be approximately 200 vendors selling new and used parts and accessories to those



accessories to those who wish to "pimp their rides" — a term popularized by MTV for "soup up your vehicle" or "trick out your car." Many

vendors sell parts for older, collectible cars. Classic cars and other vehicles will be for sale in the Show and Sell section.

It costs \$25 for a vendor space and \$15 for a spot in the Show and Sell area. When asked how many cars are sold each month, Ray replies, "Most of the time I don't hear about the sales because they're afraid I'm gonna hit them up for money, I guess." He assures me that he takes no commission from any sale. "I know there have been some beautiful street rods which sold for over \$50K, and I've seen some basket-case vehicles go for a couple of hundred."

Ray has some advice to those buying and selling: "As far as bad checks go, I always tell people to treat sales at our events just like they would at their home. Cash is king! Even cashier's checks and money orders can be bogus. I tell them to take a cash deposit and then meet the buyer at the bank to make sure the funds are valid. We

aren't involved in the sale. We just supply the venue for buyers and sellers to meet."

This year there will be a new section for motorcycles. The entrance fee for a vehicle includes admission for the driver and one passenger. Motorcycles have the same policy, but their entrance fee is reduced to \$10. "That includes the driver and the guy on the back," says Ray. "I tell my guys, 'If someone comes in with three people on a bike, let me know, because I want to see what that looks like."

As part of a push to increase the number of motorcycles at the events, Ray says, "All the motorcycle guys [receive] my worldfamous continental breakfast." This usually includes coffee, hot chocolate, donuts, and bagels. "I really like motorcycles," says Ray. "Almost everyone who has a nice car has a nice motorcycle. My partner has eight of them." Chuck Swimmer, Ray's business partner since 1997, owns Charco Construction, a local remodeling company that has been in business for 37 years. In addition to his bikes, "Chuck has 30 or 40 cars in his collection."

Entertainment and awards are a part of the Auto Swap. Each month there is a Best in Show award. The winner receives a threefoot trophy and \$100. It's a people's choice award — everyone who attends the event is given a ballot to vote in their ten favorite cars. The top 24 car owners (not including

Best in Show) receive a

small trophy and food. Breakfast starts early, but at around 10 a.m. Bernie and Heidi (professional food vendors) will most likely make "breakfast burgers" because, according to Ray, "These guys like to eat burgers for breakfast." No alcohol will be served. "These are family events, first of all, but we also wouldn't want these guys getting sauced and then driving their cars."

And there's music. "Some disc jockeys spin tunes for us," says Ray. He explains that the DJs, Bob and Geoff, play mostly "old rock-and-roll music and some country and western." Ray once tried letting a band play but says the vendors were not happy with the distraction to their potential customers.

All visitors to the Auto Swap can have a professional picture of their vehicle taken

Autumn Maze, the official

with

Miss San Diego Auto Swap. When asked how he discovered Autumn, Ray says it was during a bikini contest he held five years ago. "She was one of the contestants, and the guys got along with her great."

Ray has seen it all. "This guy just landed his helicopter in a vacant part of the lot, in 1999, where we were holding the event at the stadium. He got out and asked if he could show his bike. That was the weirdest thing we ever saw coming."

— Barbarella

San Diego Auto & Cycle Swap Sunday, March 20 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive El Cajon Cost: \$5; children under 13 free Info: 858-484-9342 or

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BAJA

Latin American Music showcased when Orchestra of Baja California performs Friday, March 18, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in Zona Río); \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Julio Preciado in concert on Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., at Rodeo Santa Fé, in Zona Río. Reservations: 011-52-664-682-4968. (TIJUANA)

Aterciopelados presents concert on Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., at Multikulti (at Avenida Constitución and 7th Street). 011-52-664-680-2631. (TIJUANA)

International Race Walking Challenge, Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, beginning at 8 a.m. 011-52-664-683-1985. (TIJUANA)

Diego Torres in concert, Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m., at El Foro, Iai Alai Palace (Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

A Biathlon with 2.5k run and 15k bicycle ride is set for Sunday, March 20, starting at 8 a.m. at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-622-8190. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Yuccas of two varieties are in bloom in San Diego County from now through May. Year after year, the Mojave yucca (Yucca schidigera) sends up a blunt flower stalk of white, waxy blossoms from the same base - a rosette of daggerlike leaves. The shimmering white exclamation point that unfolds above "our Lord's candle" (Yucca *whipplei*), on the other hand, is a prelude to the plant's imminent death. Mojave yucca is widely distributed along San Diego County's coastal strip and throughout the higher elevations of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Our Lord's candle prefers the scrubby coastal foothills and the drier slopes of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains. The two yuccas coexist with each other in a few areas



St. Patrick's/Celtic Celebration at Copley Symphony Hall, March 18 and 19 (see In Person)

like Torrev Pines State Reserve and Anza-Borrego's Culp Valley area.

Orchid Trees, now at their flamboyant best in front yards and public spaces throughout the city, are showing off their large, orchidlike flowers in shades of pink, purple, and maroon. Orchid trees thrive in areas with a mild winter climate, hence their popularity in Hawaii, Southern California, and Arizona

"Sixty Million Years in Sixty Minutes," take an interpretive geology tour during program on Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m., at Agua Caliente Regional Park (39555 Great Southern Overland Stage Route of 1849). Day-use fee: \$5 per vehicle. 858-694-3049. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Wildflower Explosion! Naturalist James Dillane leads hike

Trail in Daley Ranch on Saturday, March 19. Hike starts at 9 a.m. in Caballo parking lot. Requested reservations, directions: 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO) Greet the Equinox during "solar sun sighting" program on Sat-urday, March 19, 11:55:28 a.m.,

along newly reconstructed Caballo

starting at Dos Picos County Park (17953 Dos Picos Park Road). Day-use fee: \$2 per vehicle. 760-789-2220, (RAMONA)

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

Fire Ecology Hike with viewing of restoration efforts offered on Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Day-use fee: \$2. 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Structures at Goodan Ranch date back to the 1930s, but area has "an even richer history that preceded them." Carol Crafts leads history walk on Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve. Meet for hike at Goodan Ranch staging area (at end of Sycamore Canyon Road). Free. 858-513-4737. (POWAY)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on March 19, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

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

Hike to Summit of Volcan Mountain during five-mile round trip on Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Free. Directions: 760-765-4098. Moderately difficult. (JULIAN)

Vernal Equinox on Sunday, March 20, at 4:33 a.m. Pacific Standard Time heralds the beginning of the spring season for Earth's northern hemisphere. At the instant of vernal equinox, the sun lies in the plane of Earth's equator. As a consequence, days and nights are of

equal length (12 hours each) everywhere on our planet. Another consequence is that the sun rises due east along the horizon and sets due west. During the next three months, as the sun shines more and more directly on our hemisphere, daylight hours will lengthen and the rise and set positions of the sun will gradually shift toward the northeast and northwest, respectively.

Birding at the Salton Sea,

learn about migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway and set out on foot to birding hot spots at Salton Sea during Anza-Borrego Institute outing on Sunday, March 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bird walk ends at visitors' center. Easy, short hike over sandy terrain; \$15. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (SALTON SEA)

Learn the Differences between Native Plants and Weeds when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets to "destroy the invaders" on Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m. Wear work clothes. Free. Find the center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Explore the Sea Caves below Point Loma cliffs during outing on Sunday, March 20. Wear sport sandals for possible water walking. Tour starts at 11 a.m. Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Hill Street, Free, 619-549-6838, (POINT LOMA)

Venture Around the J Street Marina during Walkabout walk on Wednesday, March 23. The moderate, flat walk starts at 9:30 a.m. in Jake's parking lot (570 Marina Parkway). Optional: bring money for lunch. Free. 619-231-7463. (CHULA VISTA)



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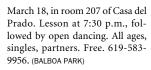
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DANCE

Bellydance Showcase with dancing by Amarat Dance Troupe, Dilek, Nadege, and Arabi, along with live music by John Bilezikiian, Thursday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue); \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

The Full-Force Dance Theatre (directed by SDSU alumna Katie Stevinson-Nollet) and Randé Dorn and Dancers from Los Angeles perform Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, 8 p.m., in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Program includes To: Our Consequence, From: A Tattoo Etched in Lyric and Rhyme. \$12. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

Ragtime-Era Tango highlights beginner-friendly dance on Friday,



Contradance to calling by Martha Wild, music by Cobblestone on Friday, March 18, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m.; \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Ballet Salutes the Opera," allnew program of ballets by Elizabeth Rowe Wistrich set to musical moments from most-loved operas is offered by City Ballet of San Diego, March 19-20, at Jackson Theatre (1775 Chatsworth Boulevard). Showcased operas include Aida Madama Butterfly, Die Zauberflote, Les Pecheurs de Perles, Carmen, others. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. (POINT LOMA)

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Program repeats on Saturday, April 2, 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Tickets for either concert: \$25. 858-272-8663. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Swing, Nightclub, and Ballroom Dance Party hosted by North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, March 19, 7 to 11 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). West Coast swing lesson by Mary Manzella; \$12, 619-229-0141, (ENCINITAS)

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English Country Dancing "to haunting baroque music" takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Caller is Mike Davis on March 20. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m.; \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Israeli Partner Dance Night with Dalva on Sunday, March 20, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street); \$6. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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Classes followed by concert and show by bandoneon virtuoso Joaquin Menabar at 8 p.m. Cover: \$10. 858-453-9680. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Zydeco Dances with lessons are offered every Tuesday, including March 22, at Tio Leo's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons at 7 p.m.; open dancing to recorded tunes from 8



to 10 p.m.; \$5. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

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)

FILM

French Film Festival at San Diego State University in Montezuma Hall 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)

The 12th Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival continues through March 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

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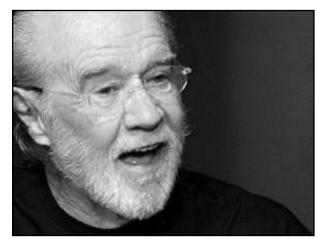
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taries, television shows for families. Seminars include "Producing for Television," "Financing the Independent Film," "Selling Your Screenplay." Tickets: \$8.50 general, \$6.50 for students and seniors. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Film Fans" convene to see and discuss The Manchurian Candidate (2004) on Friday, March 18, 12:30 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$3. 858-362-1141. (LA JOLLA)

Cinema Society of Carlsbad convenes to see Australian film Rabbit-Proof Fence Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., in Schulman

Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Introductory remarks, postfilm discussion by North County Times film critic Ann Zivotsky; \$15. 760-602-2049. (LA COSTA) "Generaciones: Three Genera-

tions of Mexican Women Immigrants" recounts lives of women from four Mexican immigrant families. Documentary premieres on Saturday, March 19, 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. Screens regularly through May. Included in museum admission. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Musical Matinee, see High Lonesome when the film, tracing evolution of bluegrass music from

Kentucky roots to modern form, screens Saturday, March 19, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Film included in regular admission: \$5. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

The Documentary Peaceable Kingdom, about founders of Farm Sanctuary, screens in conjunction with Great American Meat-Out on Saturday, March 19, 3 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 760-943-0330. (MISSION VALLEY)

The 1980 John Sayles Film The Brother from Another Planet screens for Sunday Matinee on March 20, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). It offers "sharp social commentary, urban fantasy, fish-out-of-water comedy." Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The 29th Annual Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour may be seen on Sunday and Monday, March 20 and 21, 7 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). (ENCINITAS)

The festival moves to San Diego Natural History Museum for screenings on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, 7 to 10 p.m. Featured films at both locations include The Collective, Tom Cream: Antarctica's Forgotten Hero, Sinners, A Russian Wave, Out of Ophirica, Soul Purpose, Alone Across Australia, many others.

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sex Is Comedy," written and directed by Catherine Breillat, screens for Film Forum on Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films convenes Wednesday, March 23. Enjoy John Barrymore in 1920s Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde at 6:30 p.m. at San Diego Museum of Art. Orchestra joined by Geisel Library Bassoon Quartet. Evening begins with slapstick short, with audience participation in the music-making. 619-696-1966; \$7 general. (BALBOA PARK)

The Reintroduction of California **Condors** into the wild examined when Mike Wallace, wildlife scientist for Center for the Reproduction of Endangered Species at Zoological Society of San Diego, speaks for Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

The Adventures of Indiana Jones on offer during ongoing Carlsbad Library film series. Enjoy Temple of Doom on Wednesday, March 23, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free, 760-602-2026, (LA COSTA)

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The Man of the Year on March 23, 7 p.m., at Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. In Portuguese with English subtitles. (CHULA VISTA)

A Visual Reading of A Working Man's Apocrypha promised when visual artist Lucinda Luvaas and writer Bill Luvaas present film adapted from short story by Bill on Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., in room 2203 at San Diego State University Library. Screening followed by discussion. 619-594-4991. Free. (SDSU)

"The Three Faces of Scotland" part two of the video screens for meeting of Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Thursday, March 24, 10 a.m., San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free, 619-465-7326, (MISSION VALLEY)

"Last Name First." sibling surfers have long inspired history of surfing, from great Hawaiian legends Michael and Derek Ho to today's prodigy hotshots the Irons, Lopez, and Hobgood brothers. Filmed all over the world, Last Name First ponders "what kindles the fire beneath each renowned duo." Flick screens Thursday, March 24, 7 and 9 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101); \$8 general. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

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



"What's in a Name: The Social Standing of a Motorcar...How One Was Changed" is topic when Art Fritzpatrick, artist and illustrator for GM, discusses his work with GM and show examples on Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum; \$10. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44 (BALBOA PARK)

"Holistic Pet Care," learn of "nutritional value of home-cooked meals, when to use organic vitamins, holistic practices" when a holistic veterinarian speaks for Happy Hour Lecture on Thursday, March 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street); \$10. Reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Horse as Hero: George Stubbs and the Equestrian Tradition in European Art" explored by



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he rural landscape spreading north and east of the tiny, border-hugging town he rural landscape spreading norm and cust of the tany, and the support of Campo is caught in a time warp. Not much new has appeared hereabouts in the past half-century. Narrow two-lane ribbons of blacktop meander over rocky hills and grassy dales. Grazing cattle dot meadows filled with the most lush display of tender green shoots we've seen in years. A pungent-sweet fragrance rises from the thickets of chaparral and sage draping the hillsides. It's a perfect venue for road bicycling; by no other means of travel can you fully engage all of your five senses at the same time.

A good starting point is the spacious Buckman Springs freeway rest stop, less than one hour east of San Diego on Interstate 8. Park anywhere outside the rest area itself (technically, you're not allowed to leave your car unaccompanied in the rest area). Pedal south on Buckman Springs Road. You roll past table-flat Cottonwood Valley, aptly named for its cottonwood trees, bare at the moment but ready to sprout a fresh crop of shimmering green leaves with the arrival of the spring season. You cross woodsy Cottonwood Creek on a narrow bridge and climb moderately for another two miles to reach a Y-intersection on the right. Take the right fork, Oak Drive, for the side trip into the authentically quaint Morena Village. Morena Reservoir, recovering from years of drought, its water level steadily rising. lies just past the center of town.

From the middle of Lake Morena Village, follow Lake Morena Drive south and continue all the way (mostly downhill) to an intersection at Highway 94 called Cameron Corners. A short side trip south from there takes you to the small village of Campo, with three destinations of note: The first is the historic Campo stone store — the site of a wild gun battle in 1875 that is said to have rivaled the shootout at the O.K. Corral. The second is the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum along the historic rail line connecting San Diego and the Imperial Valley. The third is a unique wooden monument marking the



Malcolm Warner, senior curator at Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, Friday, March 18, 10 a.m., for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Rip Tides" examined when resource ecologist Greg Abbott speaks Friday, March 18, noon, at Tijuana River Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Abbott has over 30 years of lifeguarding knowledge of region's ocean currents. Free, 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Edward, Rembrandt, and Me" — this account of the excavation of a 17th-Century ship-



squirrels. On a promontory finally arrive at a junction ahead stands a Navy-operated radio telescope, its 80. Turn left and enjoy the gobletlike parabolic dish last six mostly downhill

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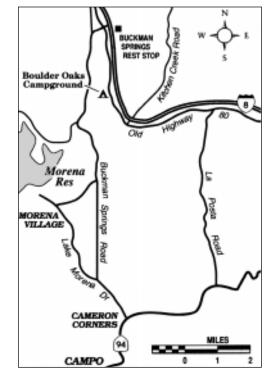
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"Our Pacific Crest Trail Through-Hike" presented during slide-illustrated lecture by Paul "Buzz" Longton and Nancy "Izzy" Imbertson for Sierra Club on Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK) Swainson hawks of any site in

"Borrego Valley Swainson Hawk Migration - What Is Going On?" Find out during Anza-Borrego Institute lecture on Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center. Why does this area register highest count of spring

North America?\$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"My Lifelong Journey with Beads" documented when Jean-

nette Cook presents slide-illustrated lecture for Bead Society of San Diego County, Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at Mingei Museum. Beads and kits for sale. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"Research Technologies Today —

Getting beyond the Digital Hype" presented by Tom Underhill for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

"Islam in Focus," panel discussion promising "traditional Islamic perspective on issues affecting the community" takes place on Saturday, March 19, 2:30 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Get your questions about Muslims and Islam answered. Free, 619-239-7121, (ENCANTO)

Haiku Class led by Karen Kenyon on Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden; \$15. Reservations: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

"Lifting Your Writing to the Next Level" presented by Cindy Dees when Romance Writers of America meet on Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). For both published and unpublished writers; \$25. Reservations: 619-291-1300. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Spiritual Leader of the Buddhist Churches of America is Socho Koshin Ogui, who will explain "The Living Dharma" on Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m., at Buddhist Temple of San Diego (2929 Market Street). He'll identify "how the key teachings of the Shin Buddhist tradition are working in our lives today." Questionand-answer follows. Free, 619-239-0896. (GRANT HILL)

Home Compost Education Workshop, Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive



Our loop route continues east of Cameron Corners on Highway 94, past an old feldspar mill whose grounds are the site of a collection of old trucks known as the Motor Transport Museum. At 3.3 miles east of Cameron Corners, turn left onto La Posta Road and pedal north. Your whirring intrusion on this serene ribbon of pavement may startle and scatter jackrabbits and

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wreck near Dominican Republic offered by Jerome Hall when American Institute of Archaeology gathers on Friday, March 18, 7:15 p.m., in G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-464-6483. (KEARNY MESA)

"Meditations on Aliveness and Deadness" illuminated when Friends of Jung gather for lecture by Jungian analyst and author Ann Ulanov on Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park); \$15. 858-587 4651. (LINDA VISTA)



West). Participants learn to make compost, worm compost, how to "grasscycle." Tour of compost demonstration site follows; compost bins for sale. Workshop: free. Required reservations for either class: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Landscaping and Place: What Is the Difference?" Find out when landscape architect Martin Poirier speaks on Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Requested donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Census" is subject for intermediate-level class offered by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Mary Fields discusses searching strategies, how to use census dates. Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Contemporary Art: A User's Guide" offered on Saturdays, March 19, April 16 and 30, 10 a.m. to noon, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Participants receive introduction to contemporary art, private tours of exhibits, museum storage facilities, slide lectures, informal discussions; \$125. Registration: 858-454-3541 x151. (LA JOLLA)

Mantra Meditation, this "deeply relaxing experience" offered Saturday, March 19, noon, at Ocean Beach Club (2160 Bacon Street). Participants learn "simple and effective meditation that can relieve the stress of daily life."Free. 858-831-1770. (OCEAN BEACH)

Learn to Train Your Bird "to amaze and dazzle your friends and family" during "An Afternoon with Tani Robar" sponsored by Parrot Education and Adoption Center on Saturday, March 19, 1 to 5 p.m., at Hubbs-Sea World Research (2595 Ingraham Street); \$60 at door. Registration: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Torrey Pine Needle Basket Making planned Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Open to those 12 and older; \$33. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Roses and Azaleas in a Xeriscape?" Learn about "hydrozone" gardening incorporating favorite plants when Pamela Homfelt leads garden class on Saturday, March 19, 9 a.m., at City of San Diego's Ridgehaven "Green Building" garden (9601 Ridgehaven Court). Free. Rain cancels. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

"Sex and Religion," Humanist Association of San Diego meets to ponder the subject on Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-531-0765. (HILLCREST)

Discuss Lying and Truth and Sissela Bok's book Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life when Humanist Fellowship gathers Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m., on third floor of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159. (DOWNTOWN)

Eli Witt's Kosher Meat Market was owned by Eli and Goldie Witt from early 1950s to late 1980s. Witt daughters - Natalie Morrison,



Endurance swimmer Lynne Cox at Powerhouse Community Center, March 23 (see In Person)

Cynthia Harvie, and Francine Smith — talk about their parents for Jewish Historical Society on Sunday, March 20, 1 p.m., at Young Israel Congregation of San Diego (7291 Navajo Road). Free. 619-232-5888. (DOWNTOWN

"Ruth Duckworth, Modernist Sculptor" presented by Jo Lauria for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, March 21, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). The German-born artist is known for her ceramic sculpture. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m.; \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Examine Giuseppe Verdi's Simon Boccanegra during opera preview examining music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker: pianist and composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at San Diego Opera; \$8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"The State of Israel" is examined by professor Jacob Goldberg in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). "Israel and the Regional/International Arena: Isolation or Integration?" presented on Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.; \$12. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"Beginning German Research" is topic when Carol Baird speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, March 22, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-476-9289.

Champion Flower Arranger Velma West presents spring flower-arranging workshop on Tuesday, March 22, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 104 of Casa del Prado. Participants bring clippers,

containers, flowers to create Easter arrangement; \$20. 619-298-5182 or 619-232-5762. (BALBOA PARK)

Mountain Bike Basics, learn techniques, proper gear, local places to ride during seminars at REI this week. Talk is offered Tuesday, March 22, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and again on Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"American Culture — What Is It and Who Wants It?" Find out during discussion on Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Insights on Nature Photography" delivered by artist Abe Ordover when North County Photographic Society meets on Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. in Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive); \$3. 760-752-6375. (ENCINITAS)

Stereo Photography Club Competition culminates with slide show during meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., in Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent to and east of Spanish Village). Stereo glasses provided. 619-296-2255. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Bevond the Prescription Label: Understanding Your Medications" seminar offered Wednesday, March 23, 6 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Learn about drug interactions, side effects, questions to ask. Free. 619-527-3430, (SAN CARLOS)

"Race and Science in Modern Japan" explored by Michael A. Weiner, author and SDSU modern Japanese history professor,

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during lecture on Wednesday, March 23, 5 p.m., in West Commons 201 at San Diego State University. Free. 858-527-1714. (SDSU)

"Women of Lakeside — Making History Today" is topic for program on Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., at Lakeside Library (9839 Vine Street). "Prominent women from Lakeside who are making history today will share what motivated them to become active in the community." Free. 619-443-1811. (LAKESIDE)

"Mayan Children of Yucatan, Mexico: Education and Marginalization" presented by Juan Carlos Mijangos Noh for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, March 24; \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Cherimoya — Fruit of the Incas" highlighted when Nino Cupaiuolo speaks for California Rare Fruit Growers on Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-866-0575. Cherimoya samples on offer. (BALBOA PARK)

The Life and Work of the Brontë Sisters explored when author Karen Kenyon speaks on Thursday, March 24, 3:30 p.m., at Rancho Santa Fe Library (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Kenvon is author of The Brontë Family: Passionate Literary Geniuses. Free. 858-756-2512. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

IN PERSON

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)

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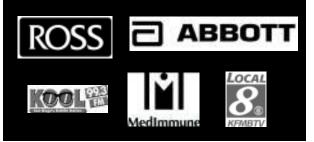
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Irish Tyme performs Irish instrumentals and vocals on Thursday, March 17, 3 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. 619-538-8158. (SCRIPPS, MIRAMAR)

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)

Poetry and Music Vigil "in consideration of victims of armed conflicts everywhere" slated for Thursday, March 17, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Music by Darvak, Abaa Koma, poetry from Middle East, spoken word. Donation: \$5-\$15. 619-531-8950. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Circo Luci: The Circus of Light" is presented through March 20 at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Production offers acrobatics, aerial artistry, "dazzling visual effects," dance. Shows begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 4 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday; \$25. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Multiplatinum Singer and Songwriter Deana Carter meets fans, signs *The Story of My Life* CDs, Friday, March 18, 6 p.m., at Wal-Mart (13425 Community Road). Free. 858-486-1882. (POWAY)

Debut Author Mary Castillo reads from and signs *Hot Tamara* on Friday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue; 619-435-0070). Free. (CORONADO)

Former Dubbya Press Secretary Ari Fleischer signs Taking Heat: The President, the Press, and My Years in the White House, Friday, March 18, 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Books to be signed must be purchased at Warwick's. 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Local Writer Ali Liebegott celebrates release of her first book, *The Beautifully Worthless*, with readings from the book by herself, Eileen Myles, Anna Joy Springer, Michelle Tea, Laurie Weeks, other guest readers. Party is Friday, March 18, 8 p.m., at Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street); \$3-\$5. 619-584-4142. (OCEAN BEACH)

Pianist and Entertainer Jacquelyne Silver is on hand to present concert on new baby grand piano, Friday, March 18, 12:45 p.m., at College Avenue Senior Center (at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 4855 College Avenue). Free. 619-583-3300. (SDSU)

"St. Patrick's/Celtic Celebration" promised when Brian Baynes Band, Eric Rigler, Nollaig Brolly, John Christian Edward, and Bracken School of Irish Dance join San Diego Symphony for Winter Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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day, March 19, 7:30 p.m., and Byron Berline Band on Sunday, March 20, 5 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Primatologist Jane Goodall is portrayed by actress Mary Beach on Saturday, March 19, 10:30 a.m., at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library (2081 Newcastle Avenue). Free. 760-753-4027. (CARDIFF)

Singing Crystal Bowls and Violin Concert by Elivia Melody (bowls) and James Steven Farnsworth (violin) on Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

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)

"Men Who Honor Women," poetry reading presented by Jim Moreno, Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m., at It Is Written Bookstore (930 Tenth Avenue). Poetry "will confront the dominant society on language and behavior used against women" originating in slavery; \$5. 619-544-1530. (DOWNTOWN) Normal Heights Comes to Bankers Hill! The band Normal Heights performs Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7302. (BANKERS HILL)

"The Luck of the Irish: Fairies, Banshees, and More Than a Hint of Magic" on offer when Liz Weir (from County Antrim, Northern Ireland) presents concert for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., in Manchester Conference Center, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Suitable for adults, children over 12; \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

Author Paul Vanderwood signs, discusses *Juan Soldado* on Saturday, March 19, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Get Hip and Help when Hip Graffiti presents jazz and marks release of CD on Saturday, March 19, 7 p.m., at Park Manor Suites (525 Spruce Street). Tickets, benefiting Child Abuse Foundation: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. 619-291-1234. (HILLCREST)

Music, Chanting, discussion with singer Kumuda and translator Swami Nirmalananda in celebration of CD *The Glorious Bhagavad Gita: Sung in English*, Sunday, March 20, 3 p.m., at Soulscape bookstore (765 South Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-753-2345. (ENCINITAS)

Gillette and Mengsen perform in concert on Sunday, March 20, for San Diego Folk Heritage. Music commences at 7 p.m. at San Dieguito United Methodist



Ari Fleischer at Warwick's Bookstore, March 18 (see In Person)

(NORTH PARK)

formances begin at 8 p.m. on Satur-

day, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at North Park

Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031

El Cajon Boulevard). Tickets: \$12 in

advance, \$14 at door. 619-647-4958.

