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Invalid Cartoon

Re Neal Obermeyer's cartoon on page 2 of the March 24 edition: Afghanistan, when ruled by the Taliban, did not have laws regarding the separation of church and state. We do. Therefore, the comparison is not valid. The cartoon is dishonest.

H.M. Kulman
Hillcrest

Pension Error

Joe Deegan's article on the costs of using a helicopter in this week's issue had an error ("Choppers Devour Millions," "City Lights," March 24). Overtime does not increase the amount of your San Diego city pension. The pension is based on your rank in