International Academy of Po-

ets and Writers hosts "a poet

gathering" in connection with

UNESCO World Poetry Day and

in commemoration of release of

Poetry Yearbook 2004, March 20

and 21, at Upstart Crow and Co.

cussion forums, poetry readings,

more. Participating poets from

U.S., Sweden, Australia. Events be-

gin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, conclude

at 4 p.m. on Monday. Free.

KPBS Wordsmiths Richard Led-

erer and Martha Barnette present

'Ways with Words" on Tuesday,

March 22, 6 p.m., in Don Powell

Theatre at San Diego State Uni-

versity. The duo will answer ques-

619-232-4855. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Activities include speeches, dis-

(835 West Harbor Drive).

Church (170 Calle Magdalena); \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Learn to Yodel when Ritt Family Musical Group performs classic Austrian folk music on Sunday, March 20, at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Concerts begin at 1 and 5 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$29 for adults, \$19 for children, depending upon showtime. Reservations: 619-238-1818. (DOWNTOWN)

"Have Music, Will Travel," San Diego Concert Band presents spring concert on Sunday, March 20, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Program includes pieces by Gershwin, Whitacre's "Godzilla Eats Las Vegas," vocalist Lori Church; \$10 general. 866-248-7670 x1071. (ROLANDO)

North Park Vaudeville Shows featuring "Al Jolson," "Abbott and Costello," Bunky the balancing clown, Irish dancers, singing, more — on March 19 and 20. Pertions, sign books. Free. 619-594-4991.

Evening appearance follows discussion and signing by verbivore Lederer at noon on the 22nd at San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Local Gardening Maven Pat Welsh discusses and signs her new American Horticultural Society Southwest SmartGarden Regional Guide, Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

A Novel Approach to studying for SAT and ACT exams on offer when author Charles Harrington Elster speaks and signs books on Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Elster's new book is graphic novel *Test of Time*. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

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

"Haida and Paul Horn: The Adventures of a Killer Whale and a Jazz Musician" signed by author/professor Shirley E. Forbing, Wednesday, March 23, noon, at San Diego State University Bookstore (619-594-7528). Free. (SDSU)

"Out Here Is Out There: Essays in a Region of Superlatives" signed by author Philip Heldrich, Wednesday, March 23, noon, at UCSD Bookstore (in Price Center). Free. 858-534-3149. (LA JOLLA) The Amazing Endurance Swimmer Lynne Cox discusses and later signs her book *Swimming* to Antarctica, Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., at Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center (1648 Coast Boulevard). 858-694-2484, 858-694-2448. (DEL MAR)

Deborah Sampson Disguised Herself as a Man so she could fight as a soldier in the Revolutionary War; she'll be portrayed by a member of Letitia Coxe Shelby National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Thursday, March 24, 3:30 p.m., at La Mesa Library (8055 University Avenue). Free. 619-469-2151. (LAMESA)

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)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day 2005 when Noel V. Ginnity and Dublin's Irish Cabaret take stage on Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Program showcases Irish songs sung by Emer Hartnett, tenor Paul Hennessy; all-Ireland champion accordion player Ailbe Grace; *uileann* piper Tommy Keane; Dublin Irish Dancers. Tickets: \$17, \$22. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Author Philip Pryde signs and discusses the fourth edition of his book *San Diego: An Introduction to the Region*, Thursday, March 24, noon, at San Diego State University Bookstore. 619-594-7528. Free. (SDSU)

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SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Long Beach Ice Dogs on March 18, Las Vegas Wranglers on March 19 and 20, at San Diego Sports Arena. Hockey starts at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

Ralphs California Half-Ironman Triathlon, Saturday, March 19, 6:40 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Oceanside Harbor, 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

The Rough and the Beautiful, celebrate Persian New Year (the vernal equinox) during bicycle ride along La Jolla coastline and three of "the toughest hills in La Jolla" with Knickerbiker bicyclists on Sunday, March 20. The 35-miler for experts starts at 9 a.m. in north parking lot at Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-220-1488. (MISSION BAY, LA JOLLA)

La Jolla Plunge Bike Tour hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, March 20, noon. The 3.5-mile ride starts at top of Mount Soledad, includes back streets of La Jolla. Appropriate for all biking abilities; cycling equipment provided; \$40. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Social Paddles on Mission Bay led by Aqua Adventures every Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Beginners, "lapsed paddlers" welcome. Free with own kayak; \$15 with kayak rental. Adventures start at Hospitality Point, 1548 Quivira Way. 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

Fred Hall's Fishing Tackle, Boat, Travel, RV Show, continues through March 20 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Expect to see boats, all manner of fishing gear, vendors' booths, and seminars. Hours: are 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10 general, free for those under 15. 805-389-3339. (DEL MAR)

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 OUARTER)

Belgian Beer Bonanza, Pizza Port hosts annual 12-hour Belgian beer party, Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. More than 75 different Belgian and Belgian-style beers on draft and in regular bottles. Fee: \$20, includes glass and four four-ounce tastes; pay \$1 per additional sample. Pizza Port, 571 Carlsbad Village Drive; 760-720-7007. (CARLSBAD)

Selections from Principles of Psychology by William James provide topic when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; new comers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Ikebana International Spring Show, Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Casa del Prado. Practitioners from different schools present demonstrations each day. 760-728-5586. (BALBOA PARK)

March Madness of the Mind. National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance's interactive student exhibition, Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Cutting-edge inventions by university-based entrepreneurial teams. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Equinox Ceremony and message circle planned Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., at Rainy's Mystic Books (801 Grand Avenue #3). Psychic mediums on hand: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Suggested reservations: 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

"Celebrating She...In All of Her Manifestations" presented on Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). Art exhibits, spoken-word performances, African and Filipino dancing, puppetry. Free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Festival of Fine Art runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, at San Diego

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Museum of Art. Local artists offer original art for sale in variety of media: \$5 for adults, free for kids under 15 with an adult. 760-436-0362. (BALBOA PARK)

Palomar Gem and Mineral Club convenes its annual show and sale on March 19 and 20 at Army National Guard Armory (304 Park Avenue). Dealers selling rough rock, finished stones, jewelry, tools, rock-related products. Show opens at 10 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$2 general. 760-743-0809. (ESCONDIDO)

Tenth Annual Youth Fitness Expo, family fun day with exhibits, fitness contests, games, performances by children in California all on Saturday, March 19, 1 to 4 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-464-7093. (BALBOA PARK)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figgins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, March 19, 2 to 4 p.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759, (NORTH PARK)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Seventh Annual Borrego Springs Desert Garden Tour of four private gardens is Sunday, March 20, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee for self-guided tour: \$17. Reservations, locations: 760-767-3098. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

House of Mexico hosts Sunday lawn program at International Cottages, March 20, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Commemorating 100 Years Since Avn Rand's Birth, the Objectivist Discussion Group "announces a year-long series to study systematically her enduring philosophy," continuing Sunday,





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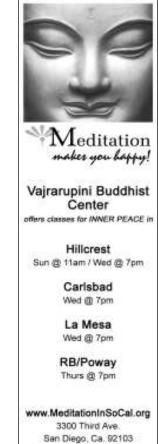
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March 20, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Participants read and discuss pages 73-90 of Leonard Peikoff's book *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*. Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Rolando Street Fair, Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., near 6500 block of El Cajon Boulevard (at Rolando Boulevard). Live music, vendors, children's activities. Admission: free. 619-583-7321. (ROLANDO)

Antique Street Faire slated for Sunday, March 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on La Mesa Boulevard (between Spring and Fourth Streets). More than 100 booths of antiques, collectibles. Admission: free. 619-462-6777. (LA MESA)

Amber the Calendar Model will be on hand for photographs with show vehicles during San Diego Auto and Cycle Swap, Show, and Sale on Sunday, March 20, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 12 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

Koto Music played by Masayo Norikura on Sunday, March 20, 12:30 to 2 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden; \$3 general. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK) **Poetry**

SEVEN HAIKU

Waterjar cracks: I lie awake This icy night.

Lightning: Heron's cry Stabs the darkness

Sick on a journey: Over parched fields Dreams wander on.

It has rained enough to turn the stubble on the field black.

Waking in the night; the lamp is low, the oil freezing.

Winter rain falls on the cow-shed; a cock crows.

The leeks newly washed white, – how cold it is!

Stamp Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA) "¡Historias! Mexican/Mexican-American Literature" is theme for four-book series of bilingual discussions planned at Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street). Read *Peregrinos de Aztlán (Pilgrims in Aztlán)* by Miguel Mendez for

- Basho (1644-1694)



meeting on Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. Discussion led by Mart Gonzales. Free. 858-573-1399. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Common-Sense Approach to the problem of making a good life for oneself" is topic during discussion of chapters five through seven of Mortimer J. Adler's *Time of Our Lives* on Monday, March 21, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. Bring text. 619-291-5754. (HILLCREST)

"Generaciones Family Art Event" led by artist Viviana Lombrozo for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, March 21; \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Lenten Labyrinth Walk, Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Walk labyrinth as many times as you like. Celtic harp music by Barbara Vent. Free. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"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 Field. Exhibit explores "historical works through reproductions of sugar sculptures and drawings from the 15th Century through the 20th Century." Contemporary sugar work displayed as well. Free. 619-277-0132. (DOWNTOWN)

The Flower Fields boasting 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours 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 (Easter) Lilies Are in Bloom Again, over 300 fragrant Easter lilies are on exhibit in the Botanical Building from Friday, March 18, through Wednesday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Friday through Wednesday). Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Irish Lullabies" presented by Big Joe Productions through Sunday, March 20, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Cackle over *Chicken Coop Comedy* when Puppet Express takes stage March 23-27.

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

"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 Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 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)

"Madam C.J. Walker Make-Your-Own-Makeup Party,"

teen craft program focusing on the 19th-Century African-American entrepreneur at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18, at Santee Library (9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard). 619-448-1863. Free. (SANTEE)

A "Really Dope Show" is planned Saturday, March 19, 6 p.m., at South Bay YMCA (1201 Paseo Magda). Hip-hop event for MCs, DJs, b-boys/b-girls, graffiti artists to "represent and battle"; \$5. 619-421-8805. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Easter Bunny Teas featuring springtime storytelling by Melody, Easter egg hunt, visit from Easter Bunny, afternoon tea, offered Saturday, March 19, through Saturday, March 26, 2:30 p.m., at Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Fee: \$28 for adults, \$22 for children under 12. Reservations: 619-557-3650. (DOUNTOWN)

"Ms. Frizzle's Coo-Coo for Cacao," program for kids four to six years old on Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants explore origins of chocolate, then make treat; \$15. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Spring Egg Hunt for toddlers and kindergartners, Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m., at Paseo del Rey Church (900 Paseo del Rey). Free. Music, puppets, craft. 619-421-7733. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Put 85 Candles on the Birthday Cake and celebrate "85th birthday" of Raggedy Andy, March 19 and 20. Author Patty



Reading

Wrong About Japan: A Father's Journey with His Son



Alfred A. Knopf, 2005; 158 pages; \$17.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: The recipient of two Booker Prizes, Peter Carey expands his extraordinary achievement with each new novel – and now gives us something entirely different.

When famously shy Charley becomes obsessed with Japanese manga and anime, Peter is not only delighted for his son but also entranced himself. Thus begins a journey, with a father sharing his 12-yearold's exotic comic books, that ultimately leads them to Tokyo, where a

strange Japanese boy will become both their guide and judge. Quickly the visitors plunge deep into the lanes of *Shitimachi* – into the "weird stuff" of modern Japan – meeting *manga* artists and *anime* directors; painstaking impersonators called "visualists," who adopt a remarkable variety of personae; and solitary *otakus*, whose existence is thoroughly computerized. What emerges from these encounters is a far-ranging study of history and of culture both high and low – from samurai to

Hall will be on hand to read from her work and entertain during festivities, starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Geppetto's in Fashion Valley and at noon on Sunday at Geppetto's in La Costa (1935 Calle Barcelona). Free. 619-294-8878. (FASHION VALLEY, LA COSTA)

Teen Poets and Step-Team Dancers offer "Teen Expressions: An African-American Celebration" on Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). 760-435-5577. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

The Musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is presented by J*Company through March 20, in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets: \$12-\$16. Showtimes, reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction insalaryman, from Kabuki theater to the postwar robot craze. Peter Carey's observations are always provocative, even when his hosts point out, politely, that he is once again wrong about Japan. And his adventures with Charley are at once comic, surprising, and deeply moving, as father and son cope with and learn from each other in a strange place far from home. This is, in the end, a

remarkable portrait of a culture – whether Japan or adolescence – that looks eerily familiar but remains tantalizingly closed to outsiders.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

The Albany Times-Union: One of the strengths of this short book is that Carey doesn't dwell on the gulf between father and son. He lets their different expectations from Japan and their contrasting reactions to what they find speak for themselves. At one point, they are

amidst transvestites in a section of Tokyo; it takes Carey a few minutes to understand that these powerful-looking women are in fact men, and he wonders how he should explain these people to his son. But Charley is never confused by the encounter, rolling his eyes as his father struggles to enlighten him: "Dad," Charley says with some exasperation, "we live in the West Village, you know?"

The Washington Post: Carey would have been wiser ... to forsake sociology and stick to his travels with Charley, which are aptly drawn and full of pathos.

Time Out: As Carey puts it in his smart, funny new book: "Everybody in Japan reads manga, except those just born or about to die." The more manga and anime Carey consumed, the more surprised he grew that they cross over to Western audiences so readily. For one thing, much of the meaning hinges on culturally specific details. Carey's...fiction readers won't be disappointed. This travel diary reads like a scintillating novella, and Carey has, in fact, added his own fictional embellishments to the real-life events he reports. After his shy 12-year-old son, Charley, began reading English translations of Japanese manga, their Saturday mornings at the Manhattan comic book store Forbidden Planet spurred Carey's own interest. As their "cultural investigation" of manga and anime widened, "the kid who would never talk in class was now brimming with new ideas he wasn't shy to discuss." This father-son bond deepened when they flew to Japan to meet manga artists and anime directors, including Yoshiyuki Tomino (Mobile Suit Gundam). At publisher Kodansha, they learned of manga's history, and touring Studio Ghibli, they encountered the "most famous anime director in the world," Hayao Miyazaki (Spirited Away). Their guide to

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Tokyo's cartoon culture was Takashi, a teenager the narrative says Charley met online (yet, as Carey revealed in a newspaper interview, he created the imaginary character of Takashi because the narrative needed conflict, and Carey wanted to avoid "conflict with anybody in real life"). Carey's fluid and engaging writing style gets a boost from 25 energetic black-and-white *anime/manga* illustrations.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Peter

Carey is the author of eight novels, including the Booker Prizewinning Oscar and Lucinda and True History of the Kelly Gang and, most recently, My Life as a Fake. He lives in New York City.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Peter Carey was born

in 1943 in the Australian town of Bacchus Marsh. On the afternoon that we talked Mr. Carey spoke from Seattle, where he was on tour with his new book. I (continued on page 104)

"The kid who would never talk in class was now brimming with new ideas he wasn't shy to discuss."

dustries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities

and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

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

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

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

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

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Jade from the Past," a collection of over 100 nephrite jade sculptures, from amulets to animal and plant designs, on exhibit through March. Also on view: "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," withover 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper





(continued from page 103) spoke from home in California. I'd spent the previous weekend reading Mr. Carey's clever Wrong About Japan. The book's easy, querying tone made querying Mr. Carey seem easy. I confessed, "I've long wanted to ask you about the name of your hometown – Bacchus Marsh. In the States we tend not to give towns such fancy names."

"Bacchus Marsh," he said, "sounds weird, but in fact it's rather pedestrian in that the 'Bacchus' doesn't allude to wine, alas, although I would like it to. The town did have seven pubs. But the town's name rather came from Captain Bacchus, who was an English soldier of some sort and presumably rein-

building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBD)

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

venting himself. Why I presume that is that he built a manor house. I suspect he probably wasn't very grand at all. But he was reinventing himself in the colonies, and he built this Georgian manor house that's still there and is named after him. I don't think anyone knows much about him. Everyone in town thinks he was very grand. He probably wasn't."

"Is it a little town?" "Well, it was. It's 33 miles west of Melbourne. Melbourne now has a population of about three million, so it's a sizable city. When I was a kid, that 33 miles was like 200 might be today. We were living in the country, and I got a headache going to the big city. But now, there's still a separation between the city and Bacchus Marsh. It's not all continually suburban, but of course airline pilots and product managers and various people now live there and commute to the city. Bacchus Marsh was 5000 population when I was a kid. I don't know what it is now."

Carey was educated at Australia's Monash University, where he studied science. Meeting writers at university interested him in taking up authorship (Carey's parents, who

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items —including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is loowned a GM dealership, were not "big readers"). A shy young man, he supported himself by writing advertising copy. Carey's first published novel was *The Fat Man in History*, which came out in the States in 1974. Carey moved from Melbourne to London and then to Sydney before taking up residence in New York in 1986. He teaches creative

writing at New York University. I asked Mr. Carey how he happened to choose New York as his home.

"Well, my soon-to-be-exwife really, really didn't like Australia, and she wanted to be in New York and to direct theater. I didn't know that. New York wouldn't have been the place I would have first chosen in life, but that was a possibility, and I went there and there was enough to like. And here I am 14 years later; I've got two American kids, and I have so many friends in New York, and I love the city." Poor Mr. Carey once

Foor Mr. Carey once found himself in trouble with the Queen – England's Queen Elizabeth II. In 1998, when Carey's novel Jack Maggs won the 1998 Commonwealth Writers Prize, Carey was expected to meet the Queen as part of his acceptance of the prize. Carey avoided the

cated in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove" details first 30 years of Lemon Grove's existence as a product of "second gold rush" (rise of citrus industry). Photos of original homes (many still standing), artifacts, documents, and furnishings show late-Victorian world of transplanted Midwestern farmers and orchardists.

"From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time" juxtaposes large wall murals of Kumeyaay life in late Stone Age in Lemon Grove with art of local Treganza family, whose creations in brass, copper, iron, and wood between 1896 and 1936 show their mixed Cornish, Spanish, and Mexican Indian heritage.

Both continue through Saturday, July 23. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Einstein and the Miraculous Year" meeting. Because Mr. Carey is an antimonarchist who favors an Australian Republic, some members of the press believed his refusal to show himself at Buckingham Palace was politically motivated. I asked, "Did you ever

meet her?" He did, he said, "Twice,

actually. She said to me, 'I do believe you had some difficulty getting here.' You forget, in fact, that the Queen, of course, is the head of state and is a conscientious, hardworking head of state. So we had all sorts of interesting conversations. She said things you might not have expected. Perhaps one is not meant to repeat these conversations but, for instance, she said that she thought that the International Monetary Fund was being way too hard on Indonesia."

Mr. Carey explained, "You see, if you win the Commonwealth Prize you get to meet the Queen. Now firstly, if I'm shortlisted for a prize, I tend not to think about it because what's the point? The normal thing is you're not going to win, so I put it out of my mind. And I'm writing, and I was invited to 'Come to Jamaica and wait with all the other short-listers.' I said, 'I'm

commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus miribilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas.

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "Tech City" (through April), "Symmetry, and Signals," "TryScience!" and "Skyscapes." The permanent exhibitions present a variety of handson exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on not going to do that; I'm going to work.' Finally the call came and I'd won. I'm in a great panic. and so when I get there, and there's a journalist saying, 'Well, what about the Queen?' And I say, 'What do you mean, what about the Queen?' And then they reminded me of the conditions of the prize, and I said, 'I don't know whether I can do that.' And so it went on and on and on. The British press got a hold of it and said, 'Antipodean snubs his Queen. "And then I wrote a letter

and then I wrote a letter saying, 'Well, if anybody is oppressing the Australian people, it's the Australian people, and I'm sure Her Majesty won't send a gunboat, and I have no objection to meeting the Queen, but I'm not a monarchist.' Also, we had a date problem; Buckingham Palace changed the date to see me, which was nice of them."

"You must have felt funny walking around the palace." "I did. It was like science

fiction. It wasn't to do with a political feeling – 'I'm in the enemy state' – or anything like that. It was more a feeling of 'It's so strange to go through those gates at Buckingham Palace and go into that big, empty military courtvard and to be met with a

Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "The View from Otay Mesa: Cultural Landscapes through Time" features archaeological artifacts revealing "many new and fascinating facts about the southernmost region of San Diego County." Visitors see artifacts from the oldest dated site on Otay Mesa, the 10,000-year-old Remington Hill Site, as well as photographs and historic items. Through May.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum,

"The Romance Cars of Italy" are on view through Monday, March 28. Lamborghini and Ferrari are joined by Bizzarini, Alfa Romeo, DeTomaso, and Lancia on the exhibit floor. red carpet and equerries and corgis.' It's just strange."

We turned then to Mr. Carey's new book. I had read that he invented one of the characters – Takashi – in the book. Why?

"There are so many different things about it. I mean, it's what I tend to do. I mean, all the things that happen, all the interviews, everything along the way has good journalistic accuracy. But I'm a novelist. And I don't know what good journalists know how to do, which is to use what actually happened and to give it shape.

"I need some conflict. I have neither the desire nor the skills to find a character who can embody things for me. I think that's normal and natural. Only when it was over, when somebody said, 'But you made up this character,' then I felt dreadful. Why? Because I think that there's a contract between readers and writers; I thought, 'I've betrayed that in some way.' Certainly, in Australia, you know, the book said that it was in part fact and in part fiction. In the U.S., the publishers didn't do that. So when anybody shows that in some degree they've given their heart to Takashi, then I feel bad that I made him up.

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

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

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions,





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That's why in interviews I have to talk about my inventing this character, because I don't want to trick anybody.

"The weird thing, as far as Charley and I are concerned, is that Charley named him. Of course, it's no accident that he's called Takashi, and the actor who Charley liked so much in the film *Kikujiro*, at the beginning of the book, has in it an actor named Beat Takeshi. Charley said to me, about Takashi, We should have been nicer to him, Dad.' That's the only criticism he had of the book."

Mr. Carey garbs Takashi in various costumings that most reminded me of pseudo-military gear worn by the younger Michael Jackson. Takashi seems quite the elegant, extravagant fop. And then, pages into *Wrong About Japan*, it turns out that Takashi works in a doughnut shop and lives with his grandmother. I asked Mr. Carey about this.

"Ah," he said, "one of the things about those sorts of people, which I know enough about from my research, of course, is

and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

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

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

that they've got day jobs. Somebody can be an accountant in the day and dressed up like a carpenter at night. Or the kids that are dressed up as Elvises – well, they've got jobs. There's the imaginary life, and there's the other life."

"It's like being a writer," I said. "A sensible 'day job' part of you takes care of the zany part of you that writes."

"Exactly. That's good. It's very hard the way people read this sort of thing. There's a review that's coming out which has been read to me. I decided I didn't want to read it. But it says, 'Well, yeah, the hero of this is Charley, and his father did boring stuff in Japan and made Charley put up with this boring stuff.' There's a lot of primitive reading going on.

"Because obviously the Charley in the book is not quite the Charley who is my son. There's a real Charley who's made of his idea of himself and everybody else's, and then there's the one on the page, which is a quasifictional Charley. And whatever he suffers, I'm presenting to the reader as something that this 'not quite' Charley is suffering."

"I think it's interesting," I said, "the way reviews more and

building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

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

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

"Generaciones" is an exhibit of photographs, mementos, and art projects by families who created art interpreting the ways that families maintain their traditions and family ties. Continues through May. more often have begun to sermonize and moralize about the tale itself instead of leading discussion of the way the tale is told."

"Maybe I'm wrong about this, because I've lived here for 14 years. I'm still a foreigner. Sometimes I'm looking at you guys - which includes my children as 'you guys' - and I think that there's a thing in American culture which is about 'the story.' In the American novel, the flap copy has to tell the story. If you think of Hollywood and the pitching of the story, it's always the story. Reviews tell the story. So there's an investment in story that is foreign to me and forever puzzling. I don't know quite what it means.'

"But this view," I argued, "is fairly new in America. Certainly 25 years ago you wouldn't have read as many book reviews that get angry because a character in a novel slaps his wife."

"Primitive. It's not a very sophisticated form of reading, no. And this is to leap sideways a little bit, but it's not unrelated; there's an enormous investment in the idea that this has to be from a true story. You do get from all this that many readers and reviewers suffer from a sus-

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

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

"Mapuche: Chilean People of the Land," on view through March, includes more than 100 items such as textiles, basketry, modern and vintage photographs, silverwork. The Mapuche — who were never conquered by the Inpicion of the imagination."

I said that one aspect of Wrong About Japan that I had enjoyed was Mr. Carey's misreadings of the Japanese.

"One doesn't think about these things when one's writing. I've only just begun to talk about the book. But you begin to think – well, in a way, this level of continual misunderstanding is what I've always written about. I never thought about this before.

"But one character doesn't understand the other character. And what's interesting in life is that, for instance, we have our conversation, and I think I'm saying one thing, and you're thinking I'm saying another. That's how it is.

"And the other thing about Wrong About Japan is that there's another element to it, which is that the Japanese don't like the notion that a foreigner could understand anything about them. And so, even though it's clear that I am often completely wrong and ignorant, why wouldn't I be? I think there are times when maybe there's a little bit of insight there, which just can't be ignored by the Japanese. There's something of that in the conversation with the guy who

cas or the Spaniards — boast a complex culture from pre-Hispanic times, speak their own language, earn income through their artwork.

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

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the insisting that this robot-making is absolutely not Japanese, and he's therefore presenting something wildly different about whatever it is he thinks he's doing."

does the robots, where he's

doing." "There are also moments in the book," I say, "where people whom you are interviewing simply didn't want to tell you what they think or believe."

"Right. And, of course, no one wants to publish the book in Japan either."

I mentioned a passage on page 128 of *Wrong About Japan*. This passage seemed to explicate the book. I read from it. "Was there a mystery here? I seriously doubt it. Although this is how it is with traveling – the simplest things take on an air of great inscrutability and so many questions arise, only to be half born and then lost as they are bumped aside by others. The most mundane events take on the character of deep secrets."

Mr. Carey said that at his Seattle reading that morning, he had read that passage to his audience. About the experience he describes in those sentences, he said, "I don't know whether I'm smart enough to add an awful lot to it. I flutter

day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER) almost between my having written it and your appreciation of what I said. There are things that I think I mention somewhere else in the book, and it's also the nature of travel for the traveler to give offense – small offenses and slights – and to come back with those and to remember those with regret.

"But I think to travel mostly is to misunderstand. When I was very young, in my 20s, I got a job to go up to Thursday Island, which is an island like a little dot on the tip of Australia. I wanted to go. It was exotic and different racially, historically, in every way. But I thought, 'I can't go up there and write about this, how can I go up there for a week?' So what I did is I went up there and I collected stories. People's stories. I thought I could do that honestly. And I did it. So I've always had this problem. I know there are people who can go to a place and come back after a relatively short time and be able to tell you something about it. But I've never felt capable of that. I've always had to find strategies that confessed my ignorance or shallowness or lack of understanding."

– Judith Moore

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

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)



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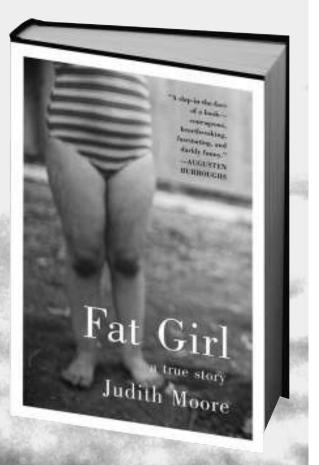
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Compositions by Vlatkovitch, Charlton, Amos, Haydn, and Gershwin promised when Hutchins Consort performs in concert on Friday, March 18, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Ensemble plays on eight scaled violins of violin octet designed and built by luthier Carleen Hutchins; \$24. 949-675-3656. (LA JOLLA)

Pieces by Handel, Mozart, and Britten may be heard when North Central College Concert Choir performs Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Also on tap: folk songs, spirituals, "some lighter fare." 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

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

"St. Patrick's/Celtic Celebration" promised when Brian Baynes Band, Eric Rigler, Nollaig Brolly, John Christian Edward, and Bracken School of Irish Dance join San Diego Symphony for winter pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20-\$60. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Pipe Organ Concert, Kenneth Herman, organist at First Unitarian Universalist Church, performs for Pipe Organ Concert Series on Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

"Edgy Classical" Music performed by Rebecca Lee Means, March 18-20, at Otto Wilhelm Schmidt Theater (389 North Magnolia Avenue). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: 619-449-5096. (EL CAJON)

"Te Deum — Twice!" Mira-Costa College's San Elijo Choir and North Coast Chorale join North Coast Symphony Orchestra in concerts on March 19 and 20 in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Program includes G.F. Handel's "Te Deum in D Major" and Franz Joseph Haydn's "Te Deum Lanamus," along with "Overture to the Tsar's Bride" by Rimsky-Korsakov, selections from "Mass" by Roger Anderson. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday; \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

The Palomar Chorale explores Renaissance, Shakespeare, and a Haydn cantata in concert on Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard); \$12 general. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The Verdi Quartet visits Crill Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive) for concert with pieces by Beethoven and Dvořák on Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.; \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

A Season of Pianists and Symphonies, season continues when Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra and Bertram Turetzky (contrabass) perform single movements from symphonies by Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, Shostakovich, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mahler, and world premiere of "Suite of Traditional Dances for Contrabass and Orchestra" by Myron Fink. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, at First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista (915 Paseo Ranchero). 619-656-2525. Offering. (CHULA VISTA)

San Diego Jewish Music Festival gets underway with excerpts from *Carmen, Rigoletto, Don Giovanni, The Barber of Seville, Die Fledermaus,* and *La Bohème* when San Diego Opera Ensemble performs Sunday, March 20. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$7 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Glinka's "Trio in D Minor" may be heard, along with Beethoven's "Trio in B-Flat Major," and "Trio in B-Flat Major" by d'Indy, when Gary Gray (clarinet), Ayke Agus (piano), and Armen Ksadjikian (cello) perform for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society on Sunday, March 20, 2:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena); \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446 or 760-630-4360. (ENCINITAS)

Lenten Concert of contemporary and classical Lenten music planned on Palm Sunday, March 20, by combined choirs of Mission San Diego de Alcalá and St. Michael's Parish. Organists Sue Mullane and Howard McCullough will accompany choirs. Concert starts at 3 p.m. at Mission San Diego de Alcalá (10818 San Diego Mission Road). Offering, 619-449-1587. (MISSION VALLEY)

All-Dvořák! The Prague Symphony performs the "Ninth Symphony (New World Symphony)," "Carnival Overture," and "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" on Sunday, March 20, 6 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$65, \$75. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

French Chamber Music promised when Debussy Trio performs for Seagate Sundays concert on Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Selections by Ibert, Fauré, Debussy, Jolivet, Devienne, Ravel, Bozza, Vieuxtemps. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors and military, \$10 for children, free for those five and younger. Reservations: 866-436-8744. (LA JOLLA)

"Great Exit Lines" — including music by Bach, Messiaen, Sullivan, and more — promised when former civic organist Jared Jacobsen presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, March 20, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Opera Ensemble performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, March 21, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Tifereth Israel Community Orchestra concert, featuring contrabassist Bertram Turetzky, offered Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., at Tifereth Israel Synagogue (6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard); \$12 general. 619-697-6001. (SAN CARLOS)

The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films convenes Wednesday, March 23. Enjoy John Barrymore in 1920s *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* at 6:30 p.m. at San Diego Museum of Art. Orchestra joined by Geisel Library Bassoon Quartet. Evening begins with slapstick short, with audience participation in the music-making. 619-696-1966; \$7 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Australian Guitarist Karin Schaupp performs works by Albéniz, Barrios, Charlton, and Dyens on Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art; \$18 tickets include same-day museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK) ART LISTINGS

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6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Continues through Saturday, April 30. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

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The 44th Annual Spring Showcase by Clairemont Art Guild, juried by Judith Jarcho, is on view through Wednesday, March 30, in Gallery 21 at Spanish

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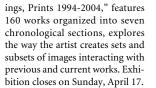
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seum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on The History of Beads by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians,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

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Continuing.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, "Terry Winters Painting, Draw-



"Cerca Series: Iohn Sonsini" - on view Sunday, March 20, through Tuesday, April 26 — features the artist's portraits of Mexican-American day laborers. Sonsini finds subjects at sites around Los Angeles where day laborers gather and pays laborers to sit for portraits. Sonsini worked on paintings every day during February, with resulting 28 canvases featured in this "Cerca" show

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

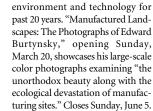
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, a varietv of works in media including sculpture, painting, and installation by established and emerging artists are gathered in "Collectors XX: Building a Museum Collection," closing on Sunday, May 15. The exhibited pieces (being considered for acquisition this year) are accompanied by major pieces purchased by Collector groups over the past 20 years.

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Museum of Photographic Arts, photographer Ed Burtynsky has highlighted intersection between

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"Andrea Modica: Treadwell/ Fountain" continues through Sunday, May 22. "Treadwell" with 22 platinum prints and 17 previously unexhibited images is described as "a photographic journey that began in 1986 and concluded with the death of its principal subject." Modica's latest project is "Fountain," 41 prints exploring "the process of growing up in Fountain, Colorado.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, 'The Watercolors of James Hubbell: Meditations on Nature and Life" continues through Saturday, March 26. The 80 "vibrant paintings are spontaneous gestures that date from 1988 to 2004." Exhibit includes paintings that are "among the few works of art Hubbell was able to save from the Cedar fires" of 2003. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "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. For further information, call

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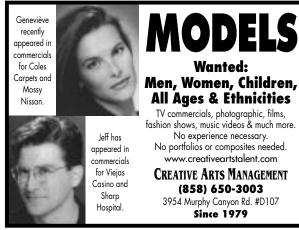
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One More Gaudy Night

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His party scenes rival the "lascivious wassails" of P.B. on a Saturday.

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'll always believe that theater can happen anywhere: from 4000-seat Grecian amphitheaters to strip-mall storefronts, or living rooms. From afar, however, the Poor Players' new space off Alvarado Canyon Road doesn't look promis-

ing. Outside's a terraced industrial park; 4580-B's at the bottom of the hill. Inside the functional structure, however, Mark Antony and Cleopatra,

Queen of Egypt, cavort with world-sized passion. Richard Baird, who has become one of San Diego's foremost interpreters of Shakespeare, makes Antony anything but a conventional romantic lead. Either dressed like Lawrence of Arabia, in shades, or in beige desert fatigues with kevlar "armour," Baird's Antony is, by turns, a braggart, a baby, a warring lover and loving warrior, a buffoon, and ultimately heroic. We see his various "sides." The choices work be-

We see his various "sides." The choices work because even Antony complains he's never whole. Honor and duty call (he governs one-third of the known world). So do pleasure and a heart ablaze. He begins the play vowing to break with Cleopatra "these strong Egyptian fetters" and return to Rome. Near the end — one of my favorite lines in Shakespeare — breathless he begs Cleopatra to share "one more gaudy night."

His un-Roman love's made Antony "unqualitied" (not himself); he's lost his "way forever"; and has not kept his "square" (hasn't been ruled by reason). Baird plays Antony as a fractured colossus, wanting to reassemble himself, just not yet.

As mercurial as Antony, Cleopatra complains that "the sides of nature" can't hold her emotions (Charmian, her attendant, tells Cleopatra to "keep yourself within yourself"). On opening night, Amy Meyer was just beginning to explore the character's instantaneous mood swings, though many felt calculated. Her portrayal didn't convey a sense of the queen's "infinite variety." Meyer could project a more ardent love of Antony, plus a starker sense of the woman who, according to Plutarch, tested poisonous snakes on prisoners to see which killed with the least amount of pain.

Shakespeare's sweeping drama's actually a triangle. While the immortal lovers express just about everything in and of the world, Gaius Octavian is everything else: a weakling, possibly a hypochondriac (and lifelong sufferer from ringworm), with decayed teeth. He's 23 when the play begins. Three years after the deaths of Antony and Cleopatra, Octavian renamed himself Augustus, declared he

was semi-divine, and not only ruled Rome but was also its *pontifex maximus*, or high priest.

JEFF SMITH Nick Kennedy, who also directed, makes Octavius a bully's ssion. younger brother, the kid always chosen last at the playground. Built from envy, stifled desire, humorlessness, and an obsession with order, Kennedy al rorabia, easy to see how this paranoid control freak praised by some as founder of the Augustan Age and the *pax Romana* — could invent the Praetorian Guard to protect himself.

Under Kennedy's direction, parts of the production wane. Uneven acting and strange cues contribute (as might adjusting to the new space). The sound design opens the play with "The End" by the Doors. After that it just gets in the way. Kennedy also has imaginative touches, though. His party scenes, in particular, rival the "lascivious wassails" of P.B. on a Saturday night.

It takes some doing to put the faces in the program with the performers in Cygnet Theatre's *Pageant*. The faces are male; the performers, contestants for the crown of Miss Glamoresse, are female — or, more accurately, men in beauty contest drag: gowns, swimsuits, statewide smiles. Plus, the performers are also in a contest. Members of the audience pick the winner each evening, So the actors, like their characters, are competing.

Sean Murray directed *Pageant* for the North Coast Rep, and it was a big hit. His current version at Cygnet, co-directed by James Vasquez, is sharper and funnier. Beauty pageants have a whole lexicon of gestures and mannerisms. The cast resorts to every one — from pseudo-modesty to clichéd hand signals (to show they're touched, contestants place a hand over their heart and flutter their eyelashes) — always with comic effect.

Pageant is subtitled "The Musical Comedy Beauty Contest." In one bit, David McBean combines all four. He plays Miss Deep South (other



Richard Baird, Amy Meyer in Antony and Cleopatra

Antony and Cleopatra, by William Shakespeare

Poor Players, the Academy of Performing Arts, 4580-B Alvarado Canyon Road, east Mission Valley Directed by Nick Kennedy; cast: Richard Baird, Amy Meyer, Nick Kennedy, Max Macke, Edwin Eigner, Neil MacDonald, Jesse Keller, Justin Lang, Hilary White, Keath Hall, Jeff Sullivan, Brandon Walker, Rachael Van Wormer; costumes, Stacie Taylor, Billie Baird, Richard Baird; lighting and sound, Morgan Gilbert Playing through March 27; Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Pageant, book and lyrics by Rill Russell and Frank Kelly, music by Albert Evans

Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area Directed by James Vasquez and Sean Murray; cast: Andy Collins, David McBean, Trevor Peringer, Eric Sundquist, Matthew Weeden, James Vasquez, Steve Gouveia; set, Sean Murray; lighting, Eric Lotze; costumes, Shelly Williams and Michael Dondanville; sound, M. Scott Grabau

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contestants include Miss Industrial Northeast and Miss Bible Belt, "whose hobbies include prayer and fasting"). For the talent segment, McBean dresses like Scarlett O'Hara. S/he sings "Camptown Races" with two puppets, ventriloquizing their voices brilliantly. Other talent segments of note: as the ditzy Miss West Coast, James Vasquez parodies a Martha Graham-like expressive dance (which isn't half bad) called "The Seven Ages of Me"; Trevor Peringer's lanky Miss Texas can't conceal her sense of entitlement or, the night I caught the show, her rage when not proclaimed the evening's lone star.

Highlighted by gold and tinsel curtains that have seen more sparkling days, the set could have been imported from an old Glitter Gulch lounge. So could Steve Gouveia's master of ceremonies, Frankie Cavalier. He looks like Bert Parks, smoothtalks like a Hallmark card, and is so sincere he's downright *eerie*. He's also a riot. So's the show. And I mean it...





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theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Antony and Cleopatra Reviewed this issue.

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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: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787.

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Night in the Ukraine Vista's new Broadway Theater presents the musical(s) about Hollywood's hey-

day and a tribute to the Marx Brothers. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROAD WAY, SUITE B, VISTA, THROUGH MARCH 27. THURSDAY THROUGH SUN DAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-806-7905

The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds

Paul Zindel's drama, about daugh ters 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, THROUGH MARCH 20; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-388-2621.

Fault Line One-Acts

March's lineup includes Miss Roberts If You're Nasty (in which "Barbie speaks out"), S.P.O.O.K.S., Tamara's Shadow, and Writer's Block. FAULT LINE THEATRE, 3152 FIFTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MARCH 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-692-3382

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-onfire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated. Next reading: Iphiginia Among the Taureans. Worth a try.

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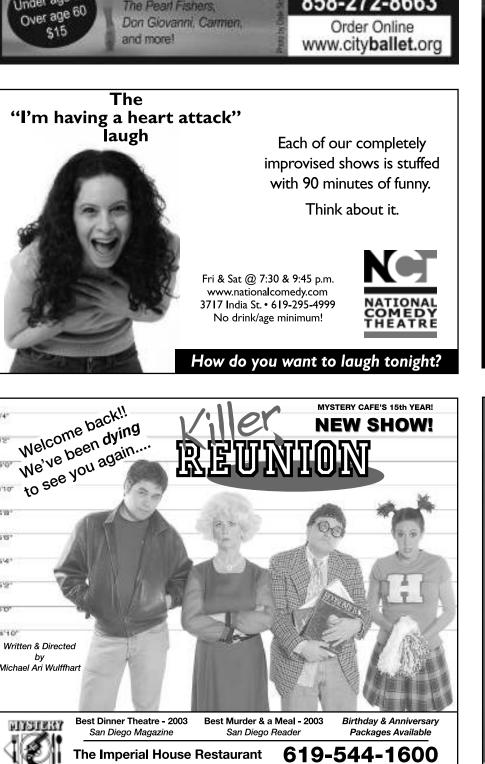
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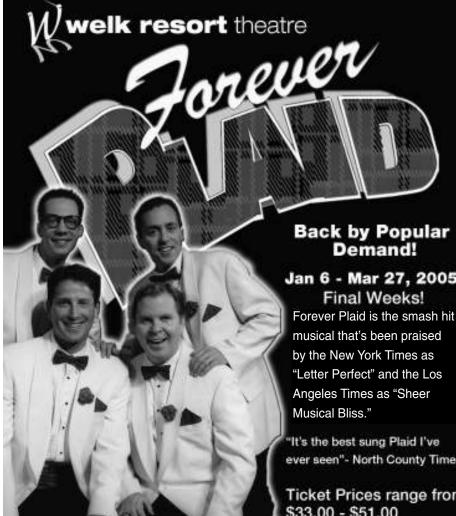
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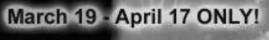
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The Odd Couple, Female Version

OnStage Playhouse presents Neil Simon's remake of his popular comedy about star-crossed roommates, this time with women as the leads. Jeff Gastauer directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AV-ENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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Parting the Sea

Eveoke Dance Theatre presents an "all-age fairy tale about the earth, borders, and the spirit of children." Gina Angelique created and choreographed the piece. OLD WONDER BREAD FACTORY, 147 14TH STREET, EAST VILLAGE, THROUGH MARCH 26: THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-238-1158.

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, THROUGH MARCH 27; TUESDAY

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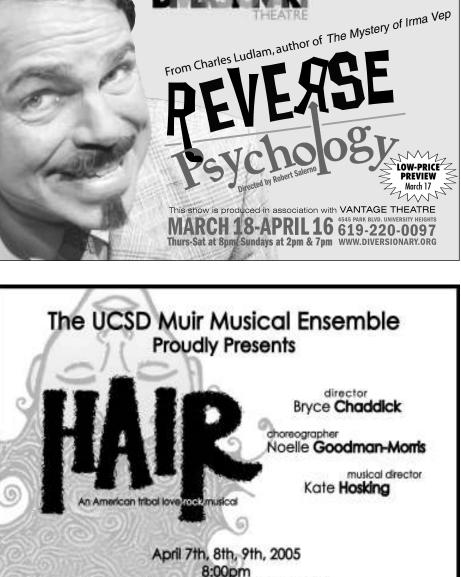
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Private Fittings

A Fevdeau bauble based on seduction interruptus. Eric, a "personal life coach" (he offers vague advice to people with vague problems), pretends to be a fashion designer who gives clients "private" fittings. Because the front door doesn't lock, the play's title becomes an oxymoron. It's clear that Neil Simon learned his craft from the French farceur. Private Fittings is also funnier than the La Jolla Playhouse production thinks. Director Des McAnuff and a frenzied cast pack every second of the show's 75 minutes with business. Every move is urgent, every speech a blare. Everyone pushes for comedy, and when actors push, they can wear an audience down (not to mention actors' voices). Feydeau wanted to show his audiences their foibles. Mark O'Donnell's translation is so jammed with local references, so La Jolla-centric, that anyone east of I-5, north of the Merge, or south of I-8 must feel excluded. And since performances are more cartoon than characters - driven by the needs of a comedic bit, not comedy of manners - audience members may recognize their neighbors' foibles but not their own. 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.

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The Squirrel Wife

Mo'oelo Performing Arts Company presents a reading of Kimber Lee's "American fable" about a woman who lives a conventional life but hustles pool on the side. Kirsten Brandt directed. TAIWANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER, 7170 CONVOY COURT. KEARNY MESA, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-342-7395.

A Thousand Clowns

somehow managed to time-travel a wood-paneled Manhattan studio apartment into the North Coast Rep (the mismatched chairs speaking volumes about the inhabitants). Costume 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 way-toochipper Murray, rather than an intrepid naysayer, 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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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 secret as well. Like improvisational comedy, Vigil thrives on quick takes and blackouts. The opening-night performance sometimes lagged, owing to slow cues and fussy stage business (a seemingly constant folding and unfolding of things). But Choularton's the magnet here. Black bowler hat, black overcoat Godot's undertaker? - he's a black hole on a blue day. And funny as all get out. Worth a try.

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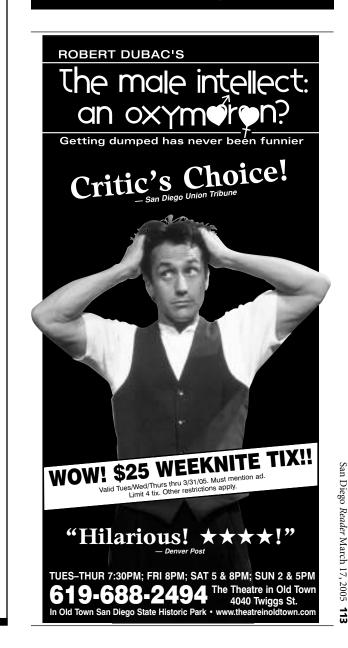
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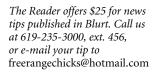
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"There were people who camped out here the night before to buy the wristband and new CD." Toby Demain, who works in

autographed CD available after the show), which sold out within an hour of going on sale.

People were sitting on tops of vans, climbing trees, and standing on the train tracks in order to get a view of Johnson's parking lot performance. Event security made people climb down



advertising and promotions for Lou's Records in Leucadia, was referring to the March 5 Jack Johnson performance that was shut down by the police because there

wristbands (purchased for an



were 2000 people attending. from the trees and off the Lou's only gave out 250 roof of a nearby building,

and the police made people

leave the tracks. A fire engine showed up. Police were giving citations to anyone who jaywalked across 101.

After seven songs, the police said things were too out of hand. Johnson ended up doing two more songs. Someone told me Johnson is doing music for a movie version of *Curious George*. — Josh Board

"It was just too hard to keep people from drinking."

Nicholas Lynch explains why he had to pull the plug on Hellfire House, the punk venue that he ran out of his Vista carpentry shop.

The seventh and last show at the end of February drew over 300 who paid \$10 each to see the Weirdos and Duane Peters' Gunfight.

"It was the bands who were sneaking it in.... They couldn't quite grasp the fact that this wasn't a bar."

Lynch has been offered, for free, the use of the 450-capacity Beach Recreation Center next to the Oceanside pier to throw a show every other week.

"They said DJ dances weren't hip anymore. Their attendance was dropping off." So the City of Oceanside pays for staff, security, and cleaning up. The bands play for free. Proceeds from the door, said Oceanside Parks and Recreation administrator

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Shannon Mertz, "will go to a charitable organization." Even though it's a citysponsored event, Lynch said moshing will be tolerated. Locals Pink Robots and Hellfire Trigger appear 7 p.m. along with two other bands tomorrow, Friday, at the Beach Recreation Center next to the Oceanside Pier, all ages, admission \$5. — Ken Leighton

Former Oceanside

resident and El Camino High School graduate Denise Richards is seeking a divorce from actor Charlie Sheen, whom she married on June 15, 2002. Court papers filed Wednesday, March 2, cite "irreconcilable differences."

Richards was recently seen in the film *Elvis Has Left the Building.* She is six months pregnant with Sheen's child — their second ("we hope for another girl," they told the press as recently as February 4) — and just finished shooting the film version of David Mamet's play *Edmond.*

Richards's parents still own the coffee shop Jitters Express in Oceanside. — Michael Hemmingson

The Queens of the Stone Age, Lenny Kravitz, and Gwen Stefani are three headliners who are expected to be in the lineup when the House of Blues San Diego officially announces its first lineup on Monday.

House of Blues spokesman Jack Gannon said the club will open mid-May as previously announced despite scuttlebutt that construction delays have pushed the date back to June.

"There is no way in hell they will be ready by May," said one insider. "Drive by there and see. They are pouring concrete right now. Permit approval after construction can take 30 days."

Gannon said final details are being worked out with the city, but he suspects the capacity of the music hall part to be 1100 (compared to 1500 for 4th & B, 1350 outside for Humphrey's, 800 for 'Canes, and 600 for the Belly Up Tavern).

A spokesman for the ABC (California Alcoholic Beverage Control) said the House of Blues has been approved for a 47 license, which is granted to restaurants that serve food along with alcohol. This would allow all ages to be admitted. Gannon would not say whether House of Blues would admit anyone under 21 into the music venue, though the ABC has approved it. "We're still working that out with the city."

Last week it was







announced that the general manager of the new local House of Blues would be Jim Biafore, who was general manager of the Anaheim club. A job fair is slated for mid-April where 240 new House of Blues employees will be hired.

– Ken Leighton

"When 4th & B **opened** [in 1996],

everybody expected the Belly Up to curl up and die, but it didn't," said 4th & B general manager Ray Johnson, who claims he isn't worried about the opening of House of Blues.

"We have ten corporate events booked so far this year."

Although those events are not open to the public, Johnson said Cheap Trick, Los Lobos, and Ratdog have all played at 4th & B this year for corporate confabs.

– Ken Leighton

When Grateful Dead guitarist Bob Weir

played 4th & B on February 9, Doug Hackett caught him walking into the venue at 8 p.m. Hackett tells me, "Bob...tripped and fell on the stairs leading up to the club."

Rob Williams, another fan who came to see the Ratdog show, said, "On the second song, he forgot all the words. I've seen Bob Weir 50 times, and he comes to 4th & B at least once a year. He's forgotten words to songs before. But the show kept going downhill.... When he did my favorite song, 'Lucky Enough,' he just hummed it.... After an hour of this, the band left the stage. We waited for the second set, and after another hour, some guy from 4th & B came out and said Weir was sick and couldn't continue. The rest of Ratdog came out and played for another hour and a half. The guitarist Mark sang lead, and it was great." — Iosh Board

Guitarist Jonny "2 Bags" Wickersham joined Social **Distortion** when

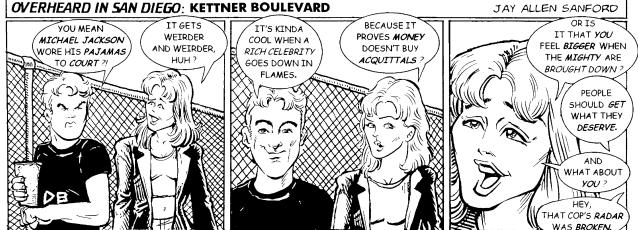
cofounder Dennis Danell



died five years ago. Before that he played in the Cadillac Tramps.

"We used to come down and play Iguanas," he said, referring to the defunct Tijuana venue (in operation from 1989 to1994). "We opened for the Cramps on New Year's Eve....On the way back there was a huge wait. I found out later...when they asked the Cramps where they were from, someone said, 'Mars.'





They didn't like that." I ask if rumors are true that Social D will be opening for Green Day for a fall tour. "I can neither confirm

nor deny Social Distortion appears

tomorrow and Saturday with Backvard Babies and the Streetdogs at Soma, all ages; sold out. - Ken Leighton

I was traveling for a fiber optic company in Europe and the States, says singer Doug Benson about his beginnings with the Johnny Cash tribute band Cash'd Out, which performs tomorrow night at the Tower Bar on University Avenue in City Heights, no cover.

"Nights were lonely on the road, and I'd go to a bar and sometimes do karaoke People each time would say I ought to be in Vegas. I picked up a guitbox and taught myself some chords. I placed an ad in the *Reader* for a guitarist that sounded like Luther Perkins [Cash's guy in the early days]. Kevin Manuel answered the ad and became my guitarist. The first thing he said is, 'You know you're playing everything in the wrong key, right?' " They

changed the songs back to their original keys. Benson tells me, "There's no spandex [in the act]. Just a black suit and a pompadour. — Josh Board

"Static-X has parted ways with guitarist Tripp Eisen, effective immediately," states a February 28 press release

from the heavy-metal band. The last time the band played San Diego was September 1,

2004, headlining at Soma. Not mentioned in

the release is the fact that Eisen, 39, was arrested in Orange County on February 24 for allegedly meeting and sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl in New Jersey on January 7. Earlier in February, the Orange County Sheriff's Department arrested him when he was discovered in a parked car with a different 14-year-old female. For that, he was released on \$100,000 bail

and is awaiting trial. "Tripp is currently

dealing with personal issues

that prohibit him from being able to fulfill his commitment to the band." the press release continues. "No replacement has yet been chosen. Static-X is finishing its

fourth Warner Bros. album, scheduled to be in stores in May.

- Michael Hemmingson

Jaimie Chambers, 25, is the youngest on-air

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personality at KTLA Channel 5. He's also guitarist in the local band Windsor,

which includes three Torrey Pines High graduates.

Chambers files news segments and does a daily surf-and-ski report. He admits the presence of his grandfather didn't hurt. Stan Chambers, 81, has been a KTLA reporter since 1947.

Windsor (www.windsor *music.net*) appears with Delancey on Saturday, 8 p.m., at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, free, all ages; also April 2, 8 p.m., with Ashbury and the Ellipsis at the Epicentre, all ages, \$7.

— Ken Leighton

Rolling Stone's March 10 list of "Ten Artists to

Watch" includes Louis XIV, calling them "a sex-obsessed, T. Rex-loving, glam foursome from San Diego whose selfreleased album and EPs scored local radio play, a slot opening for the Killers, and a major-label deal." Their Atlantic debut, The Best Little Secrets Are Kept, will be released March 22. - Jay Allen Sanford

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Active Duty

"Usually in the morning I'll make up a playlist for the day and listen to that."

hawn Chatfield is 20. He buses at Chili's in Santee and attends Grossmont College. "I'm going into advertising," he tells us. Chatfield owns an early-generation iPod by Apple. "It's a 10-gig iPod. My friend Rocco had this and he got

a new one as a Christmas present so he sold me this one for a hundred bucks. I got a deal." Chatfield owns no accessories other than an adapter that allows him to play the

Pod in his car via the cassette deck. A quick inventory shows that he has downloaded 2046 songs onto his Pod. "If I wanted to listen to all the stuff in my iPod, it would take, like, 15 days. Something like that," he says. "Insane."

Chatfield costars in his own television show, a production available on DVD called *Mega 64*. "It's like video games, *Jackass*, and *Mystery Science Theater* all rolled into one. We wrote it, produced it, and starred in it. I played two parts." Low budget to a fault, *Mega 64* was filmed for the most part in Chatfield's garage.

"We've sold a couple thousand copies. I got a check for a thousand dollars. We've sold shirts, and we got recognized at Disneyland."

How did *Mega* 64 come about? "We were just killing time," he says. "It got bigger than we ever thought it could be. We're making [the sequel] right now." Chatfield and his pals made six 30-minute episodes for public access television. They never aired. Instead, the show was made



available via the Internet. Minor fame followed. "I get recognized almost once a week where I work. People come in and ask me, 'Are you Shawn?' I usually give 'em free chips and salsa for recognizing me."

Chatfield's iPod also had a bit part in *Mega 64.* "We used it as a remote. It looks like a [television] remote, so it became a prop."

He says his iPod sees a lot of active duty. "I use it all the time. This is my favorite possession. I use it while driving, and sometimes I hook it up to my computer and play it through the speakers. Usually in the morning I'll make up a playlist for the day and listen to that." Mood and environment dictate his listening habits, Chatfield says. "The weather has a lot to do with it."

During the last big rainstorm, what did Chatfield listen to? "A lot of the Postal Service, and a lot of Bright Eyes." When sunny out, the playlist rocks a little harder. Chatfield mentions names like Weezer. He has also downloaded all five of the Harry Potter novels onto his iPod from his bookson-CD collection. "It's really good for road trips."

Chatfield has a sizable record collection but owns none of the software that would allow him to rip the vinyl and convert it into MP3 files. "Which is unfortunate, because a lot of the bands I like are on record, and I can't listen to them on my iPod when I'm on the road. A record is just...I like the way it looks. You can hear it spinning. I'd listen to a record over an MP3 any day. MP3s are easier, but records have such an old feel to them."

Any downloading off the Internet? "I'll use iTunes and other sources I've come across." The way he says "other sources" makes me question him. A defensive apology follows: "Usually when I get music it's from my friends...so it's not like I'm looking for the songs. Some of my friends will send me files over the Internet. But I know the friend, so I could just go over to his house and get the CD if I wanted to. But I have stolen songs before and, no, I'm not really concerned about someone [as in the authorities] coming to the house.

And a lot of the bands I'm into are not as big as, like, Britney Spears, so it doesn't matter if you steal their music. It's, like, who cares?"

What percentage of music on the iPod has Chatfield actually paid for? "About half."

Does he think people have downloaded *Mega* 64 without paying? "They do. I know they do. But I figure I can't be a hypocrite. Like, if I'm taking songs off the Internet." Chatfield changes direction. "I figure if they actually like *Mega* 64, they'll buy it. I'm kind of flattered. I've been doing it [downloading music] for a while, and it's really cool that someone takes the time to download my show."



Shawn Chatfield

Top ten from Chatfield's playlist for that morning:

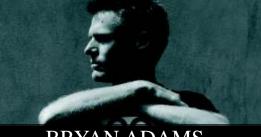
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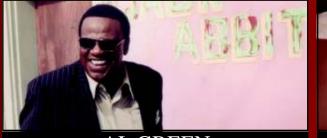
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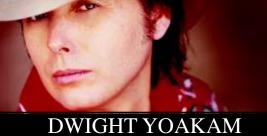
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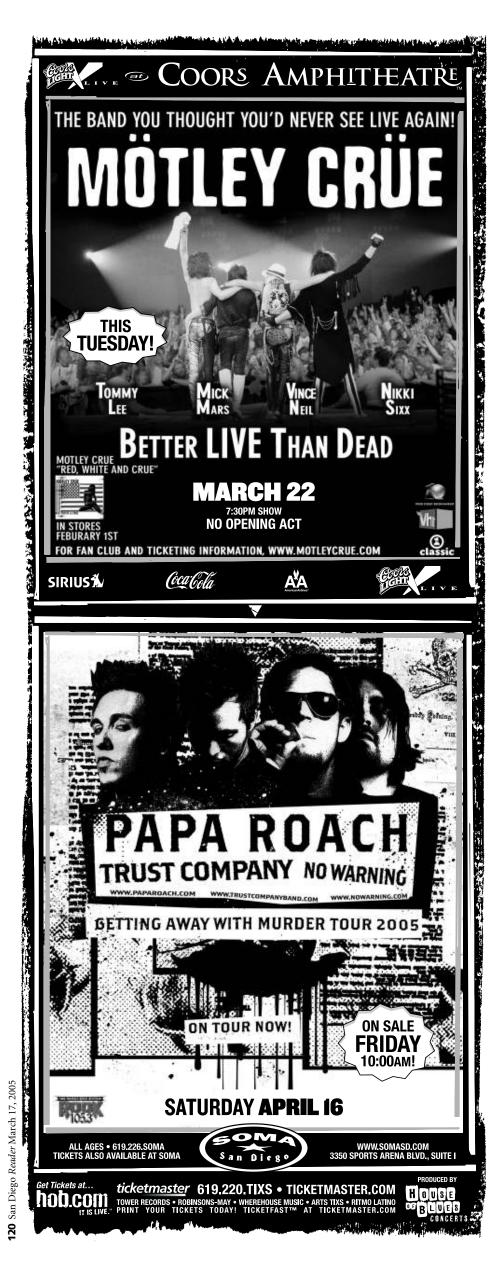


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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Big Head Todd & the Monsters [477]: 4th & B, Thursday, March 17, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Cocker [533]: Pala Events Center, Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

Blue Övster Cult [509]: 4th & B. Friday, March 18, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald [610]: Pala Events Center, Friday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76. Pala 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Social Distortion [466], the Backyard Babies, and Streetdogs: SOMA, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Deana Carter [771]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

Reverend Horton Heat [268], the Supersuckers [367], and Trainwreck: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Franti: 4th & B, Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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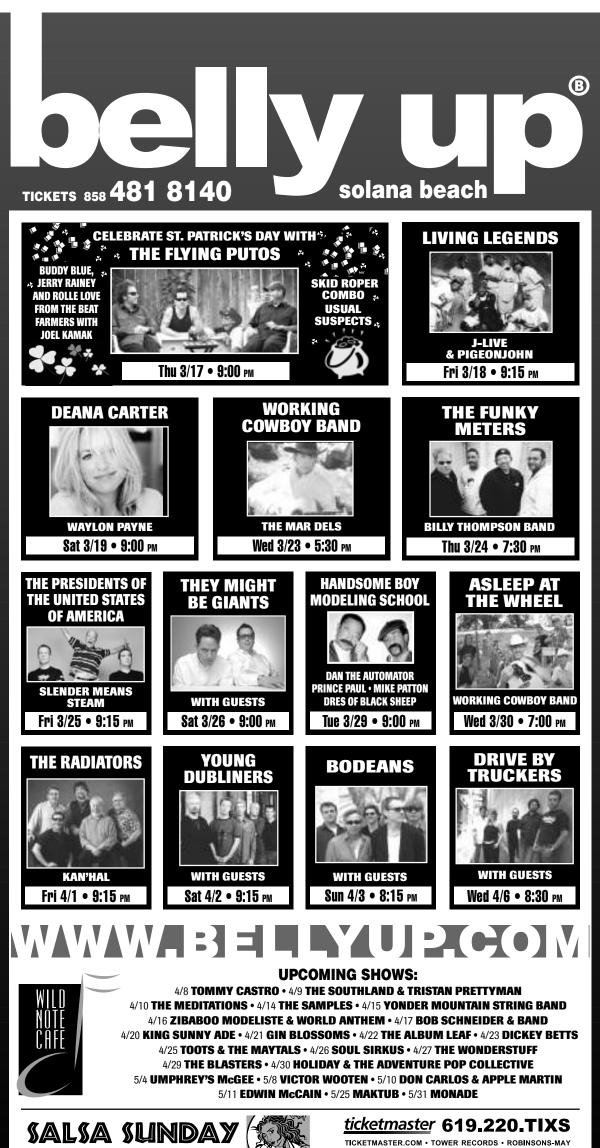
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Téada: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 619-222-0365.

The Byron Berline Band: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, Information, 619-303-8176

MONDAY

Xzibit: 4th & B, Monday, March 21, p.m., 345 B Street, dov 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

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, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

Boyz II Men: 4th & B, Thursday, March 24, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown, 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Pepper: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 24, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497

The Presidents of the United States of America [228]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Decemberists: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 25, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

They Might Be Giants: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 26, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Louis XIV [431]: SOMA, Saturday, March 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662. **U2** [569]: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 30, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Handsome Boy Modeling School: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Asleep at the Wheel: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Real McKenzies [558]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 31, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

APRII

Johnny Mathis [611]: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Rod Stewart [605]: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Cabrera: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, April 1, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons [612]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

"Taste of Chaos" with the Used. My Chemical Romance, Killswitch Engage, and more: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, April 1, 6 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

The Radiators: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 1, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Roger Williams [573]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 2, 210 East Main Street, El Caion. 619-440-2277.

The Young Dubliners [469]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Forever Fifties" featuring Gogi Grant, Peter Marshall, the Amazing Platters, and more: East County Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, April 6, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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.

"Lou Rawls Sings Sinatra": East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, April 8, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

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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. [459]: 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], Donavon 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.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring Toots Thielemans, Kenny Werner, and Oscar Castro-Neves: Monday, April 18, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla, 858-454-5872.

The Gin Blossoms: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 21, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.



Young MC: Brick by Brick, Thursday, April 21, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Ellis Paul [819]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Mars Volta [292]: RIMAC Arena, Friday, April 22, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497. 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.

Bow Wow Wow *[580]*: Brick by Brick, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Vanessa Williams: Rincon Casino, Sunday, April 24, 7 p.m., Valley Center Road, Escondido. 1-866-468-3349.

Gloria Trevi: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, April 24, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Toots & the Maytals: Belly Up 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.

Umphrey's McGee: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 4, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Victor Wooten: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, May 8, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Moby [282]: 4th & B, Sunday, May 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Loretta Lynn [763]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Strawbs: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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.

Jimmy Eat World [578] and Taking Back Sunday: Cox Arena, Sunday, May 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

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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.

Dramarama: Brick by Brick. Saturday, May 28, 8 p.m., 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483

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

Travis Tritt: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield [581]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, June 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Bryan Adams [582]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, June 6, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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. **22 Top** [586]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Tony Bennett: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of Iand Cashio Resort, 5 miles east of l-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

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Steel Pulse [730]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Foreigner: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates [588]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

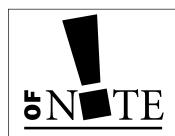
Lowen & Navarro [286]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Kelly Clarkson: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [779]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

JULY

Lee Greenwood [777]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Monday, July 4, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497



BY DAVE GOOD

Somewhere in the back of my mind is an exchange between members of the old '80s band the Dead Milkmen: "What are you gonna do down there? / I don't know, play some video games, buy some Def Leppard T-shirts / Don't forget your Mötley Crüe T-shirt; y'know, all proceeds go to get their lead singer out of jail." The song was "Bitchin' Camaro," and the Milkmen just about had it right. The Crüe had released Theater of Pain following a drunken car accident that cost a life and earned Vince Neil some time behind bars.

There was plenty more to come for the Milkmen to lampoon, had they so desired. Nikki Sixx would overdose and die, if momentarily, in Vegas, revived by a jolt of hospital adrenaline. And Tommy Lee even-

Julio Iglesias [608]: Palomar

Starlight Theater, Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar [590]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 31, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

AUGUST

The B-52's: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.,

tually ascended into minor porn-star fame when bedroom videos of him and then-wife Pam Anderson leaked onto the Internet. It's a cheap shot,

pimping the lurid topography of the Crüe's past, but who cares? Admit it: We're a tabloid culture. Led Zeppelin chronicled their self-abuse in *Ham-mer of the Gods;* the Crüe did them one better with the publication of their own sleaze-bible entitled The Dirt. What part of Mötley Crüe hasn't borrowed from rock's past? Their ordinary musical talent

was offset by their ability to resurrect unforgettable song hooks from rock's scrap metal junkyard.

Some say the Crüe salvaged the lame music of the big-hair generation with their arena rock — intellectually challenged, perhaps, but produced on a scale so grand that it didn't matter. With guitars revving like choppers and Tommy Lee bashing his drum

> 15, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Gipsy Kings [592]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, August 18, and Friday, August 19, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or

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619-445-5400. Jonny Lang [956]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 20, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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kit in a leather thong on a carnival rig perched

40 feet over the audience, the Crüe gave us

our money's worth of bloodlust and pyrotech-

nics and lyrics any fool could envy. And

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday August 25, 2050 Entertainment Circle, ula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Smokey Robinson [615]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4555 or 619-220-8497.

SEPTEMBER

Huev Lewis [593]: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

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Costa: RIMAC Field, Saturday, August 6, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Clint Black [778]: Viejas Casino

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Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 7, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.

Styx [591]: Viejas Casino Concerts in

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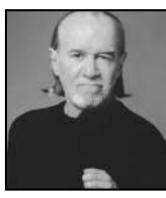
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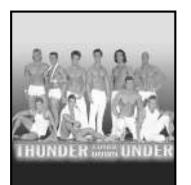


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ALTERNATIVE

The Adams: The Kensington Club Agent Orange [195]: Blind Melons Amity: Epicentre The Apostle of Hustle: The Casbah Aura: Brick By Brick Backside Slappy: Dreamstreet

The Backyard Babies: Soma The Biddy Bums: Lestat's Coffeeho Big Business: The Casbah Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys [343]: The Casbah The Creepy Creeps: The

Kensington Cl Todd DiCiurcio: Blind Melons The Disimilars: The Kensington

Doomsday Device: Brick By Brick Dosh: El Gato Loco The Dragmites: 'Canes Emery Bird: The Casbah The Evergreens: 'Canes First Wave Hello: The Kensington

The Flying Putos: Belly Up Tavern The Golden Hill Ramblers: The

The Gore Gore Girls: Brick By Brick

Havana & Oneson: The Kava Lounge Hijos de la Malinche: Brick By Brick

Hot Like a Robot [146]: The Kensington Club I Like Girls: Epicentre

In Reverent Fear: Epicentre Innocent Noise: Dreamstreet J-Live: Belly Up Tavern Josie's Ghost: Humphrey's The Kills: The Casbah Lapdance Lapelle: Epicentre The Living Legends: Belly Up

Tavern London Falling: Dreamstreet Los Able-Minded Poets: Winstons Lucid: The Jumping Turtle Maypole [344]: Brick By Brick Middle Finger: Dreamstreet Misty & the Mobys: Pounder's Mono: The Casbah The Mountains of Europe: Crossroads Cafe & Coffeehouse The Napoleon Complex: Epicentre Of Portraits & Killers: Epicentre On the One: Blind Melons



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Otenki: Dreamstreet The Oxes: The Casbah Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Payton March: Epicentre Pedestrian: El Gato Loco Pigeonjohn: Belly Up Tavern The Platinum Pied Pipers: The Kava Lounge **Plump:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub Zohra Ptah: Caffe Calabria The Red Sky: Epicentre The Reverend Horton Heat [268]: 'Canes Scar'd Sanity: 'Canes The Scotch Greens: The Casbah, The Blvd. (San Marcos) Shighlo: Brick By Brick Shoe String Strap: Winstons The Sights: The Casbah Sixth Day: Dreamstreet The Sleeping People: The Casbah Slewfoot: 'Canes Sole: El Gato Loco The Spits: The Kensington Club The Stars: The Cashah The Streetdogs: Soma Strive: Winstons The Supersuckers [367]: Borders ooks and Music (Gaslamp), 'Canes Tailgunner: The Kensington Club Tarantel: The Casbah These Arms Are Snakes: The Trainwreck: 'Canes Tristeza [300]: The Casbah Trunk Monkey: Pounder's Wild Eyes Full of Terror: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4003

Withdrawn: Dreamstreet

ROCK

Acacia: Blind Melons Agave: Tiki House Alico: The Jumping Turtle Arliss: The Jumping Turtle Audio Antics: Buster Daly's Bad Credit: The Casbah Cathryn Beeks [507]: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) The Ryan Bentley Band: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla) **Big Head Todd & the Monsters** [477]: 4th & B Blue Öyster Cult [509]: 4th & B Bottom Line: Boar Cross'n

Brain Buckit [563]: Winstons The Burbs: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

The Buzzbombs: Martini Ranch (Encinitas), The Casbah

Castillo: Brick By Brick Cilantro: Brick By Brick

Clay Colton: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub The Clay Colton Band: Killarney's

Irish Pub Cornelius House: O'Connell's Pub

and Nightclul Elvis Costello [497]: 4th & B Criminal Funk: Island Sports &

Spirits Dallas Retro: Epicentre Dead Man's Party: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Decompression: 'Canes The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's D.O.S.: Brick By Brick

Downspell: The Jumping Turtle Electric Funeral: Fannie's Nightclub



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The Electric Waste Band:

Winstons The Empire State: 'Canes The Evil Twins: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub E.X.P.: Fannie's Nightclub

Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill
Flogging Molly: The Field
40 Watt Hype: Winstons

Freedom: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse Freshly Squeezed: Surf N'Saddle, Neimans Bar and Grill

Full Xposure: Game Time Tavern Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports

and Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers Hat Trick: Squid Joe's H.B. Surround Sound: Blind

Melons **The Heartaches:** The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

How's My Driving?: Squid Joe's Billy Idol [564]: 4th & B Iencyde: Blind Melons

The Jackson 3 [495]: McP's Irish Pub and Grill The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge

Jumpstart: Humphrey's Joel Kmak: Belly Up Tavern Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky

Lounge Killing California: Squid Joe's The Kobbs: Blind Melons La Lluvia: Brick By Brick Laguna: Carvers

Life or Death: The Jumping Turtle

Los Ingratos: Over the Border Los Tres Sapos: The Calypso Cafe Loss of Control: Vista Entertainment Center Mad Habit: Buster Daly's Married by Elvis: Surf N'Saddle Media Lab: The Jumping Turtle Meet the Rector: Blind Melons Modessa [537]: 'Canes Money Shot: Blind Melons New Model Army: Brick By Brick Next in Line: Brick By Brick Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill The Old Highway 80 Band: El Rancho Grande Bar & Grill Pale Black: Second Wind (San Carlos) Parkhurst: The Jumping Turtle The Pimps: The Field The Plug Uglies: The Blvd. (San Marcos) **Tommy Price:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad) Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Proper Jive: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

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Reason to Rebel: The Jumping Turtle

Ripple Groove: Winstons River: Winstons

The Skid Roper Combo: Belly Up Tavern

The Rule of Thirds: 'Canes Dean Seltzer: Blind Melons Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

7 Second Chances: Crossroads Cafe and Coffeehouse Shakedown: Hennessey's Tavern

(PB) Shonen Knife [571]: Brick By Brick Silver Side: 'Canes

Silver Springs: Winstons

Siren: Brick By Brick The Sneaker Kings: Fannie's Nightclub Social Distortion [466]: Soma The Stampede Band: Etta's Place The Stepping Stones: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad) The Stilettos: McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Second Wind (Santee), Dick's Last Resort Street Heart: The Kraken TNT: Dirk's Niteclub Travesty: Blind Melons Triumph: The Jumping Turtle The U.S. Bombs: Squid Joe's Valeze: Brick By Brick Julieta Venegas: 4th & B

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Wick: Brick By Brick The Cory Wilkins Band: Bub's

Whiskey Dive Woody & Heartland: The Calypso

Cafe Patti Zlaket: The Calypso Cafe Zoo2: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Carol Ames [619]: Humphrey's B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise Bridget Brigitte [603]: Humphrey's Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant Elliot Louis: Bahia Hotel The Love Rangers: The Alley Rick Lyon: The Imperial House Makai: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's



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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Michael Franti & the Spearheads: 4th & B The Lights of Zion: Dreamstreet NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Psydecar [740]: Winstons The San Diego Island Boys: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla) Stranger: Blind Melons Vegitation: Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Taverr

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club Deana Carter [771]: Belly Up

Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's Diamond Rio [774]: Viejas Casino George James: Don's Cocktail

Wavion Pavne: Belly Up Tavern The Ranch Rockers: Renegade Inn

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acoustic Underground: Lestat's Ione Angeles: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Bill: Squid Joe's Steve Brewer: McP's Irish Pub and

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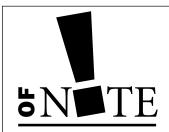
Rock Cafe (Gaslamp), Tiki House Josh Hall: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Harold & Chris: Blarney Stone Pub

Hunter Harvey: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Highland Way: The Jumping Turtle Jack the Original: Squid Joe's Jackson & Sven [852]: McP's Irish

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Eddie Baranek and Mark Leahev were freshmen in high school when they formed the Sights in 1998. Ordinarily, an obsessive love of '60s rock, soul, and psychedelic pop doesn't do a whole lot for a high school freshman's chances at social acceptance or career success, but this was Detroit in the late '90s and the Sights soon found themselves caught up in the same wave of retro garage bands that brought the world the Dirtbombs, the Detroit Cobras, and of course, the White Stripes.

With their soul influences and muscular, Stooges-inspired riff-rock numbers, the Sights fit in with their contemporaries quite well. But the Sights take their psychedelia

Meghan LaRoque: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Compan Gabriella Lalicata: Twiggs Tea and

Coffee Company Jennifer Lee: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

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and pop elements a little further than most. On their second album, 2002's Got What We Want, a Mellotron creeps into a couple of numbers, bringing with it hints of the Zombies and Pink Floyd.

Also on that album there is a little exercise in mid-'60s-style pop perfec-tion called "It'd Be Nice." Held together with harmonies, handclaps, and optimism, it's the kind of catchy, unironic song that people don't often write anymore. I've put it on just about every mix CD I've made in the past couple of

years. It's a little out of place in the midst of the Zeppelin-y numbers that make up the rest of the album, but it's strong enough to stand on its own.

The Sights have a new record coming out next month on Scratchie, the label owned by former Smashing Pumpkin James Iha. It will be interesting to hear which side of the Sights the band emphasizes this time

Ron & Andy: McP's Irish Pub and

Mike Ruggarillo: Second Wind (San

Stealin' Tin: Hennessey's Tavern

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

Meaghan Tubb: Twiggs Tea and

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod, McP's

George Svoboda: The Book

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around — the swaggering rockers or the crafty tunesmiths. Scratchie's press release promises both

The Kills and the Get Hustle also perform.

SIGHTS, The Casbah, Monday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 619-232-4355. \$12.

Robert Wetzel: Hotel del Coronado

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II Blue Heat: The Kraken

Blue Rockit [955]: JP's Pub The Blues Brokers: The Kraken D.A. Bookman & the Airtight

Band: Humphrey's The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe

The Charles Burton Blues Band

[931]: The Kraken

Chet Cannon: Humphrey's The Corvelles: Humphrey's Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Chateau Orleans

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Hugh Gaskins [944]: Sandbar Sports Grill, Rosie & Ioe's Kathy Graham: Egyptian Tea Room

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill

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Johnny "V" & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II Billy Watson: Tio Leo's Lounge Xzibit: 4th & B

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Tom Barabas: G5-Georges on Fifth J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub & Grille

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop Vicki Erigat: Edelweiss Restaurant Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado Kiell Holmes (994): Edelweiss

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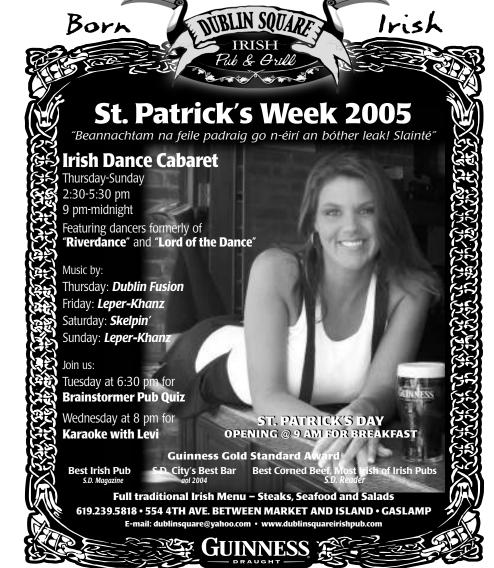
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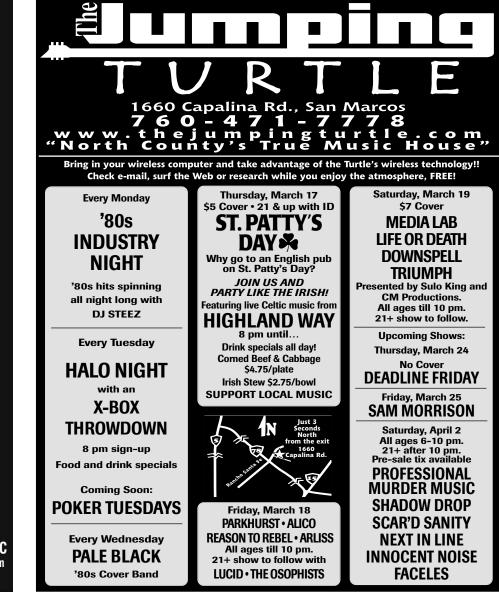
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Blitzkrieg Bop: Mondays, punk, indie, and rock 'n' roll with DJ Mr. Hyde. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Miami: Fridays, reggaeton and hip-hop. Saturdays, salsa, meringue, and bachata. Club Rio, 1299 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley. 619-843-7400.

Club Rio Nilo: Saturdays, DJs Mikee and Masterdoom spin reggaeton and hip-hop. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. 4385 Home Avenue, San Diego. Information, 619-264-8297.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, NF Velo, and Sailorgloom. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and IzM. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Midway. 619-224-4835.

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Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

HiFi: Third Saturday of the month, '80s, britpop, and indie with DJs Bczar and Richard D. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

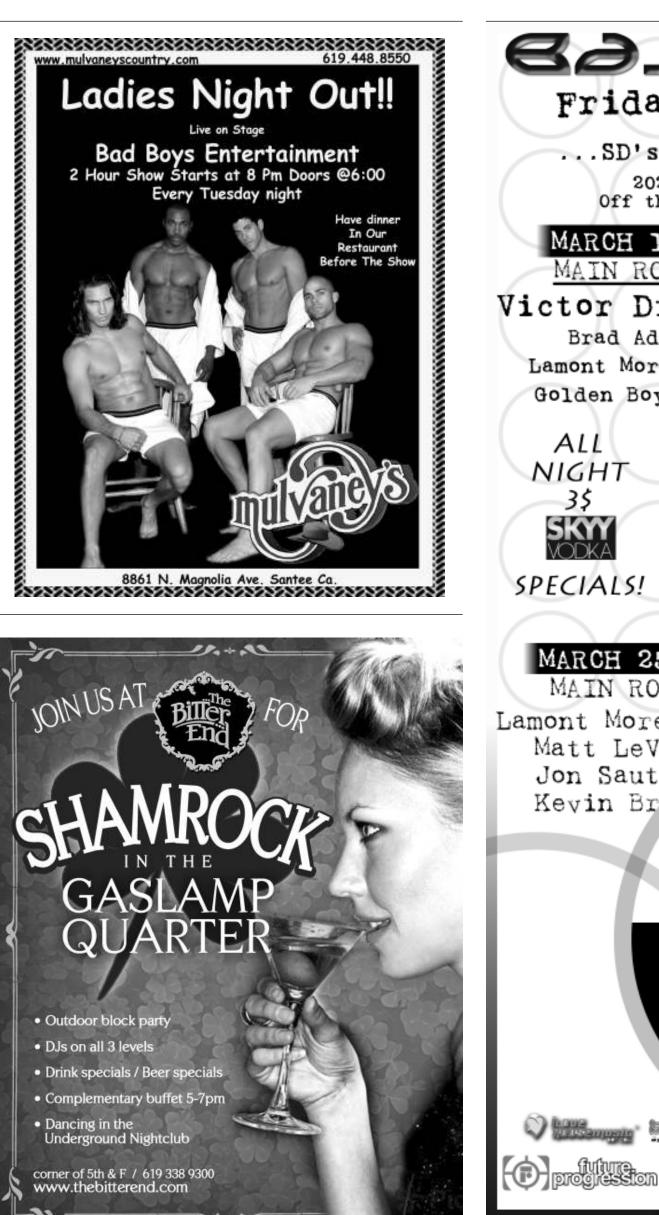
Liquid Funk: Fridays, funk, downtempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

The Mercury Room: Thursdays, R2 and CAZ spin hip-hop, dance, and Top 40. Tuesdays, Man's Ruin, Ribz spin rockabilly, psychobilly, and swing. Wednesdays, Klub Krome, the best and worst of metal and rock. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin









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grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, ntown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Plum Loco Saloon: Thursdays. Latin Night with DJ Rick La Voz. Fridays, hip-hop with DJ Lenny. Saturdays, old skool and hip-hop with DJ Rick La Voz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313.

Pnutz & Collagey: Wednesdays party hip-hop, loungy downtempo, and dancehall. The Morena Club, 1319 Morena Boulevard,San Diego 619-275-4431.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, hip-hop, R&B, and reggaeton, Saturdays, DJ Kool T spin hip-hop, retro, and Latin dance. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, hip-hop. Fridays and Saturdays, house. Sundays, Sunday Night Shakedown with DJs Jersan and Beatnik. Tuesdays, Step, house music with DJs Red Sonya and J-Be. Wednesdays, Relax, '70s and '80s funk. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest,

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619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hiphop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

Soul Lounge: Wednesdays, DJ Kutfather and Groove set the mood with R&B, hip-hop, and soul muzik. First Wednesday of the month, Old Skool Wednesday, 9 p.m. Buster Daly's, 3112 University Avenue, North Park. 619-284-2747.

subLIFE: First and third Fridays of the month, DJs Chronick and Chris Two Four with Voz Frontera. Deep/funky house. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

Suspiria: Wednesdays, dark '70s and '80s rock and dancepunk, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and industrial with DIs Bryan Pollard. Darkman, and DarkAngel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park, 619-574-0744.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper) Golden Hill, 619-284-6784.

Urge: Thursdays, house music Rich's Nightclub, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-295-2195.

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Album Name: Where Birds Meet in the Rain (2004) Artist: Bridget Brigitte

Label: BAM/Bionic Women Publishing

Songs: 1) I've Got My Rendezvous Too 2) Information Highway 3) Little World 4) Cabo Liberte 5) How to Play 6) Teach You 7) Fire 8) Abstract 9) The Likes of Jeannie 10) Agua

Price/Where Available: www.bridgetmusic.com for \$11.99 Band Members: Bridget Brigitte (vocals, guitar, piano, synths, troubadour harp), Dave Curtis (bass), Allan Phillips (percussion), Chris Lancaster (cello), Jay Metz (percussion), Paul Kimbarow (drums, percussion), Joe Marlett (shaker)

Extra Info: Bridget Brigitte plays at Humphrey's tonight, Thursday, along with Joan Enguita, Simply Complex, Josie's Ghost, Carol Ames, and Mike Dawson (of 103.7 FM "The Planet"). Brigitte also plays Humphrey's Monday, March 28.

Website: www.bridgetmusic.com

Fans of idiosyncratic, folky pop-rock will appreciate the darker lyrical content of singer/songwriter Bridget Brigitte's musical mix,

music carries a conventional, ecstatic pop-rock feel but is curbed by a repenting intensity.

which includes cello, flute,

harp, and percussion. The

Flying Putos (with Buddy Blue, Jerry Rainey, and Rolle Love), alternative/blues/rock. Friday 9:15 p.m., *Living Legends, J-Live*, and *Pigeonjohn*, alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., Deana Carter and Waylon Pavne, country, Wednesday 5:30 p.m., Working Cowboy Band, country.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Donnie* Finnell & Co. East, standards and light jazz.

In "The Likes of Jeannie" Brigitte sings, "When you tried them, in the middle of the night, when the inspiration's right and there's only her intrigue / hoping for the best, planning for the worst / you're your own best counselor." These lines are emblematic of Brigitte's lyricism: dark, ambiguous, and perhaps a tad too personal. However, this quality defies categorization and catapults Brigitte into a legion of songwriters whose messages surpass empty phrases.

Not everything is hard and heavy. Overall, the disk is a good mix of upbeat rock with a few melancholy ballads thrown in for balance. The arrangements carry the echoes of different artists and styles ranging from folk, rock, blues, and country, all nicely paced. "Abstract" and "Aqua" are entirely instrumental, driven by acoustic guitar and synths. Layered synths create a beau-

Bistro Soliel, 641 South Coast Highway, Encinitas. 760-942-9549.

Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman*, jazz/old Top 40.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the*

Plug Uglies, the Heartaches, the Scotch

Greens, and *the Burbs*, alternative/rock. Saturday, 9 p.m.,

country

Dead Man's Party, rock. Wednesday,



tiful interplay between rhythm and melody. Few groups equally utilize keyboards and guitar this effectively.

(To hear a sample of Where Birds Meet in the Rain, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4603.)

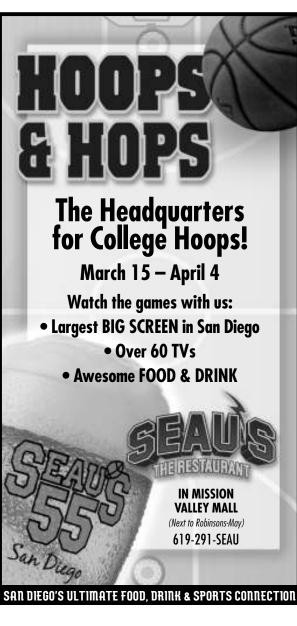
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The Book Works/Pannikin **Cafe,** Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *George Svoboda*, classical guitar.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479 0242. Friday, 8 p.m., Ione Angeles,



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Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Jim Earp*, Celtic folk.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *the Cory Wilkins Band*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, the Tom Collins Quartet, jazz. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, rock. Saturday, Woody & Heartland, rock. Sunday, Patti Zlaket, rock. Monday, Middle Earth. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Los Tres Sapos, rock.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Cheers, 2475 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-0270. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Ventilators, rock/blues. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds, classic rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Druthers, folk rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Billy Thompson, blues. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Three-Legged Dog, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Bruce Cameron, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Northstar, classic rock.

E Street Cafe, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Kim DiVincenzo*, acoustic pop rock.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, *Full Xposure*, classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, the Stepping Stones, Stealin' Tin, and guests. Friday, Ron's Garage, acoustic rock. Saturday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Highland Way*, Celtic. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Parkhurst, Alico, Reason to Rebel*, and *Arliss*, 10 p.m., *Lucid* and *the Osophists*, heavy rock/alternative. Saturday, *Media Lab, Life or Death*, *Downspell*, and *Triumph*, heavy rock.

Killarney's Irish Pub, 32475 Highway 79, Suite G101, Temecula. 951-302-8338. Thursday and Friday, *the Clay Colton Band*, pub rock.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Friday, Street Heart, classic rock. Saturday, Blue Heat, blues/rock. Sunday, Blues Brokers. Monday, Charles Burton Blues Band.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live music. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues, and *the Buzzbombs*, rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, live Dixieland jazz. Friday, live music.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, the Small-Town Heroes, blues. Saturday, Freshly Saueezed, rock.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Thursday, *Trunk Monkey*. Friday and Saturday, *Misty & the Mobys*, alternative 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.

Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle. Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday through Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sambajazz, American and Brazilian jazz.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996 Thursday, NRG, high-energy dance. Friday, Jack the Original, Bill, and How's My Driving? acoustic/rock. Saturday, Hat Trick and Killing California, rock. Tuesday, the U.S. Bombs, alternative rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, Freshly Squeezed, rock, Saturday, *Married by Elvis*, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-7234. Saturday, 9 p.m., Clay Colton, pub rock.

Tomiko Bar and Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Ben Powell, blues/jazz.

Vista Entertainment Center. 435 West Vista Way, Vista. 760-941-1032. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Loss of Control*, rock.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., West of Memphis, classic rock.

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Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla. 858-551-8554. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bradley Leighton* and *Dora Hall*, jazz standards and contemporary. Saturday, *the* Sacha Boutros Quartet, Latin jazz.

Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach, 858-488-0551. Tangier Bar: Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to midnight, *Elliot Louis*, contemporary piano/vocals.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, the Kobbs, Meet the Rector,

and Stranger, alternative rock/reggae. Friday, Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra, jazz, and Acacia, rock. Saturday, Agent Orange, Money Shot, H.B. Surround Sound, and Todd DiCiurcio, alternative/rock. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., *Dean Seltzer*, 9 p.m., *Mad Habit*, rock. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *Travesty* and *Iencyde*, heavy rock. Wednesday, On the One, alternative.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780, Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Slewfoot, Dragmites*, the Empire State, Decompression, and Silver Side. Friday, Rule of Thirds, the Evergreens, and guests. Saturday, the Reverend Horton Heat, the Supersuckers, and Trainwreck. Sunday, call club for information. Wednesday, Modessa and Scar'd Sanity.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquois Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744 Thursday and Saturday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Thursday, 6 p.m., Fred Heath & the Slidewin blues. Friday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131 Thursday, Otenki, Backside Slappy, Middle Finger, and London Falling, alternative, Friday, Withdrawn, Sixth Day, and Innocent Noise, heavy/alternative rock. Saturday, the Lights of Zion.

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., Iohn Cain, international nce music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mick Keys, classic rock/jazz.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert* Castellanos, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *the San Diego Island Boys*, Hawaiian reggae. Saturday, *Glu* and the Ryan Bentley Band, rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Shakedown*, 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



MUSIC \succ rock, blues, acoustic, alternative

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ last

Wednesday of each month is "Bike Night," with vendors and barbecue outside, plus giveaways; Sunday has karaoke; Tuesday has band auditions; Wednesday has acoustic musicians (unless it's Bike Night); Thursday has a jam session (all equipment already set up, and if nobody signs up, a local band plays); Friday and Saturday have live bands; St. Patrick's Day will have traditional Irish food, drink specials, and either a band or a DJ **CLIENTELE** ➤ all ages until 10 p.m. (some kids even do karaoke, since it starts at 9 p.m.); during happy hour, mostly crowd in their 20s; during lunch and dinner, mostly families and couples: 90 percent Caucasian, 10 percent Latino **COVER** ➤ none

HOURS ➤ Sunday through Thursday.

classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Salvador ජං 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.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach 858-272-7278. Call club for information

NightSpotting

ALOHA J'S 27497 Ynez Road

(in Tower Plaza) Temecula 951-506-9889

11:30 a.m. until 1:00 a.m.; Friday and Saturday open until 1:30 a.m.

DRINKS ➤ nothing on tap; 17 different beers; happy hour is Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., which gets you \$2.50 domestics and house wine. \$1 off all other drinks. and half-price appetizers (excluding seafood); Tuesday has two-for-one beer special called "Token Tuesday" where tokens are a penny because liquor laws don't allow for beer to be given away for free

FOOD ➤ burgers, Asian and Mexican dishes, seafood; fish tacos, \$4.95; Suki Auki Burrito (seared sirloin or chicken), \$8.95

ACCESS ➤ from I-15, turn east on Rancho California, and it's less than half a mile from the freeway (on Ynez, the first street from freeway, in the Tower Plaza mall at corner); large parking lot **DRESS** \succ casual: there were a few

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, the Sacha Boutros

Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Hugh Gaskins*, blues

858-270-6850. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Dean Paul Ratzman*, American

Hawaiian shirts, but mostly T-shirts ("Quiksilver," "Santa Cruz," "White Stripes")

DANCE FLOOR ➤ 8' by 20'

FIRE EXITS ➤ two — the main entrance and one from the kitchen (and a few fire extinguishers on the wall)

BATHROOMS > men's had two different restrooms: one with three urinals and no toilet plus two mirrors and a sink; the other men's room had one toilet and sink only (with wheelchair access): women's (with wheelchair access) had two stalls, two mirrors, and a sink; all three were clean and graffiti-free

CAPACITY ➤ 105 **SPECIAL AREAS** ➤ outdoor patio has eight tables with candles. heating lamps, outdoor grill, small bar, and a TV; area is not covered, but a waitress tells me that when it rains, they put a tarp up to cover the tables so that smokers still have a place to go

FURNISHINGS ➤ Hawaiian/Tiki theme with thatch everywhere, a few surfboards on the walls, fishnets hanging from beams, plants, 14 booths, ten tables, ten seats at the

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Free Air, acoustic pop rock. Friday, the Hoodoo Blues Band. Saturday, 10 p.m., Kim DiVincenzo, 11 p.m., Agave, rock. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., the Debi Graham Band, agressive acoustic.

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DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 111 when Blue Fish played: 118 last week at Chez in Tijuana

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ➤ Diatribe **QUOTABLE ≻** "I drove by here on that 'Bike Night.' There were so many hogs in the parking lot, it looked like one of them Clint Eastwood movies from the '70s."

A friend living in Temecula told me he saw a band called Nonsense play here when he stopped in for a burger. I have over ten friends who live in Temecula because it's cheaper to buy a house there; they commute to San Diego for work, so I figured this place was worth writing up. Band auditions on Tuesday nights could be interesting. I'll have to make it back for that. Maybe I won't be so skeptical the next time someone asks me. "I betcha didn't think there were any hip places in Temecula."

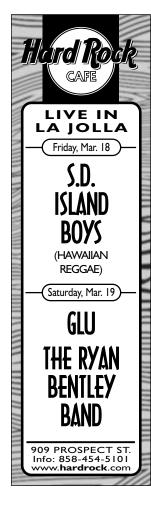
– Josh Board

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, 6 p.m., live traditional Irish music. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Jazilla*, straight-ahead jazz.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Shoe String Strap, Strive*, Inurseay, Sine String Strap, Strive, and 40 Watt Hype, alternative rock. Friday, Vegitation, reggae. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Silver Strings, rock, 9:30 p.m., Psydecar and Los Able-Minded Poets, reggae/funk/alternative. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., the Ravens,

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Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith*.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay, 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, pop. Saturday, *the Nude Blues*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Harold & Chris*, Irish/American folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Jim Earp*, Celtic folk.

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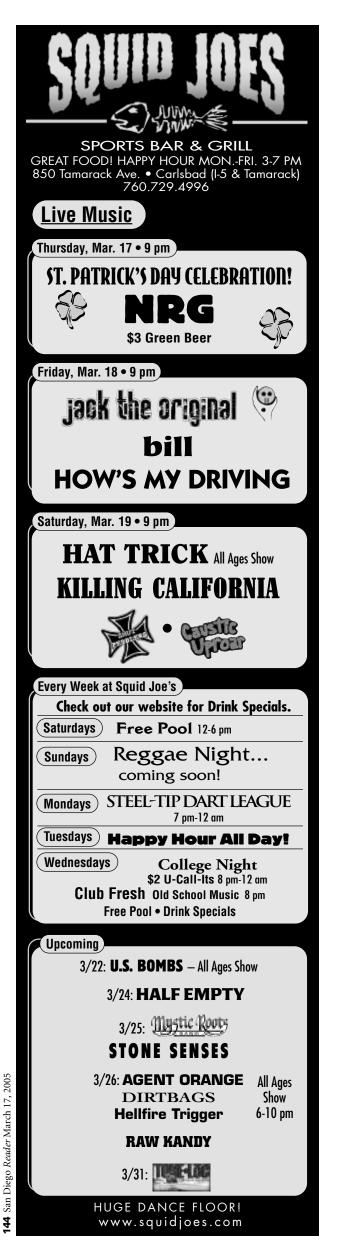
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Stage Irish

In America, everybody is Irish one day a year. Planning for St. Patrick's Day, I headed for what I thought was a new Irish pub. Well, bother and begorrah, I was wrong on both counts. You probably knew it all along, and you're laughing at me right now. Bennigan's has been around for about 30 years, and as for Irish, it only dusts off its shamrocks and leprechauns on March 17. At its annual St. Paddy's Day party, the restaurant serves corned beef and cabbage until 6 p.m., then shuts down, reopening an hour later for an adults-only bash with keg stations, specials on green beer and shots, and a DJ (cover charge \$5).

Housed in a stand-alone building at the edge of a Mission Valley mall, across the east parking lot from Robinson's-May, Bennigan's is not, however, a stand-alone restaurant. Purportedly founded by a real Mr. Bennigan, an Irish immigrant, it's come a long way since he dished up Mrs. Bennigan's stew. The restaurant is just one of the chains run by international Metromedia Restaurant Group (founded in 1976 and headquartered in beautiful Plano, Texas) that includes Ponderosa Steakhouse, Bonanza Steakhouse, Steak and Ale, and (the lone genuine stand-alone), Plano Tavern. The corporation has over 1000 franchises worldwide. You can find a Bennigan's in more than 300 locations, including Qatar, Bahrain, Korea, Panama - you name it. None are up and running in Ireland yet, but one is on the way.

What Bennigan's turns out to be is a "theme restaurant," to the tune of "Kiss Us, We're Irish." The pretend-Old Sod pub is cluttered with oldtimey decor — a red wooden wagon (home to a houseplant) hanging from the ceiling, walls covered with antique soap ads and funny signs, ships' gear, tools, acoustic instruments, and more. It's quaintitude in plenitude. But video bingo and trivia games line the ring of tables surrounding the cozy bar. The Saturday afternoon of my visit, the crowd ran mainly to folks in their twenties and early thirties, some with rug rats in tow. Irish pop played in the background — I thought I heard Sinead O'Connor, U2, and The Cranberries wailing behind the ambient din.

The bill of fare claims to be Irish-American but begins with an anthology of international snack foods — a buffalo wing here, a quesadilla there, a satay stick yonder. You can eat regular burgers, bunless low-carb burgers, double-burgers, veggie Boca burg-



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ers. Or Caribbean crabcakes or Cajun salmon (ethnicized by dustings of spice blends). You can bulk up on pasta Alfredo or head to the "Health Club" menu section for low-everything grilled chicken breasts. Many dishes are dubbed with Irish-sounding nemes ("Turkey O'Toola"

ing names ("Turkey O'Toole," "Rice O'Reilly," "Kilkenny's Country Chicken Salad"). But make no mistake, there is *not one* specifically Irish dish on the whole multi-page

menu. Except for March 17, corned beef is confined to a Reuben sandwich. (And forget about Ireland-Irish dishes like loin bacon and cabbage, black pudding and mash, Mulligan stew, boxty, bubble and squeak, cottage pie, Irish breakfast, etc.) It's easy to imagine the formula applied amusingly to other nationalities — for instance (to use my own), instead of the "Sláinte!" signs on the wall, they could substitute "L'Chaim!", name the place "Tevye's," dub their double-cheeseburger a "Goldberger Burger," and serve up "the Rabbi's Rib-Eye."

That said, the food was mainly okay. While we pored over the menu, we nibbled on that Celtic classic, tortilla chips and salsa. The paper-thin restaurant-style chips were stale. The salsa had a nice jalapeño kick, but you could taste the sugar

h Club" ered red onions "frizzled" in a light batter, chicken accompanied by ranch-dressing dip. Tasty — but -sound- you'd need six more mouths to help you with them if you wanted to eat anything else. In fact, all the dishes are

thing else. In fact, all the dishes are so generous that almost everyone walks out with a giant bag labeled "Bennigan's On The Go." The

of its ketchuplike base. An order of "Irish haystack"

brought a dinner plate mounded high with sliv-

"Bennigan's On The Go." The bags aren't just for takeout dinners, they're doggie bags for Irish wolfhounds.

Living on an island, the Irish eat lots of fish, and the closest approximation to Irish food here can be found on the seafood menu. Fish and chips are available, but we upgraded to the "Classic Seafood Platter." Our favorite item was "Tavern Shrimp" (also available as an entrée), prawns enclosed in a bread-crumb batter light enough to hint of a soda leavening. The battered fish fillets (presumably the same as in the fish and chips) are high-quality cod, breaded and fried to a perfect gold, leaving the centers moist. They reminded me of Van De Kamp's frozen fillets back in the days when that company offered real cod. A deviled crabcake with much bread filler is redolent of mus-

Bennigan's Grill and Tavern ★★ (Good)

1760 Camino del Rio North (at Camino del Este, 1 block west of Texas), Mission Valley, 619-291-8853, *www.bennigans.com*.

HOURS: Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–1:30 a.m.; Sunday until midnight.

PRICES: Soups and appetizers \$3-\$10; sand-wiches, burgers, and large salads \$3.29-\$8; entrées \$7-\$19.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: American-international pub grub, seafood, and steaks served in an "Irish" pub atmosphere. Full bar, fun beer list, okay wine list.

NEED TO KNOW: Kid-friendly, with crayons and game- and puzzle-covered paper kiddie menus near the front door. Noisy to uproarious, depending on crowd and time. All dishes available for takeout; get menu (or check website menu), call ahead and pick up. Annual St. Patrick's Day "Blarney Blast," cover charge \$5, tickets sold in advance.

Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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tard, with a little cayenne and/or minced red chilies. The flavor of the crab shreds gets lost, but at least it's a change from the standard cakes. The platter includes unsalted skin-on fries (delicious with a splash of malt vinegar) and a jalapeño tartar sauce that tastes bottled but improves with a squeeze of the lemon wedge. Rounding out this array is a soggy coleslaw in need of CPR: "Drain the dressing, I'm drowning!" it seems to say.

"Riley's Rib-Eye" is a boneless steak marinated in a sweet soy-ginger sauce, which also serves as gravy. (Evidently Riley has been to Indonesia.) Ribeye is my favorite cut, but this was tough, with little flavor. What it did have was sinew and fat — gobs of fat. (The remains were much improved the next night, when I trimmed the meat of fat, then threw the leftover lean into the food processor. Minced



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and mixed with store-bought salsa, it made a terrific taco filling - and now tasted like good steak.) This entrée comes with a huge dinner roll with honey butter, a house salad or Caesar salad, and two sides. The ample house salad features crunchy iceberg and romaine, cuke slices, a tomato wedge, red onions, and herbed croutons — altogether satisfactory. Garlic mashed potatoes are moist and homey, streaked with pieces of skin. Cinnamon apples are nearly crisp fruit slices in a viscous syrup studded with raisins. This dish arrived as fruited napalm; the apple flavor developed once the mixture had cooled. We sampled an extra side of pulpy old green beans, picked past their peak. I guess that's an encouraging indication that Bennigan's uses

fresh, locally purchased produce, not frozen veggies from corporate HQ.

Most desserts involve Hershey's chocolate, cookies, candies, and ice cream in various combinations. The creamy New York cheesecake is the sole grown-up offering.

Prices here are easy to take, and most of what we ate was reasonably appetizing, even though it tasted as if it were manufactured in some stainless-steel food-factory, untouched by human hands. Not soul food but soul-less food, it's about as Irish as I am. "Is St. Pat's the only day of the year you have Irish dishes?" I asked our server. "Yes," she said, "but if you want real Irish food all year long, you should try Hooley's in Spring Valley [actually Rancho San Diego]. They do a great Saint Paddy's Day," she advised.

I didn't have time before deadline to get to Hooley's Irish Pub and Grill (2955 Jamacha Road, Suite 21, Rancho San Diego, 619-670-7468; www.hoo-

leys.com). Maybe next year. It's a sister-pub to the Field (listed below), and like its sib, Hooley's serves boxty (Irish stuffed potato pancake). That alone might make it worth a drive.

Here are some other pubs where I know firsthand that you'll find reasonably authentic Irish food along with genuine high spirits:

The Blarney Stone, 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-233-8519. This dark and handsome establishment serves mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, in-cluding an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla) — but vou can also get the standard corned beef and cabbage that defines America's culinary celebration of Saint Paddy's. Food prices inexpensive to low-moderate.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was handcrafted in Waterford, Ireland. Its interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music, including live bands. The fare includes superb corned beef and cabbage — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef, not lamb), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub and Irish breakfast at any hour. Moderate prices.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp Quarter, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Old Sod, offers delicious live Irish music and serious forays into Irish cooking. Try the herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivore-friendly Irish breakfast. Low to moderate prices.

McDini's, 105 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-6771. This 57-year-old bar offers a diverse, mellow family scene that includes all ages and all races chatting, playing pool, feeding the jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." The food is mainly industrial-grade pub grub (corned beef as bland as packaged ham). The vegetables and the vibes are good. No wheelchair bathroom. Inexpensive.

McP's Irish Pub & Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the patio at McP's is a perpetual party. The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread loaf, and scrumptious corned beef and cabbage, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young it ought to be carded. To start your celebration early (and with lots of ballast), try the huge Irish breakfast. Inexpensive to lowmoderate food prices.

R. O'Sullivan's Irish Pub, 118 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-737-0954. One year old this month, this is the younger sister to Carlsbad's Tom Giblin's (below), with a similar menu. Escondido was obviously thirsting for a pub like this: The room and front patio are always filled with a cheerful crowd. Inexpensive to low-moderate.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub, 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Suite A, Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, Elizabethan-style building, this friendly saloon offers above-average Irish pub food, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, house-baked brown bread, and rather doughy boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes with a choice of fillings). Live music and a heated patio next to the parking lot are pluses. Inexpensive.

FOUNTAIN





Ghost Renters

"Colonel Manuel Ferrar built it and named it after his wife Rosario. She was the niece of Pio Pico."

he Bobcat hovers, holding its victim tight in its claws, then lowers the young plane tree into the hole.

'¡Arriba, arriba!" a guy in front of me calls. The Bobcat operator lifts the young tree and tries again. And again. Every time, it

tips over on a sharp angle. It's brunchtime, sunny, and

I'm slurping coffee and watching the drama from the veranda of the oldest surviving wooden building in town. Right here in what used to be homeless central, that noman's-land between downtown and 12th and the Imperial transfer station.

I've walked by this rickety building often, waiting for it to be bulldozed. It used to be on 12th

and K, where the ballpark is. For 100 years it was a rooming house. Then came the ballpark, and no, they didn't bulldoze it. They rolled the whole sorry edifice up one block, to 13th and J.

Today it's born again, cream-and-green clapboard, two stories, big windows, a wraparound veranda with white wooden railings - and a familiar sign with curlicue letters cut out of iron. The Mission.

Takes a moment...but, oh yes. I know what it is. The Mission, that kinda gothic eatery from Mission Beach.

So I stop and get myself a coffee (\$1.75, endless refills), grab a menu, and sit down outside to gawk at the tree movers. "This must be the most expensive piece of sidewalk in history," says this



guy in a jean jacket. Bob. Says he owns this build-ing, this piece of land. "We budgeted \$27,000 for the sidewalk and trees. Guess how much it's climbed to? Over \$200,000."

He says this place is Rosario Hall, first erected on Kettner, which was called Alaska Street way back when. "Colonel Manuel Ferrar built it and named it

after his wife Rosario. She was the niece of Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor." It was dedicated on July 4, 1870.

Ferrar and other bigwigs gave stirring speeches from the balcony upstairs.

Later, it became a saloon on the first floor and a meeting hall above. But Bob says it has also been used for church services, dances, political meetings, and as a brewery for the San Diego Lemon Beer Brewery.

By the time Bob bought it a century later, it had long since been moved to East Village. Rooming house upstairs, "Bert's Diner" down.

"Pity you couldn't have turned it back into a saloon," I say.

'Too much hassle," says Bob. "The vice squad likes wine bars here these days, not saloons.

'Decided?" says a voice at my side. Uh-oh. Kara, the waitperson, is waiting. "Still doing breakfast?" I ask.

"Oh sure," she says.

I scan, and...relief! Prices are doable. They have a bunch of pancake dishes around five, six bucks. Cornmeal pancakes are three for \$5.95. You can add two scrambled eggs and smoked bacon for



Sounds good, till I see the "Chicken Apple Sausage and Eggs." Menu says, "Chicken Apple Sausage is lightly sautéed, served with crispy rosemary potatoes, grilled rosemary bread, and scrambled eggs." Okay, it's \$7.95, but heck, only got me to pay for today. I order that.

But the sun's getting too hot out here. I retreat inside to a big space with lots of varnished wood, sandstone-colored floor tiles, a back wall painted terra-cotta red, dark-wood Victorian booths at one end, and lots of blond wood tables in between. Black-bladed ceiling fans look like C-130 props.

I sit at a booth. Kara keeps my coffee endlessly filled, and brings my sausage-and-eggs plate. Whoa. It is huge, beautiful. Wide white plate with piles of scrambled eggs, rosemary-flecked sautéed spuds, two fine sausages, and two great quarter-moons of scrumbo oversized bread, along with green onions and cilantro. The sausages taste as if they're from Italy. But the rosemary bread, it turns out, they bake right here. The potatoes? Can't resist pouring a little pancake syrup on them: dee-lish!

Two guys in the next booth yak away like there's no tomorrow. Natch, I have to butt in. They both live across the road — but not for long. William, the guy eating the turkey sandwich (\$6.50), is taking off for a year in Thailand to help rebuild tsunami victims' houses. (He's keeping a blog: www.williambay.com.) And Chris, who's eating plato verde con huevos (corn tamales, eggs, tomatillo sauce, \$6.95), has decided to go live in New York for a while. Says he develops websites, runs www.ignitemysite.com. "Doesn't matter where I am. The work follows me." Oh man. These guys have a life. I make a note to myself: Sell widgets online! Make something of yourself! Just as soon as you've finished this chow!

Ah well. Next time I'm going to try the "Chino-Latino" stuff they have for lunch, like the vegetarian roll-up (veggies, noodles, peanut sauce, \$7.50) or the Indo Chine Double Happiness Bowl (brown rice, veggies, ginger-sesame chicken, beef, peanut sauce, \$8.95).

As I head out, I can't help thinking about all the ghosts who must be swirling around here. Colonel Ferrar, Rosario, a hundred years' worth of sleeping renters, and those 1870s politicians, speechifying from the balcony above.

Back out on J, I have to check out one thing. Oh good. The little plane tree's standing straight, ready to shade the next hundred years. ■

The Place: The Mission, 1250 J Street (at 13th), East Village, 619-232-7662 **Type of Food:** American, "Chino-Lating

Prices: "Naked" pancakes (three), \$4.95; with two eggs, bacon, \$7.45; cornmeal pancakes, \$5.95; breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, cheese), \$5.95; "Mission Rosemary" with rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, grilled rosemary bread, \$5.95; "Chicken Apple Sausage and Eggs" with rosemary potatoes, grilled rosemary bread, \$7.95; poached eggs and grilled zucchini, \$5.95; chicken pesto quesadilla, \$6.95; Asian chicken salad, \$6.50 **Hours:** 7:00 *a.m.*–3:00 *p.m.*, seven days

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Late Discovery

"It's a very young industry here, and there are a lot of inconsistencies."

s corporate theme restaurants go, the Royale Brasserie was pretty fabulous. The art-deco vindows around the wine cellar and the sign for the Parisian Metropolitan would have been enough to charm me, but there was more. All those

pictures of fish dressed in Louis XIV garb, the foyer displaying the day's oysters on beds of ice to hungry arrivals, the elaborate tower of shellfish. I dined there once with my in-laws, and the staff made a fuss over the '83 Riesling from J.J. Prum I had bought minutes before at the Wine Bank. Very gratifying.

But Royale didn't flourish, and when the sentence of "steakhouse" was passed upon the restaurant - now Lou & Mickey's - general manager John Alongé decided it was time to leave. Alongé had been recruited for the job because "they needed somebody who spoke French and who knew about French wines." He fit the bill well enough: "I've worked in a lot of vineyards in and around the Loire Valley, and then I was a partner in two restaurants in Paris." The restaurant business seduced him, and he eventually opened five in San Francisco and one in Santa Barbara before getting headhunted for Royale. By the time of Royale's demise, however, the affair had cooled. "I got into it for all the right reasons, which are that I love good wine and good food. But you sit down at the end of the day and take stock, and you've spent ten minutes on food and



wine issues and the rest of your time on employees and broken equipment and product deliveries. After 20 years, I was burned out" - not on food and wine, but on the details and the day-to-day sameness of running a restaurant. Wine seemed to provide a way

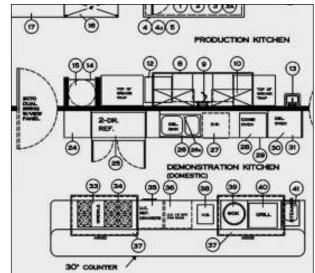
out. "I started doing corporate wine events when I came down here they would hire me to come in and do a tasting or a blend-your-ownwine seminar. I worked with local wineries, doing marketing for them. There are some spectacular wines in this county, and nobody knows

it. I do classes, and I say, 'Okay, who's had a local wine? Raise your hand.' A whole bunch of hands go up: 'I've been to Temecula!' Temecula is in Riverside County. Maybe a couple of people have heard of Orfila, or somebody's been to Witch Creek. That's about it." Nothing about J. Jenkins, or Fallbrook, or Shadow Mountain, or even Las Piedras.

Alongé decided he wanted to help change that. "It's a very young industry here, and there are a lot of inconsistencies," he grants, "but if you take the time and the effort, you can find some real gems. Somebody would call and say, 'We want a tasting on the roof of the Natural History Museum,' and we would do it with exclusively San Diego County wines.

"We" refers to Alongé and Hans-Trevor Gossmann, a chef and fellow former Royale employee. Gossmann went to school in San Francisco and

worked at a Michelin three-star in Munich, but he didn't fall in love with wine until landing a job as a sous chef for New York's Cellar in the Sky restaurant. "Andrea Immer was the master sommelier in charge of the cellar at the time. She would sit down with the chef and me every couple of months and go through all the wine that she wanted to serve for the next three menus. We'd taste them together, she would guide us through what components she perceived in the wines, and we would make our recommendations on food. We put together seven-course menus with six wines that would rotate every two weeks." That job led to the Vegas incarnation of Le Cirque, and that led to Royale. Gossmann began to work with Alongé, and when Alongé came to him with a proposal, Gossmann listened.



Floor plan, San Diego Wine & Culinary Center

adding local foodstuffs. Alongé agreed and decided to stock "locally produced olive oil, balsamic vinegar, hot sauce, coffee, spices, chocolate — the whole Made in San Diego' thing. We went to this place that grows basil hydroponically and makes 28 kinds of pestos and sauces. There are lavender fields up in Valley Center, and they make lavender honey and all these different products - they actually distill the lavender onsite. You've got this network of cool local products. People are going to be amazed at what's here in the county.'

Foodstuffs led to food prep. "We said, 'If we could do a little wine and cooking school, that would kind of tie it all together.' Then it was a short step to say, 'We need banquet space.' So the project grew from a 1000-square-foot tasting room to the 4000-square-foot facility that it is now." Or al-

As the two kept talking, Gossmann suggested **Quality Casual Dining for the Family**

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case for local wines. Says Alongé, "I started thinking,

Nobody can get local wines in this area. I wanted

to help the wineries build critical mass, raise aware-

ness, get their product out there. I teach some wine

classes at SDSU, and they have a Senior Seminar

in the hospitality department every year in which

they do a case study. We got them to do a study on

how to make the San Diego County wine industry

successful. I was part of the panel that rated the fi-

nal presentations, and some of the vintners were

there. What came back, over and over, was that

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The two have been meeting with event planners, pitching their baby, the San Diego Wine & Culinary Center. "It's going to look like a wine cellar, with stacks of barrels and antique wine presses. We can have things like Hans doing a chef's live demonstration in the middle of an event. We'll do a barrel tasting as part of an event — all these little twists that take it outside the realm of a regular banquet facility."

The biggest twist will be the "educational elements," says Alongé. "One thing we're going to do is grow grapevines outside and trellis them. We'll have plaques that explain pruning and trellising and all these things. We'll have a big wine-country mural inside, with plaques that explain what the winemaker does every month of the year, month by month. I've discovered late in life that what I really like to do is teach. What I really like to do is go in every day and be challenged by new circumstances.'

More plans are in the works — a possible excursion business, leading tours to Baja wine country and elsewhere. And the project is gathering buzz. "Already, we've been approached by investors looking to replicate this in Santa Barbara and Sacramento. I think the model — if you have the right demographic and you're near a wine-producing area — could be replicated. So it's very exciting. But so far I've just said, 'I've got to make this one work first."

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its



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"secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We're talking Caribbeanstyle food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles ("Cubano #2"), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself—crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don't leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (*3/04*)

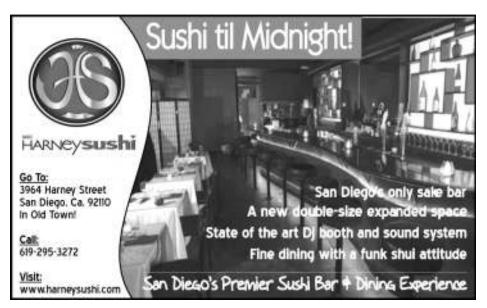
Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Sile dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Kim's Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/01)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast — the irresistable lobster-crabmeat croquettes and lobstershrimp bisque are pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It's a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wideranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays most bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you're a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day's freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you've consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don't feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nighty. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (9/98)*



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NORTH INLAND

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eyeful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (mussels with *frites*, crumb-coated rack of lamb, etc.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (6/04)

Dicrescenzo's 11627 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a stand-in-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-a-table, listen-for-your-ordernumber kind of a place. If you're looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn't gonna cut it. If you're wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out, this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, honest-to goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parmesan, or deli meats. The meatballs, a DiCrescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs — especially Rocco's Imperial Sub — are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *S.M.* (10/03) The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck àl'orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and a la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème

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brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (11/03)*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escon-dido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "tamale pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. -N.W. (7/04)

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*



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GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet chamagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sun-day brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves un-til 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cutprice dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. -N.W. (7/03)

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clic-quot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/03)

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is vummy - vou can't miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be ex-tremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations commended. Open daily for din ner. Moderately priced. - S.M. (2/04) Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-toceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you'll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli's seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant's name, although reined in enough to keep



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Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (harira), a salad plate, bastilla (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to

accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic - tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, al-monds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. N.W. (4/01)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you're in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don't fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pastas are house-

made and served with lively, unusual sauces, including *penne agnello*, a treat for lamb aficionados. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you're planning to have one of their housemade desserts. Lunch and dinner week-days; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays, Moderate, - S.M. (7/04)

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — E.W. (10/99)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house,

featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reser-vations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. -N.W. (6/01)

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Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food The menu offers fine "down-home" Koir own food rean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enor-mous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for con-venience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the cool-ers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. - M.N. (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine spe-cialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized ver-sion of the *gauchos*' great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, welltreated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are ex-uberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, din ner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (4/02)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going



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Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a pro-fessional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American en-trées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. In-expensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/03)

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is di-vinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are in-variably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m.weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted B attempts to nail new trick. A more tries.. sit out a bit

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make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in minimall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You an also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun tasso (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. N.W. (2/01)

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but "charming"? This Turkishrun alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish comn

makes the place feel like a Mediterranear outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turkish miniburgers in a baguette, or lahmajun, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it's closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner - and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional algrass, and sucky rice). Good regionar at-ternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/01)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali

are just two — and some not so famous The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inex-pensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Lao & Chinese Cuisine 4212 Na tional Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pep-per, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), tom yum soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pas trami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block

and a world away. Breakfast to early din-ner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/03)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th Steet (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not ly-ing. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. -N.W. (7/04)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that run this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery galanga, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-trys: BBQ beef, som yum (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb*—closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey

Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly takeout, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.* (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are won-derful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding fully stocked bakery. Open daily, break-fast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immi grant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna'shere they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, ap-plied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Rus-sian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stolichny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, includ-ing airy crêpes with juicy (and afford-able) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a

choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and dinner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/03) Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate fingerfood) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m. weeknights, 9:30 weekends). Mainly moderate (except for some special en-trées). — *N.W. (5/04)*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. In-expensive. — E.B. (5/02)

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most

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renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently cho-sen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. -N.W. (4/03)

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (4/03)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian sprawling café on the restaurant strada or little cozy corner as in Moonstruck - somehow Arrividerci is "it. The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include vitello bel monte (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicy shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B.* (7/04)

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantroladen pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowlfree options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Extraordinary Desserts 2929 Fifth Avenue (at Palm), uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly





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Fifth And Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your cur-tain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (2/03)

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffeeshop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to men-tion the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbe-cued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or

turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yaki-tori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. N.W. (10/00)

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801-2805 University Avenue North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items un-der \$10. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.W. (7/98)

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open week-days three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -*E.W.* (10/99)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & **Tearoom** 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food - most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghourmeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapa-cho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through early-ish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' pre-pared food section will feed you better and faster - than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections in-clude green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious original-ity. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restau-rant in Florence that won success by es-chewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of sal-ads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

Bangkok BBQ 936 Broadway Circle, 619-231-4124. "We're the revolutionaries," says the owner of this chicken-only Thai eatery. "We're taking Thai food back to its true tastes." The place may look modern, but much seems to be pre-pared traditionally on the spot, from tamarind sauce to bean curd. The "BBQ" part comes from the open grill upfront where they sizzle chicken, marinated in coconut milk and wine, for the satés, salads, and the basic chicken with rice dish. The chicken mussamun is nice and rich with its curry coconut sauce, and you've got to try the dish the owner invented to honor the city: the San Diego Wrap, with chicken *saté*, avocado, raw veggies, and peanut sauce. Lunch, dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smoth-ered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (4/01)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive. East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket - vou name it, there's a dish from each of those waters, and every one of them ethnically incorrect. The menu's actually an international anthology of surfer-bar grub — and like Waimea Bay's waves, it has huge ups and downs. Skip the greasy "Short Board" pupu platter and risky daily fish special and go for the well-seasoned crab cakes, shark tacos, spicy "paella" (more like jambalaya), or pizza. The surfy, fun decor and breezy patio easily compensate for some of the spaciest service in town;









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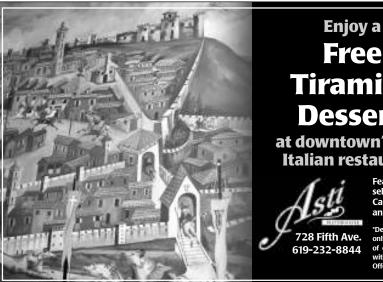
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Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surplisingly fine food in this vast, multiroom glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best din-ing nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. - N.W. (7/03)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking - with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around vour choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day he with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Rovale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house

Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; yegetables cost extra, coming in large por tions but merely adequate preparations Best dishes include "BBO Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cow-boy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures' sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W. (7/03) expensive. -

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies cal him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

Ra Sushi 1014 Fifth Avenue (at Broadway), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious - old, pulpy edamame versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how re cently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway Reservations accepted, even for sushi bar. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eye-sight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian

friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenian (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rose-water ice cream and/or pudding, or hamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. -N.W. (12/00)

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and yeal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)

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Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. -N.W. (12/01)

Bob's on the Bay 570 Marina Park-way, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob's, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial com-munity center of Chula Vista. It's a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pre tend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch. Casual, family-friendly to the max Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. N.W. (7/03)

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atme phere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balconvinside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admi-rals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/01)

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedbo racing champion. The tasty, bargainpriced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the zembekikos, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his

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mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beet dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. - E.B. (2/03)

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and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food — like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed empapelado (in parchment paper). must-try is the signature *cabreria* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with gua-camole, beans, onions, jalepeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (9/04) La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage

off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. All-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/03) Mariscos El Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south

Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Lo cochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire,

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he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried ce*bollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. -E.B. (3/04)

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escuadrón 201 Street), Zona Río, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda *Cien Años*. "But then," says Plascencia, "I got in-terested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian palazzo offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — E.B. (8/04)

Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restau-rant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called mole *poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tor-

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tillas. The delicious mole, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plan tain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. Super antojitos means super snacks, so search out the pastes - pastries stuffed with mole, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also deli-cious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/20)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered bricky drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated eggplant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is every-where. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trollev Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian car-pets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00) The Original Pancake House

3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, bat-ter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a go lden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere - striped gold-andcream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy fran chise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South

ETHIOPIAN

Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. E.B.(4/02)

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Pun*jabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)



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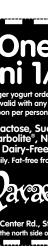
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f, with no prior knowledge, you were told that a film called *Steamboy* had been booked for the next week at Landmark's Ken Cinema, you'd be forgiven for imagining a torrid tale of forbidden passion swirling around

the hunky young towel attendant at a Turkish bath. But no. It is worlds away from that: a Japanese anime, set in

Victorian England, where for a change the Japanese animators are relieved of their onerous duty to draw ethnicunspecific characters, sometimes practically extraterrestrial characters, with inverted-pyramid heads, doll's eyes, and check-mark mouths. These recognizable human beings, by contrast, are Englishmen (voiced by the likes of Alfred Molina, Patrick Stewart, Anna Paquin), and no bones about it.

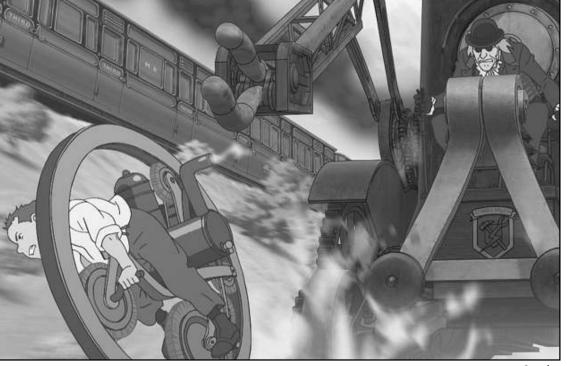
The retro s-f story of fantastic inventions in that setting, and of the misapplication of them for military might, will naturally and necessarily conjure up Jules Verne, one of the founding fathers, who launched his career as a writer of science fiction (or in other words, launched the genre) almost simultaneously with the date of the story, 1866. Further, that conjuration will not be dispelled by the utterance of so

decorous an oath as "Blast it!" This is unmistakably a kiddie cartoon, or at any rate a cartoon suitable for kiddies, and yet it's a kiddie cartoon with no condescension. Which means, among other things, no pandering to pre-school-

ers and no alienating of older nostalgists. They can keep pace as they please. At its heart, however, Steamboy is

expressly a boy's adventure; and the intrusion into it of a bratty little goldenhaired girl named Scarlett, together with her pet Chihauhua, cannot be warmly welcomed. It can at best be manfully tolerated.

Higher degrees of sophistication in the audience will be sure to find additional avenues of exploration, as for example the dream-logic development of the steam theme. You have, to begin with, your title character, family name of Steam, first name of Ray, a thirdgeneration inventor whose father and grandfather have been away in Alaska on a top-secret project. And then you also have, as the poisoned fruit of that project, your Steam Ball, a self-explanatory power source about the size of a soccer ball. And you have your Steam Castle, a fortress cum laboratory that would be the envy of any James



Bond villain. And you have your army of robotic Steam Troopers, more commonly called storm troopers. You could readily believe that the genesis of the entire thing had been an accident with the tea kettle in preparation of a bedtime cup of chamomile. A troubled sleep ensued

The graphic style, replete with imaginative detail and painstaking draftsmanship, would best be described as realistic comic-book; and in truth the animation, a seamless blend of hand-drawn and computergenerated, is only marginally more fluid. But if the movement within the images leaves something to be desired, the movement between them --- the exciting juxtapositions, the tight-knit logic, the urgent tempo - proves authenti-

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cally cinematic. The action, perilously close to nonstop, is invariably large and constantly growing (by the end, as big as Godzilla and its kin), yet somehow this sort of thing seems less wasteful and more plausible when it isn't live-action. When it isn't, let's say, The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen or Wild Wild West, to pick examples from a nearby period. Why

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should that be? Less encroachment of the real world, possibly, and less of a built-in touchstone of verisimilitude. More of an illusion of a private fantasy. Less tangible evidence of money and resources going up in smoke. More reliance on the thrifty pen and paintbrush.

The film's pièce de résistance, indeed a whole banquet unto itself, arrives in the form of a pitched battle in the middle of London, fought between two sides - mercenary and nationalistic — with equally dubious motives, climaxing in the liftoff of the aforementioned castle, shedding its august exterior, going airborne, and literally icing its surroundings. (Queen Victoria herself has to scramble for cover.) The shifting tides of the combat, and the long, sustained, crescendoing drama of it, are reminiscent of the final battle in another Japanese anime, Hayao Miyazaki's Princess Mononoke, even down to the absence of a onceand-for-all resolution. That particular stretch is an expert piece of filmmaking, with no apologies necessary for the means or the medium. Katsuhiro Otomo, the filmmaker, seems to be best known over here, if he is known at all, for the 1988 Akira. I'm going to have to go back and catch up on that one.

Robots, directed by Chris (*Ice Age*) Wedge, represents the other kind of kiddie cartoon, the leave-no-childbehind kind: a follow-that-dream fairy tale set in a world of robots, anthropomorphized and sentimentalized to such extent that an assembly-required babybot will grow organically into a tot-bot and a teen-bot and ultimately (to facilitate comparison with Steamboy) a budding inventor-bot. It offers, as they say, something for everyone: fart jokes and big-butt jokes, pop-culture allusions, corporate satire, the schizophrenic voices of Robin Williams, the aesthetic of "cute." Something for everyone, at least, who's not put off by the vacuumsealed sterility, the machine-tooled smoothness, the showroom sheen of computer animation. Or by the twofaced disparagement of money ("Profit schmofit!") and the pretense of higher principles. Those exclusions, even if they whittle down "everyone," still leave a constituency sufficiently large to ordain, by a landslide, the Number One Movie in America.

Because of the flexibility of scheduling at the San Diego Latino Film Festival, I am able to recommend, in midstream, the repeat screening of the Chilean Machuca Friday night at Allende — but it deals with it from the fresh, the naive, the novel perspective of a freckle-faced little redhead (an autobiographical approximation, slightly more aged, of filmmaker Andrés Wood) who befriends a lower-class charity case at his exclusive Catholic boys' school, and who experiences a broad range of coming-of-age emotions: the stirrings of liberalism (the fall of Allende will be felt as the disruption of the dream of oneness), the stirrings of sexuality (a session of three-way kissing practice with a savvy girl of the streets and a can of condensed milk is a Freudian gold mine), the stirrings of morality (disapproval of his mother's extramarital liaison, compromised by his acceptance of hardback Lone Ranger comics as a bribe from his mother's lover). These emotions are explored with complexity and courage, an ample penance for the climactic act of childhood weakness. If the total package — the autobiography, the Catholic school, the idealistic priest, the outsiders taken in, the traumatic finale - brings to mind Louis Malle's Au Revoir, les Enfants, it needn't shrink from comparison. True, some of Wood's arbitrary desaturation of the color, even desiccation of it, seems a tad heavyhanded, but that's just to say that additional force was uncalled-for. The film possesses power to spare. A sellout on opening night, it is a cinch to sell out again tomorrow.

A couple of amendments to last week's column. First amendment: Tony Leung is, after all, in Days of Being Wild. I didn't mean to say he wasn't. I only meant to say Leslie Cheung is in the lead. Second amendment: if I had more thoroughly read the program for the Latino fest, I would have noticed that The Human Condition: No Greater Love, one of the Guest Director's personal selections, is being shown (Saturday morning at eleven) on video. And I then would not have said how good it is to have it back on a big screen.

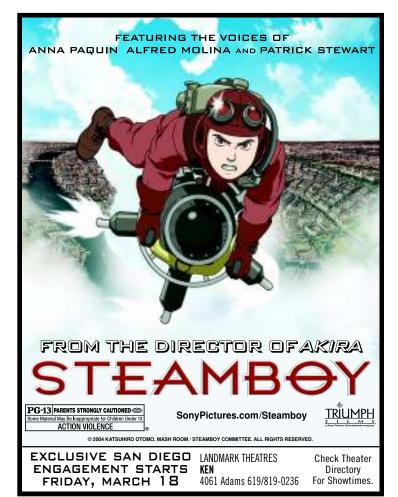
MOVIE LISTINGS

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release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushing-three-hours epic on the tumultuous career of Howard Hughes (the eternally boyish Leonardo DiCaprio, deficient in gravitas even with the added mustache midway through) in the parallel worlds of filmmaking and aeronautics *circa* 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes follies of the then most expensive film ever produced, Hell's Angels; an exciting test flight in 1935, breaking the existing speed record, and a spectacular crash in 1946 in the heart of Beverly Hills, breaking numerous bones; two face-offs, or face-downs, of inquisitorial panels, first the Hollywood censors up in arms over Jane Russell's décolletage in The Outlaw, and then a U.S. Senate committee ostensibly piqued over his misuse of government funds during the war; and a whole host of illustrations of his personal eccentricities (to pick a mild word): the handshake phobia, the stuck-phonograph-needle speech tic (suppressible only by a hand over his mouth), the lengthy sequestration in a studio screening room, with the resultant lengthy hair and fingernails, and the daily recycling of the delivered milk bottles as urinals. One way or another, the caricatures of Hollywood luminaries (principally Cate Blanchett's recognizable Kate Hepburn, if only verbally, and Kate Beckinsale's unrecognizable Ava Gardner) add to our entertainment as well - if, again, not to our insight. And, although useless as a narrative device or even a period-evocation device, Scorsese's pedantic reproduction of the primitive two-color process (reds and blues only, yielding blue peas, blue foliage, etc.), evolving into a fuller spectrum with the passage of time, might tickle aficionados. Surely Scorsese, however, was fishing for a stronger compliment than words to the effect that his movie is good for a few laughs. John C. Reilly, Alec Baldwin, Alan Alda. 2004.

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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 fullblooded 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPI ACE 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)

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. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Bride and Preiudice — A Jane Austenpattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, filmmaker Gurinder Chadha (Bhaji on the Beach, Bend It Like Beckham) aggressively pushes the third word into the realm of race relations, as an Ugly American hotel king, retaining the family name of Darcy, and idly looking to acquire a property in what he views as "Hicksville, India," butts heads with a marriageable but modern-minded native ("I thought we got rid of imperialists like you"), quite impervious to the advice of her conventional mother: "Don't say anything too intelligent." (It is still a fairy tale, for all that, a long way shy of a 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



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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. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

The Brother from Another Planet —

John Sayles, in his script contributions to things like *Alligator* and *The Battle beyond* the Stars, has shown his allegiance to grade Z science fiction. But in this, a tale of a black extraterrestrial hiding out in Harlem from two white pursuers (one of them played by Sayles himself), his allegiance to the type extends all the way to total responsibility: writing, directing, editing. It isn't just a matter of cheapness, with the attendant sound problems and image problems. It is also the deliberate dumbness (and undeliberate dullness). The liberal sentimentality, never an incompatible element in science fiction, doesn't raise the level a single notch. With Joe Morton. 1985. ● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3/20, 2 P.M.)

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,



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is cast as the angel Gabriel, and seems to take the job seriously; Peter Stormare is Lucifer, and seems not to. With Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Pruitt Taylor Vince, Djimon Hounsou; directed by Francis Lawrence. 2005.

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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. ● (GASLAMP 15: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Days of Being Wild — Hong Kong filmmaker Wong Kar-wai, in his second

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feature, paints a portrait of an indolent, amoral, apathetic lady-killer and his poisonous milieu, ca. 1960. 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. And then suddenly it all goes to pieces: abruptness, choppiness, sensationalism, incoherence. (A different man entirely is credited as Action Director, so maybe it was out of Wong's hands.) The total experience might be confusing and frustrating, but the five-sixths experience is marvelous while it lasts. Leslie Cheung, Maggie Cheung, Andy Lau, Carina Lau. 1991. ★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 3/17)

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. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Downfall — Oliver Hirschbiegel's recreation of the final days of the Third Reich. with Bruno Ganz as Hitler. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 3/18)

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



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indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of* Penzance), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play's subtitle, "The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up," applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what's more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she's not going to be allowed to cough unless she's going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15;

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The Fugitive — John Ford's sanctification of a Mexican whisky priest, from the Graham Greene novel, *The Power and the Glory*. It is Ford's highest-striving movie, which for him will have to mean his most experimentally Expressionistic. (It is also, as he stubbornly maintained in the face of public and critical rejection, his personal favorite.) Seldom on screen has such intellectual naiveté been put across with such visual suavity. Not nearly the sacred object it was intended to be; but a fascinating artifact of religious kitsch nonetheless. With Henry Fonda, Dolores Del Rio, Pedro Armendariz, and Ward Bond. 1947. **★★★** (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/20, 5 P.M.)

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. ★ (HILCREST CINEMAS)

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. (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

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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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAWP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

Hostage — Times two. A small-town sheriff, and burnt-out big-town SWAT negotiator, faces a hostage crisis at a fortified hillside mansion, but the head of the house has connections to big-time criminals, who then take the sheriff's family hostage, too, to compel his co-operation. Brassy, bombastic suspense film, with a host of badly acted bad guys. Bruce Willis, as the good guy, uncoolly sweats and frets, but he sweats and frets on the grandest scale. With Kevin Pollak, Ben Foster, Jonathan Tucker; directed by Florent Siri, 2005. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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

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Hotel Rwanda - Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between *The Killing Fields* and *Schindler's List*, it mercilessly plays the shame game ("Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them the French, the English, the Americans"), while it also gives us a real-life hero to identify with and become involved with: a humble hotel manager (Hutu married to Tutsi) who shelters over a thousand refugees in his four-star resort. Don Cheadle is for the most part admirably restrained, though not the part where he rips open his shirt in a cliché of despondency. Nicely, cleanly, warmly photographed by the Frenchman Robert Fraisse. With Sophie Okonedo, Nick Nolte, Joaquin Phoenix, Cara Seymour; directed by Terry George. 2004. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13)

Ice Princess — Michelle Trachtenberg as an aspiring figure skater, with Joan Cusack and Kim Cattrall, directed by Tim Fywell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/18)

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, THROUGH 3/17)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who



are poor matches for the mature adult establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device right at the outset and at intervals throughout - of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the insects - the individuality of every creature in the species - carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's Gods and Monsters), amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 3/18)

Machuca — Reviewed this issue. With Matías Quer, Ariel Mateluna, Manuela Martelli, Aline Kuppenheim, and Federico Luppi; directed by Andrés Wood. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/18, 7 P.M.)

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. (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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)

Million Dollar Baby — It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of Mystic River, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of Blood Work, Space Cowboys, True Crime, Absolute Power. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fightfilm conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character — a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager, and cut man — taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a latestarter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as Mystic River, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will

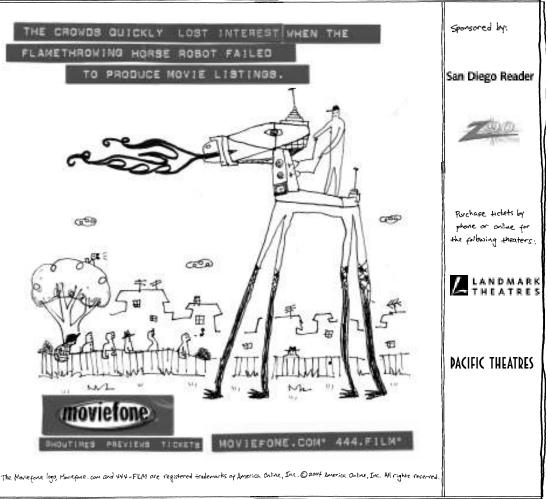
likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional *Mystic River*, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect - the very thought - of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name. Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than

just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman. 2004. ★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Pacifier — Vin Diesel tries his hand at family comedy, directed by Adam Shankman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 martvrdom 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. (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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





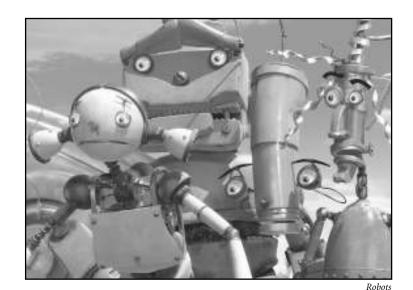
absent from the screen for too long at a stretch. There's a nice scene of the newly blind boy at age seven or eight, getting his bearings from the aural co-ordinates around the wood shanty he calls home, while his mother stands by in silence and lets him figure it out for himself. There could have been 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)

The Ring Two — American remake of a Japanese horror sequel, by the original director, Hideo Nakata, starring Naomi Watts, Simon Baker, Sissy Spacek.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 3/18)

Robots — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Greg Kinnear, and Robin Williams: directed by Chris Wedge. (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 SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Rocco and His Brothers — Visconti's chronicle of a Sicilian family's disintegration after its uprooting and resettling in industrial Milan equals the scale and sweep and social minutiae of very fat novels. It originates in the realist tradition, but its shriekingly operatic stylization, on justifiable occasions, carries it along Visconti's own private tributary. With Alain Delon, Annie Girardot, Renato Salvatore, and Claudia



Cardinale. 1960. ★★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 3/18, 4 P.M.)

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 Aleiandro 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

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 everytwelve-years religious fesitval at the confluence of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers, a sacred pilgrimage undertaken by tens of millions, a sort of outsized state fair of Eastern holy men (and women) and their disciples, a veritable smorgasbord of spirituality. The filmmakers' sampling of the fare, under the cheerful guidance of a bespectacled young Hindu monk called Swami Krishnanand, is surely the next best thing to being there. Or for the less devoted, a better thing. 2004. ★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 3/18)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and winetasting a week before the former's wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the

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Fashion Valley 18

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640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Ring Two; Ice Princess; The Upside of Anger; Robots; Hostage; Be Cool; The Jacket; The Pacifier; Diary of a Mad Black Woman; Constantine; Hitch; The Wedding Date; Million Dollar Baby; The Aviator

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Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:45; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:35, 5:55) 8:20; **Hostage** (R) Fri. (3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:50) 8:10; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (2:55) 5:05, 7:25, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:05, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:45) 7:55; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:40) 8:00; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:35) 4:50, 7:15, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:25, 5:25) 7:30

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Grossmont Center Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:45; Sun. (1:50) 4:50, 7:35, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (11:10, 2:00, 4:50) 7:35, 10:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 10:30, 11:01, Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 9:45; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 1:55) 4:55, 7:55, 10:50; Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:25, 2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; **Ice Princess** (G) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; Mon. (11:00, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:35; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30)

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Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **The Aviator** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 6:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 5:10); **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:20) 6:25, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:40) 6:20; Constantine (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:10) 6:15, 9:05; Mon.-Thu, (1:10, 3:50) 6:40; Ice Princess (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:50) 6:30, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:10) 6:05; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 6:40, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, (12:49, 5:19) (5:49, 5:22, Mon.-Thu. (12:49, 3:25) (5:25; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) (5:45, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:55) 6:45; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 6:20, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:30) 6:30; **Side**ways (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 3:00) 6:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:35) 6:35

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Iamacha Road

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 1:00, 3:55, 4:45) 6:55, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 3:55, 4:45) 6:55, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:55, 4:45) 6:55, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35: Constantine (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:50) 6:55, 9:50; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; Hitch (FG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:10) 7:05, 9:55; Hostage (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:25) 7:15, 10:20; Ice Princess (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **The Jacket** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55, 5:30) 8:10, 10:45; **Little Nemo**: Adventures in Slumberland (G) Sat.-Sun (12:00); **Man of the House** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:10, 10:30; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:50, 1:30, 2:40, 3:20, 4:00, 5:10) 6:00, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:35, 10:10

aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bridegroom, determined to sow as many wild oats as possible, has his amorous entanglements and his torturous extrications, while his divorced and depressed pal warms up slowly to a potential soul mate. It would not be difficult to picture, let's say, Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne. apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About* Schmidt, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what's best for the film rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker's wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the New York Times crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother's birthday card as he walks from his car to her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as



an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit - 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: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Steamboy — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Anna Paquin, Alfred Molina, Patrick Stewart, and Kari Wahlgren; directed

Hostage (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat.

8:15; Ice Princess (G) Fri, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15,

9:45; Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu.

2:45, 5:00, 7:15; The Pacifier (PG) Fri. 3:00,

2:45, 5:00, 7:15, The Fachier (FG) Fil. 5:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45;

Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00

(12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00

10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45,

by Katsuhiro Otomo. ★★★ (KEN, 3/18 THROUGH 24)

Up and Down — Intersecting storylines in contemporary Czechoslovakia, directed by Ian Hrebeik. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 3/18)

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 VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15 Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

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NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Hostage (R) Fri-Sat. 11:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15; Sun. 11:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:55; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:35, 8:45; Sun. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:35; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:45; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:35; Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10; Mon.-Thu, 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:15; Sun. 11:45, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; Hostage (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00. 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; **Ice** Princess (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **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, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Bride and Prejudice** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:15; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:45, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu 2:45, 8:00; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Paper Clips** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15) 5:45; Sideways (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) The Ring Two; Ice Princess; Robots;

The Upside of Anger - Domestic comedy-drama with Joan Allen, Kevin Costner, Erika Christensen, Evan Rachel Wood, written and directed by Mike Binder. (FASHION VALLEY 18: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: FROM 3/18)

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)

Hostage; Be Cool; The Pacifier; Hitch; Million Dollar Baby

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Banff Mountain Film Festival (Not Rated) Sun.-Mon. 7:00; Last Name First (Not Rated) Thu. 7:00, 9:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00; **Short Cut to Nirvana: Kumbh Mela** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00, 9:05; Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:05; Sun. 1:00; Tue.-Wed. 7:00,

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Hostage (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri -Wed 12.30, 3.30, 6.30, 9:30; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Wed. 12:50, 5:50, 6:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 11:40, 2:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 11:05, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 10:00; Hostage (R) Fri.-Wed. 11:15, 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 12:00, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30; Ice Princess (G) Fri.-Wed. 11:15, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Wed. 11:10, 1:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:50; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:05, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; Robots (PG) Fri.-Wed. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15

Oceanside 16

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SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) The Ring Two; Robots; The Pacifier; Hitch

SOUTH BAY **CHULA VISTA**

Chula Vista 10

Are We There Yet? (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:15; Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:30 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45; **Ice Princess** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:00 (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45; 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) The Ring Two; Ice Princess; The Pacifier; Robots: Hostage: The Passion of the Christ: Be Cool; The Jacket; Cursed; Diary of a Mad Black Woman; Man of the House; Constantine: Hitch: Hide and Seek: Million Dollar Baby; Are We There Yet?; The Aviator

Rancho Del Rey 16 East H Street (619-216-4707) Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:05, 1:05, 3:35, 4:45) 7:00, 7:50, 10:00, 10:45; Constantine (R) Fri.-Wed. (1:10, 4:15) 7:25, 10:40; Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (1:20, 4:25) 7:40, 10:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:30, 3:25) 7:10, 10:05; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Wed. (1:20, 1:55, 4:20, 4:50) 7:30, 7:45, 10:25, 10:35; **Ice Princess** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Wed. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45; Man of the House (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:10, 3:40) 7:15, 9:50; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:45, 4:10) 7:20, 10:35; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (12:15, 1:15, 2:55, 4:00, 5:25) 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (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; Mon.-Wed. (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) Cursed (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 10:00; Finding Neverland (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00; Racing Stripes (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 8:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:35; **Cursed** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:15; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:35; The Ring Two (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 11:20

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain 11620 Carmel Mt. Rd. (858-674-9770) **Be Cool** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Sat. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:40; Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 6:35, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 6:40, 9:25; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:10) 4:25, 6:55, 9:35; Sat. (11:00, 1:15, 3:45) 6:20, 9:00; Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:00, 9:20; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20; Sat. (11:25, 2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, (11.2.5, 210) 4:55, 7:40, 10:25, 3011, (12:00, 2:45) 6:50, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:55) 6:45, 9:25; **Hostage** (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:55, 10:30; Sat. (11:35, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:35) 4:15, 6:55, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:55) 6:45, 9:30; Ice Princess (G) Fri. (12:25, 2:35) 4:45, 7:05, 9:25; Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 7:00, 9:20; Sun. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:10, 9:15; Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 3:20) 6:25, 9:30; Sat. (12:50, 3:45) 6:40, 9:45; Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 6:40, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35) 6:25, 9:20; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; Sat. (12:25, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (11:50, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 9:15; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 1:25, 2:45, 3:55) 5:25, 6:35, 8:05, 9:25, 10:35; Sat. (11:10, 12:10, 1:40, 2:50) 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:10, 9:40, 10:40; Sun. (11:10, 12:50, 1:40, 3:30) 4:20, 6:00, 6:55, 8:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:00, 2:40, 4:00, 5:30) 6:50, 8:00, 9:30; Robots (PG) Fri. (12:35, 1:15, 2:55, 3:35) 5:15, 6:15, 7:35, 8:45, 9:45; Sat. (11:20, 12:20, 1:50, 2:40) 4:10, 5:00, 6:30, 7:20, 8:50, 9:40; Sun. (11:30, 12:30, 1:50, 2:50) 4:45, 5:45, 7:05, 8:05, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:20, 2:40, 4:20, 5:30) 7:10, 8:00, 9:15; **Sideways** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:40) 6:45, 9:30; Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 6:50, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:45) 6:35, 9:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

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FALLBROOK

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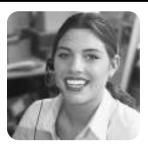
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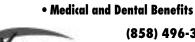
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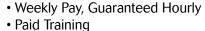
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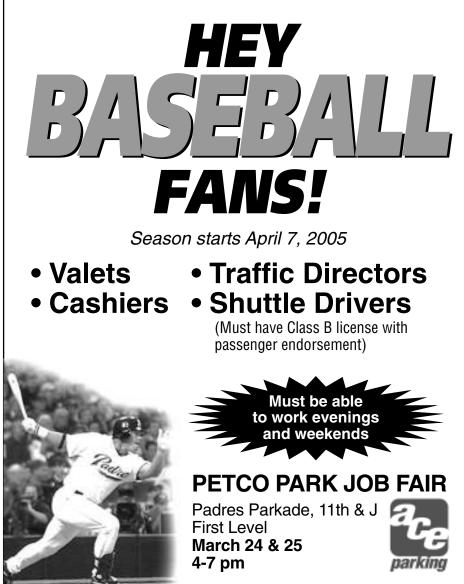
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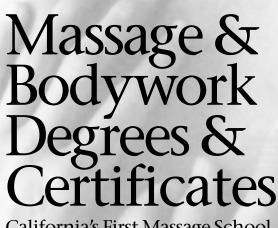
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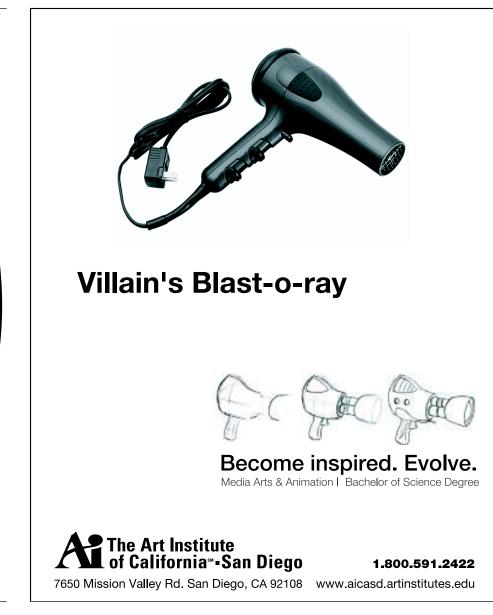
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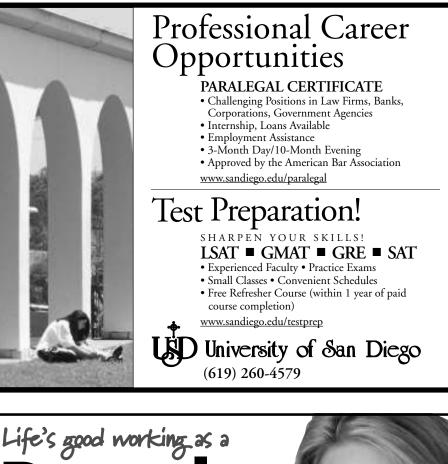
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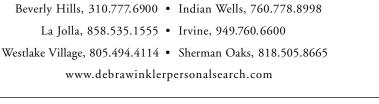
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LIFE IS ABOUT LOVE. An attractive woman to celebrate the miracle of life with woman to celebrate the miracle of life with you. 5'6", 130lbs., 47, dark and sexy. You: tall, fit, clean cut, nonsmoker, 45-55. (3/23) **2**34055

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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) 334364

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59 LOOKS 49, EMOTIONALLY intelligent financially secure, grows roses, owns financially secure, grows roses, owns home, optimistic, active, excitable, no ad-dictions, loves life. Seeking slender woman for love, laughter, life. (3/30) **7**3441

CAUCASIAN GENTLEMAN, divorced, at tractive professional, financially secure to meet attractive, voluptuous, humorous, adventurous Caucasian lady, 50+. We both enjoy an attractive lifestyle. 619/858 area code. (3/30) **2** 34408 SEEKING ADVENTUROUS, fit partner for skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking desert and river. I'm successful, youthful

47 years old. I play hard and work hard. (3/30) 234403

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TALL, GOOD LOOKING, athletic, profes sional guy, owns home, wants shapely, pretty lady, 45-60, educated, humorous, confident, loves books, heath food, mu-sic, exercise, kitties, serious relationship. (3/23) **2**34361

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, WHITE male, 53, warm loving, caring, affectionate. easvwarm loving, caring, affectionate, easy-going, down to earth, playful. Seeking fe-male, any age, for romance, together-ness, fun times, love, intimacy. (3/30) **2**34399

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TALL, HANDSOME, CHARMING, youthful in late 40s, 6', athletic build, financially secure, live in East County. Seeking sin-cere, romantic lady for dating long term. (3/23) 234360

WORLD TRAVELER, CARING, secure loving. Seeking 35-52 woman for fun, ro-mance, long-term relationship for eco-nomical adventurous travel. Backpack-ing, sailing, scuba diving, astronomy retired homeowner. (3/30) 234392 59-YEAR-OLD MAN IN North County. Looking for a nice nonsmoker, good hearted woman who wants the same. She has to have good humor. (3/30) **2** 34380 HEALTHY LIFESTYLE, North County, pro-fessional, 43, 6'1", slim, athletic build, loves to travel and play. Seeking athletic lady for cycling, tennis. Thick legs a plus! (3/23) 234377

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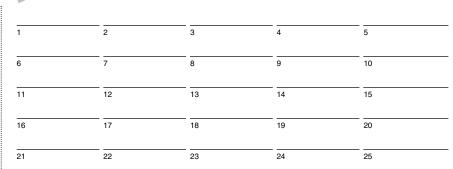
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30. Twice tetra-31. "You wish!"

_____ arts

Hall

49. Bloodsucker

50. St. ____ fire

56. Mucilage

42.

18. Vietnam Veterans Memorial

21. Ashcroft and Gonzales: Abbr.

28. Resource for cost comparison

29. Loser for Best Actress to Halle

in 2002 and Nicole in 2003

23. Oscar winner Garson 24. Aconcagua is their tallest peak

25. 2008 Summer Olympics

27. Certain plaintiff, at law

32. Parisian sidewalk sights

33. Isabella II, por ejemplo

34. Author Sarah _____ Jewett

45. Reward for waiting 46. "Days of Our Lives" actress

51. Final year of Caligula's reign

52. Some doctors: Abbr.

54. Prefix with potent 55. July 1944 battle site

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59. Diamonds, slangily

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60. Afternoon break

53. Facilities, in Falmouth

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Across

- 1. The Reaper
- 5. More salacious
- 11. Kind 14. First-class
- 15. "Seinfeld" character
- 16. Do the wrong thing17. Like most of suburbia
- 19. Lennon's love
- 20. Speaking mournfully 21. Some
- 22. Citizen Kane's estate
- 23. Comic's bit
- 25. "Proud Mary" band, for short
- 26. Joins the NBA right after high
- school, say 31. "I've got it!"
- 32. With 41-Across, a sign of wishful thinking (and this puzzle's theme)
- 35. Tape deck button
- 36. What Marcie calls Peppermint
- Patty in "Peanuts"
- _ Lingus 38. Specialty shoe width
- 39. Amt. compounded at a bank
- 40. Polit. maverick
- 41. See 32-Across 43. Corp. honcho
- 44. Snap, e.g.
- 46. It'll barely pass you
- 47. "This _____ stickup!"
- 48. Nikita's successor
- 52. Raindrop sound 55. Tori and Aaron of TV
- 58. Prefix meaning "same"59. Like Malcolm, in a Fox sitcom
- 61. Singer McLean62. Black, yellow and white
- 63. Enlist again 64. Retiree-paying program:
- Abbr.
- 65. Big times 66. Alimony receivers

Down

- 1. Cops and robbers, e.g.
- 2. Disturb
- 3. Speakers' aids 4. Civil rights activist Evers
- 5. TV host Gibbons
- 6. 1961 Heston role
- 7. Waldorf salad ingredients
- 8. Bishop's path: Abbr.
- 9. USN officer
- 10. Apt., e.g.
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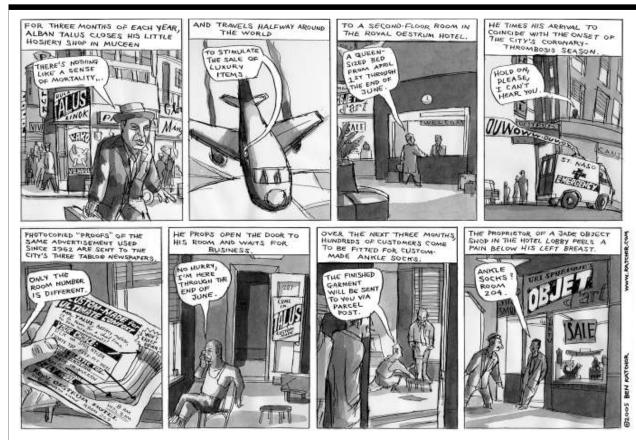
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Christine Schwartz Small Business Owner Seattle

'd have to sav that Top Pot donuts are my guilty pleasures. I probably have them once a week. It's not like I eat a whole box or anything. I reward myself if I'm having a par-ticularly difficult week. It usually just happens that I'm in a Starbucks and I see a donut that I want. I don't watch much reality TV or anything I watch the gay guys on Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. I also watch Designers Challenge on HDTV with my husband and it's kind of embarrassing. I would never admit to watching it at a dinner party or anything. I think if you're going to have a guilty pleasure, you should enjoy it and not feel guilty about it.



Alfonso Huey Sales Manager North Park

You know what, I watch *The Sur-real Life*. I think it's kind of funny. The season with Ron Jeremy was the best. I don't know, man; they were tripping that season. They kept getting drunk with Vanilla Ice and Trishelle. It wasn't hard to hide that I liked watching it because not a lot of people were talking about it, so I st kept it to myself. Well, I actually do [like] hip-hop, myself, but I occasionally listen to punk rock and that's not really fitting. I'm not talking about the punk where they mix rap with rock; I like old Jane's Addic tion and Metallica. I try and stay open-minded. You know what movie I watch and I get choked up is *Terms* of *Endearment*; it's got Jack Nicholson. It's not something I watch all the time, but I do get stuck watching it if it's on TV. I get trapped into it.



Joe Rogers EMT La Jolla

My guilty pleasure is *House Hunters*. It's a real estate show on HDTV where a couple is buy-ing a home and you follow them through the process of buying a home. I'm interested in buying a home and the show tells you what's out there. As far as music is con-cerned, I still like Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch. If that song "Good Vibrations" comes on, you'll see me on the dancefloor. I also really like that Julia Roberts movie, *My Best Friend's Wedding*. I didn't watch it with a date or anything; I watched it by myself.

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Jacob Boel Chef Ocean Beach

listen to Tori Amos, even though I'm more of a Six Feet Under [death metal music] fan. Tori Amos is a little more out there, talking about pigs and stuff like that. I also really like the movie *Titanic*. If I'm watching it and someone calls me up and asks me, "What are you doing?" you better believe I say, "Nothing." I've seen it a lot of times; I own it. It's one of those things that puts you in a moment. It might have some-thing to do with self-loathing and changing your mood from good to bad, or bad to good.



Ashley Sidwell Hostess College Area

don't think I have a guilty pleasure because I never feel guilty about anything I do. I'm open about every-thing, so there's not really anything I feel guilty about. I don't regret any-thing; if I want to do something at the time, then it's something I want to do and I won't feel bad about it. There are things that I wouldn't do, so I would never have the reason to regret it. It's not like I'm going to do something and change my mind the next day. If I were to do something like kiss another girl at a party I wouldn't get embarrassed, so I wouldn't regret it.



Nicole Larson Server

Banker's Hill aundry. I love it; I'm not even Lkidding. I do it two or three times a week. When I was about 14, my mom made me start doing my own laundry and I loved it. I do my boyfriend's laundry all the time and he loves it. Ironing is a whole different thing; I only like washing, folding, hanging it up, and putting [the clothes] away. There's something about putting dirty clothes into a washer and then taking them out of the dryer and the clothes being clean. It's almost like meditation where I get into a state of zen and nothing going on around me both-ers me. I also watch the movie *Say* Anything over and over again because I love John Cusack. My boyfriend and I have an arrangement that if I ever meet John Cusack, I can have sex with him and if he meets Heidi Klum, he's allowed to do the same.

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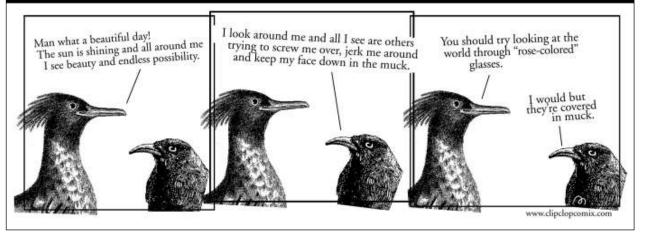
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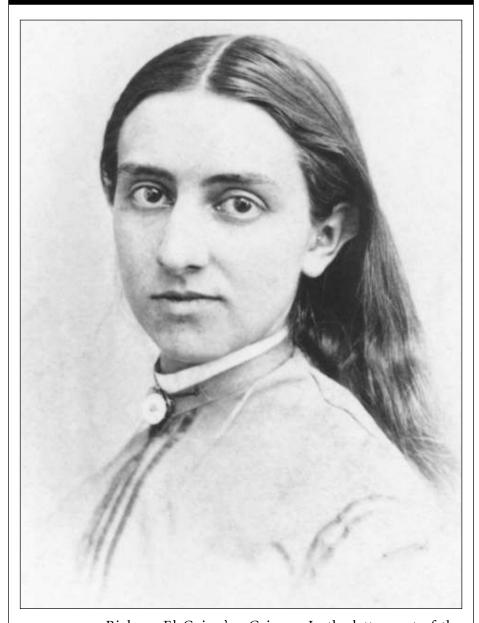
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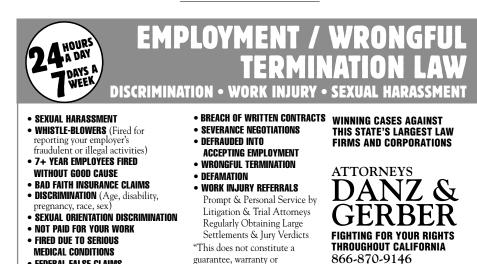
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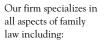
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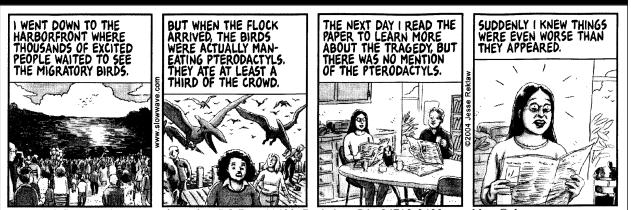
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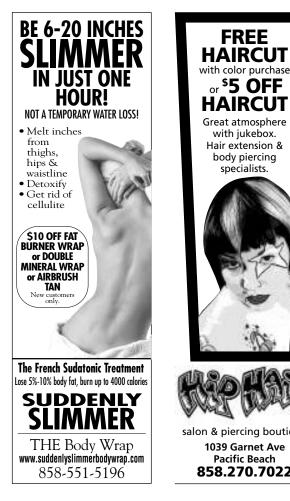
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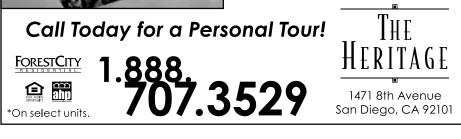


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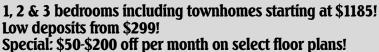
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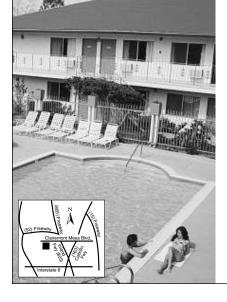
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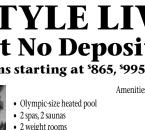
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LEAD STORY

- Homaro Cantu (described by one customer as Chicago's "mad-scientist" gourmet chef) creates dishes such as fishless sushi made with edible, fish-flavored paper containing designs produced on an inkjet printer. Among the projects planned for his Moto restaurant: baking with a 'class IV" laser (the kind used in welding and surgery) that will cook the center but not the outside; using helium and superconductors to make food levitate; and developing edible utensils, tables, and chairs. Said Cantu to a New York Times reporter in February, "Gastronomy has to catch up to the evolution in technology.3

In Their Own Words

'This is so embarrassing. We had never done that before, and now she's in the hospital and my cat's dead" (said a New York City man in January after he and a neighbor — while having sex accidentally ignited a comforter with a candle, starting a major fire in his apartment). ... Said Elaine Edwards of Mink, La., one of the last remaining places in the country to be without telephone service until lines were installed in January: "It wasn't 15 minutes after that phone was in before a telemarketer called me."

More Scenes of the Surreal

- (1) In January, Felipe Rose, a member of the Village People who is part Lakota Sioux, said he felt so remorseful at missing the opening last year of the National Museum of the American Indian that he donated his gold record the group received for the 1978 song "Y.M.C.A.," which is about gay men looking for sex in the big city. (2) In late 2004, officials of the Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris said they were forced to cordon off the statue of 19th-century journalist Victor Noir (who was reputed to be a ladies' man) because too many visitors were rubbing Noir's clothed crotch for good luck.

Can't Possibly Be True

 Harvey Kash, 69, and Carl Lanzisera, 65, were arrested while standing in line at the courthouse in Hempstead, N.Y., in January, because, said court officials, they were telling anti-lawyer jokes to the irritation of a lawyer within earshot. Charges against Lanzisera were dropped, but prosecutors referred Kash's case to a grand jury, which, three weeks later, refused to indict him. Said Kash's attorney, "Crime must be at a record low in Nassau County for the grand jury to have time for this." - In January, the Fox TV network, concerned about an FCC crackdown on "indecency," blurred out the unclothed rear end of a cartoon character on the adult program "Family Guy" (even though the network had run the same image, intact, five years earlier). ... Also in January, the Design Review Board of Snohomish, Wash., rejected the mural planned for the side of the BBQ Shack restaurant, in part, reported the owner, because its five pink pigs were naked.

- In a stroke of luck, the defense case file of Florida death-row inmate Curtis Beasley, 56, turned up after having been abandoned in a commercial storage locker rented by his court-appointed lawyer, Michael Giordano, who had failed to make payments and had become unreachable by state officials. If a storage employee hadn't called the Florida attorney general's office in December, the records might have been destroyed. The incident was reported in the Tampa Tribune's January coverage of state supreme court justice Raoul Cantero, who characterized the work of some court-appointed death-penalty attorneys as "some of the worst lawyering I've seen."

- "News of the Weird" reported in September on Koko, the gorilla that knows about a thousand words in American Sign Language. In February, she was back in the news: two of Koko's female handlers filed a sex discrimination and wrongful discharge lawsuit against the foundation because its president, Francine Patterson, had

allegedly pressured them to display their breasts to Koko in order to better "bond" with her. According to the lawsuit, Patterson had been bonding with Koko for some time and thought Koko needed variety.

Inexplicable

- Wade Harris, 39, was arrested in Pittsburgh in December and charged with stealing at least 100 (maybe as many as 400) parking meters. According to detectives, a meter usually contains only 10 to 15 dollars in coins but requires about 90 minutes "of hard work" to break into.

Least Competent Criminals

 Roy Allen Boothe Jr., 18, was arrested after allegedly attempting to rob a Delta One Shop convenience store near York, Pa., in January. When he threatened the two female clerks with a tire iron, the women started punching and kicking him until he begged for them to stop. After a few minutes he managed to wiggle away and run, though one clerk hit him with his own tire iron on the way out.

- People Not Paying Attention: (1) In January, Daniel D. Salazar, 20, was sentenced to two and a half years in prison for attempting to rob a Bank of America in Kansas City, Mo. He came to the attention of police when he called a station house and offered to turn in his crime partners for the \$5000 reward. (2) In Hong Kong in October, Ho Heng-chau, 20, pleaded guilty to drug possession and was fined about \$500 when he showed up in court wearing a T-shirt with the word "COCAINE" on the front.

Update

In November 2003, America's most uninhibited public gay-basher, Topeka, Kan., preacher Fred Phelps, proposed a statue to celebrate the murder of a gay man. In December 2004, his Westboro Baptist Church issued a press release

by Chuck Shepherd

praising God for the "Tsunami & 2000 dead Swedes!!!" after he assumed that Swedes were among the vacationers who drowned at resorts in Thailand. Phelps had denounced Sweden for jailing a gay-condemning preacher (Rev. Ake Green, since released). According to Phelps, the Swedish homosexuals who died were "vacationing on their fat expendable incomes without kids to bother with and spend money on."

Readers' Choice

- On a July evening, two girls aged 17 and 18 decided to bake cookies for their neighbors and then deliver them with notes reading, "Have a great night!" Their town of Durango, Colo., is small enough (population 14,000) that nighttime visits can sometimes be made without creating anxiety, but apparently not at Wanda Renae Young's house. She was so traumatized by the 10:30 knocking at her door that she wound up in the hospital emergency room the next day, then sued the girls for that expense. In January she was awarded \$900 by a judge. Townspeople chipped in to pay the fine.

The Continuing Crisis

- The city council of Sweetwater, Fla., decided to raise money by selling a dealer all the guns confiscated by its police, but the dealer chosen was Lou's Gun Shop in Hialeah, Fla., identified by authorities as the nation's leading retail source of the guns used in crimes (January). ... A committee of the New York State Bar Association proposed in January to expand the civic work lawyers could get professional credit for ("pro bono" activities) to include political lobbying, including lobbying to cut back on required probono work.

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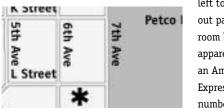
VERBATIM POLICE REPORTS



DEFRAUDING AN INNKEEPER

Location: 675 L Street, East Village Time/Date: 12:00 p.m. on 2/24/05

Officer's Report: At about 11:15 p.m., I was dispatched to the Omni Hotel. I spoke with front office manager Maria Amato. Amato told me a male named Edgar C.



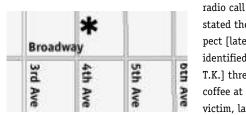
left today without paying his room bill. He apparently gave an American Express card number that

was invalid. Edgar C. was confronted by [hotel] security, and told he had until noon to make a payment or the police would be called. [When] security checked the room again, C. was not there and his luggage had been removed. C. owes [Omni Hotel] \$437.30.

BATTERY

Location: 1037 Fourth Avenue, Downtown Time/Date: 8:20 a.m. on 2/24/05

Officer's Investigation: I was in full police uniform and driving a marked patrol vehicle. I was dispatched to investigate a battery at the Plaza Hotel. The



stated the suspect [later identified as T.K.] threw hot coffee at the victim, later

identified as G.H.

I noticed coffee stains on the front desk area, logbooks, computer printer, switchboard phone and a credit card machine. The hot coffee struck G.H. in the left ear. causing a burning feeling and pain. I noticed G.H.'s left ear was slightly red. [He] refused medical attention. H. stated that T.K. is in the process of being evicted because of problems he has been causing with other residents.

He tried using the switchboard but it did not function

properly. The switchboard machine was making a loud beeping noise and H. could not silence it. The machine failed to work properly after being reset. Estimated damage was approximately \$1,000.

Statement of G.H.: T.K. came up to me asking for his newspaper. I gave it to him and out of nowhere he threw his coffee on me. He left before you guys got here. He went down south on Fourth. He has been causing lots of trouble here and even hit a woman on his floor. I think he drinks too much.

CARJACKING

Location: 11170 Sorrento Vallev Road. Torrey Pines

Time/Date: 1:47 p.m. on 3/9/05



Incident: The victim's vehicle was parked in the lot at the Sorrento Valley Coaster station. As the victim was opening the door to his 1990 Volvo, the suspect walked up to him, threatened him with a black revolver, and demanded his car keys and wallet. The suspect also took some food the victim had with him.

TRESPASSING

Location: 1955, San Diego Avenue. Old Town

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. on 2/26/05

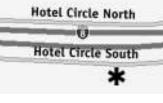
Officer's Report: I responded to a radio call of a 9-1-1 at the Com-



fort Inn. Officer Jobe #5953 heard the broadcast. He volunteered to respond also because he had been out earlier and spoke to the suspect, identified as "Ayub." Officer Jobe [had] escorted Ayub off the property and admonished him not to return or he would be arrested. A short time later Ayub returned to the hotel. The night clerk, R., asked Ayub to leave. When he refused...R. placed Avub under citizen's arrest for trespass. Ayub refused to give us his personal information.

BATTERY

Location: 1515 Hotel Circle South Time/Date: 9:00 a.m. on 2/25/05



Officer's Report: I responded to the Doubletree Hotel to investigate a battery incident. I met with victim S.W. She was seated inside the lobby with an icepack behind her head. She had complaints of pain to her elbows, shoulders, back, neck. head, left hand and right rib. I asked her three separate times if she would like medical treatment and she told me she would seek her own medical attention.

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Victim's Statement: I was

exiting the freeway at Taylor Street and when I approached the intersection, I noticed the male in the car next to me was staring. I thought he was driving ahead of me when I pulled into the Doubletree Hotel.

I noticed all the parking on the first level was handicapped...when I tried to back up I noticed he was in his car directly behind mine. He barely left me any room; I eventually reversed and parked on the next level. I saw his car again so I pretended to get my lipstick out of my purse as he approached and knocked on my window. He told me my car was leaking a lot of fluid. I told him my air conditioning does not work.

I then saw him get back into his car and leave. I got out of my car and was looking underneath and noticed a lot of fluid but wasn't sure if it came from my car. At that point he grabbed me by the shoulders and put me in a bear hug. My arms were crossed in front of me and he kept telling me he wanted to kiss me, and can he just kiss me once. I continued to push him away and my head was continuously hitting my car door panel. I was struggling the whole time and as I got my body into the car, he stepped on my left foot.

I finally got into my car and locked my doors. He told me his name was Domnic and to call him. I backed my car out and yelled out my window that he better move his car or I was going to hit it. I drove all the way up the parking structure and went inside the hotel. I went to my presentation and I was getting dizzy and was just shaking and my friend told me I should report this.

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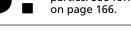
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"Nice parents," I say.

"Uh-huh. The Jeep Cherokee was always really my dream car. I used to think about the little Miatas, but I guess they're unsafe."

"Your parents were hoping you'd be safe in a big vehicle?"

"I guess so. I make a lot of trips back and forth to the San Fernando Valley, where my family lives."

Because L.A. traffic is one of my minor phobias, I say, "Driving through L.A. from here might be the most dangerous route on earth. How do you feel in the Cherokee, making that drive?"

"It's a sturdy car," she says. "I feel really comfortable in it." "Comfortable because of the size

or the features?" "Both. It has dual heating and air

conditioning, so both sides can be different. And it has seat heaters for the passenger and driver's seat, and all the power controls. It's a V-8 with an automatic transmission."

"How fast do you go," I ask, "on those trips up I-5?"

"On a good day, probably no faster than 75."

"And on a bad day?" "Slower than that."

I tell her she has corroborated my

theory that males have a gene that compels them to take their cars to top speed at least once, but females lack that gene. And I ask, "Now that you've been driving for a few years, do you drive any differently than when you started?

"When I first started driving," she admits, "I just wanted to go around this one block near my house with my

dad. He wanted to take me on the main street in Burbank. I didn't want to go on that street because it looked so dangerous. But after a month or so, I went on it. And soon it didn't bother me at all. Still, though, I was hesitant, mostly afraid of impeding traffic. Merging onto the freeways was always one of my hardest times, and I would slow down and sometimes people would honk for me to speed up. I felt like I was getting in the way. I was worried about changing lanes, but I'm not anymore. Now I just go more with the flow of traffic."

"Any accidents?"

"One. I got distracted. Something started to fall off the passenger seat, and I reached over to stop it from falling and I hit a curb. The street was bending, and I didn't correct myself back into the lane. I hit the part of the curb where the gutter goes down to the drain, so it was high, and it actually bent the front axle. But I had it repaired, and it drives fine."

I say, "You're probably safer down

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here. How long have you been in San Diego?"

"Since last summer."

"Is driving here less harrowing, compared to L.A.?" She says, "It's not that much different. Traffic is pretty much the same."

Nora has made me think too much. If our traffic has gotten as bad as L.A.'s, shouldn't I pack up my family and move?

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I walked over for my Febreze fix after a walk through the Greenmarket at Union Square. I had stopped at my favorite stand, Our Daily Bread, for whole-wheat cinnamon raisin scones. It was cold and gray, and I couldn't help but admire the women running the stand in their heavy woolen hats and fingerless gloves, shivering in the cold, serving freshbaked bread and scones. If only my favorite bakery folks sold household goods and fabric refresher — I'd never go to a big old chain store.

Scone-loaded, I made my way into Kmart and up toward housewares. The man one step above me turned around and started yelling toward a pink-cheeked woman down below. Recognition set in - I knew that woman. But how? A college friend? No. Ally Sheedy? Yes, if it was 1980 and she'd remained frozen in time. Parker Posey? Indeed! A stellar star-sighting, for sure - Parker Posey in Kmart. She was shopping, alone and had a gray plastic shopping basket perched playfully on her arm. Fantastic. I should have thought to offer her a scone.

I'm truly a sucker for a star-sighting — it's part of the magical reality of living in NYC. I've sat next to Susan Sarandon at a reading and I sat behind George Stephanopoulos and the tall guy from Penn and Teller at the opening-night screening of Hannibal. It's great vapid fun, and a bonus for living in a city that makes me wait a long time for a bus and pay too much for coffee.

Some of my friends have a knack for star sightings. My boyfriend, the long-haired Chuck, has made Al Franken a margarita and he's rubbed against Judd Nelson in an elevator. My friend Caren ran into Tobey Maguire and Alicia Silverstone — even better, she's had her foot stepped on by both Philip Seymour Hoffman and Ouentin Tarantino. Painful but memorable crushes with fame.

In the suburbs of my youth I occasionally crossed paths with a few high-profile folks: Billy Dee Williams wrote "Happy 13th Birthday Rachel" on a piece of scrap paper for me, and LaToya Jackson came to my hometown of Middle Island to help dig up the remains of a stranger's dog in a scandalridden pet cemetery. During a high-school outing to NYC, some friends and I had the surprise of sitting in on a recording of the late Jeff Buckley's CD, Live at Sine. Two of those friends made it onto the album cover.

But those occurrences weren't part of everyday life — they were exciting anomalies.

Nothing quite compares to skulking into work and catching the late, great Jerry Orbach filming a scene from Law & Order outside your office. My friends, all aware of my adoration, encouraged me to ask for an autograph. But I couldn't. The magic was in the simple seeing. The same was true when I spied John Cusack, the dream boy of my younger Bell Jar-reading self, reading the Times and having a coffee at a local lunch spot near my office.

A chance celeb encounter even led me to a new friend this year. Christian Finnegan is a comedian who, among many other things, appears on the VH1 show Best Week



Ever. My boyfriend's daughter, Lauren — clever and 14 years old took a liking to Christian's sense of humor. She'd mention him from time to time when she came to visit: she'd make us watch Best Week Ever over and over and over. On a quiet summer afternoon Chuck and Lauren and I were painting pottery for fun and amusement in the Village. Who should walk in but Christian

Finnegan. I started to giggle. Lauren blushed and shot me a look that said SAY NOTHING. I was good, we walked out, and I went home and blogged about it. On that potterypainting day, Christian was accompanied by his girlfriend Kambri. Kambri came across my blog entry about Christian in a Google search. Kambri sent me an e-mail about it and we became fast friends. She's a

> publicist; I'm a publicist. And we share a common amazement at the fact that we're working in NYC and that life overall is good and sweet and full of chance encounters.

So while it might seem giggly and young to care so much about spying a celebrity getting onto the subway or ducking out of a deli, it's still a little moment

full of magic and possibility. And it's just one of those NY things that reminds me how endlessly disarming and unusual it is to live in NYC.

Oh, if you're reading this, Mr. Cusack, I'd really like it if you could make it to my next birthday party. I would have asked that day at Shopsin's, but you looked so busy with the paper and all.

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MERCEDES BENZ C230K, 2002, coupe 37K miles, one owner, black/black, loaded factory warranty, tinted windows, ABS, Lo-Jack, leather, Bose with 6-CD, power seats with memory. \$15,500/best. Message, 619-757-6645.

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SUBARU WAGON, 1992, automatic, red, 5 door, 116K miles, license Januaty 2006, runs great, great condition, new belts, all power, passed smog check, \$1750. 619-226-6801. 220-0801. TOYOTA 4RUNNER, 2000, Limited, 4x4, wow! Was \$24,995, now \$22,888. Stock-12611. Kearny Mesa Toyota, 858-499-

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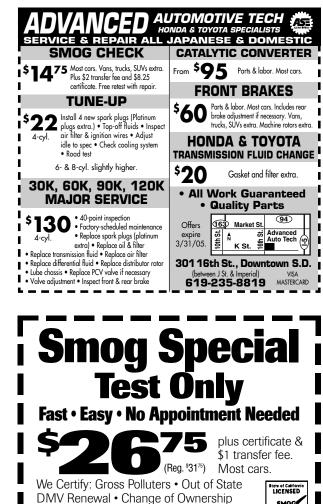
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TOYOTA WINNEBEGO WARRIOR, 1991.

22, V6, automatic, power boost, low miles, cruise, new generator, air condi-tioners/heaters, stove, microwave, self contained, excellent condition, \$11,750. 858-603-0500.

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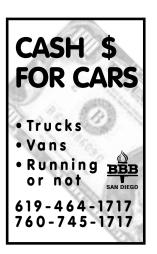
CAR SPEAKERS, Jensen, new, in box, 6-1/2" coaxial, round, fit most cars, 1/2" coaxial, round, fit most cars, \$20/best. 858-569-5900. ENGINE STANDS (2), 1 with Porsche/VW adapter, \$35(\$75. Floor jack, \$25. Display rack with supplies, other miscellaneous.

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"TODAY IS GOING TO BE A NICE ONE: SUNNY IN THE MORNING to mid-afternoon with partly cloudy skies this evening, but only a slight chance of rain," the blond weatherman in the tailored, navy blue suit announced from the screen.

I leaned back in my chair, reached for the curtain, and pulled it aside. Water washed down the glass in waves. The sky was absent. There was only lack of light where a sky would be. I put my jacket on and dressed for rain.

A good part of my job at American Neon was shipping and receiving. Out on a concrete pad in front of the shop I broke crates down, built new crates, packed and unpacked new signs, old signs, materials to build signs. My jacket was little help to my pants when I had to kneel on wet concrete. By noon everything below my thighs would be saturated, heavy, and cold.

The next day, "It rained a little yesterday, but today all that cloud cover is going to move out to the south and make way for some nice sunshine in the region," the weather dentist stated while moving his arm in broad circles over a map and then pointing to a sunny graphic in the upper corner.

I set the spoon back in my oatmeal, leaned, and pulled the curtain to one side. Rain was sheeting down the window, and every few seconds a gust of wind would reverse the fall and blow the rain upward and spray the window in fans of drops. The force caused the rain to rattle and bang against the pane. I dressed for rain despite the sunny predictions.

Next to the sign shop was a graveled yard where we kept the crates. The wheels of the handtrucks would dig into the mud when we collected the six-foot-tall wooden boxes and brought them to the concrete. By noon I had abandoned the dolly. When I reached the crates, I'd drag them back through the sloshy gray pit, and they'd *scrortch-scrortch* over the submerged pebbles and rocks.

The next day, "Sometimes, the best way to know what's going on with the weather is to just look outside," weathersatan announced to his viewers. Two days of sun predicted, two days of rain on my shoulders. "Right now, we've got some patchy clouds — I think they're cirrus clouds — over the area, but they'll blow through and leave us with lots of warm sun for today and tomorrow."

I clicked the power button on the remote; the image focused into a single white pixel and disappeared, leaving the screen black and reflecting my dimly lit living room. In the reflection I could see myself and the window behind me. The curtain was opened. My mirror image cast a bright silhouette against the frame of rain behind me. I hung my head and dressed for rain.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 DENNIS THE MENACE: CRUISE CONTROL HBO 54, 6:30 A.M.

Hmm, I wonder if Dennis gives Mr. Wilson a hard time in this one. Because those gags are so fresh and clever.

MISS CONGENIALITY (2000) TBS 33, 8:00 P.M.

Remember when Sandra Bullock mattered? It was well before this steaming sack landed on the lawn. Now Hollywood is making a sequel to *Miss Congeniality*, due out this summer. Whoopee! How can the writers, producers, and directors of these dogs collect a paycheck with a clear conscience? I'm kinda being bitchy today, aren't I? Oh, well, onward.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 CELEBRITY JUSTICE

WB 5, 12:30 P.M.

My dad has an irrational hatred for celebrities who break the law. He delights when they're caught and was pissed when Martha Stewart was recently released from jail. "If I got caught like she did, I'd be locked up in the darkest hole in America. They'd have to draw pictures of sunshine for me and shoot biscuits at my ass. House arrest, what a crock!" SURPRISE BY DESIGN

DSC 35, 1:00 P.M.

I've got a design idea that the Discovery Channel might want to look into. I've invented the world's first shelfless toilet. It's a regular toilet except the hinges aren't connected to that little spot of no-man's-land between the seat and tank. You know: that useless little stretch of porcelain that only serves as a moist dust and butt-hair collection tray? Do away with it. If necessity is the mother of invention, then abject laziness and strict cleanliness standards are close cousins.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER (1980) TCM 58, 1:00 P.M.

The song "Coal Miner's Daughter" by Loretta Lynn can only be sung in an uneducated Southern accent because of the line, "The work we done was hard / At night we'd sleep 'cause we were tired." That "tired" is pronounced "tarred" to make the rhyme. And here you thought the perversion of English was the fault of *my* generation.

JEFF FOXWORTHY: TOTALLY COMMITTED COMEDY 48, 5:30 P.M.

How to be a comedian in four short steps. Step (1) Learn formula: ask a question, set up, pause, drop punchline. Repeat: ask a question, set up, pause, drop punchline. Step (2) Look for a marketable angle: you're gay, you're a redneck, you're Asian. Step (3) If all else fails, talk about the tiny amount of orange juice restaurants pass off as a "large." That slays them. Step (4) Weep when you see an Eddie Izzard DVD.

SEVEN SAMURAI (1954) DVD

I'm halfway through *Seven Samurai*, three and a half hours of black-and-white Japanese culture. I started watching it with my friends, Barb and David, a couple nights ago. Barb and I were raised by electronics and must strain to hold interest in something longer than a song. David, on the other hand, is a baby boomer, and I consider him the Gandhi of popular cinema. He could easily have breezed through this



Seven Samurai

movie without so much as a piss break. At the halfway mark I was white-knuckle gripping my chair and sweating from the forehead. Barb had already abandoned the film to divide her time between her computer, iPod, and phone. David, seated in the lotus position, just looked at us and shook his head.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 PAID PROGRAMMING

WB 5, 10:00 A.M.

Oof. If you're not a child, not religious, and don't want to buy cutlery, Sunday-morning television is bleak. Get out of the house. You're pale and atrophied from being locked indoors all winter. People mistake you for a salamander when you trek to Starbucks. For God's sake, get some sun.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

WHEN ANESTHESIA FAILS DHC 73, 6:00 P.M.

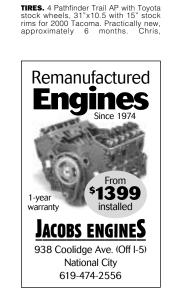
Discovery Health rounds out its distrust-themedical-industry campaign. *When Anesthesia Fails* follows in the footsteps of *When Surgical Tools Get Left Behind*. Both receive high marks in the heebie-jeebie department and have convinced me only to seek medical help when something has been severed from my body against my will.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 GILMORE GIRLS FAM 19, 5:00 P.M.

I feel as if I should know what this is. Its pervasiveness and my reluctance to watch it makes me similar to a mechanic who has never lifted the hood of a Toyota.

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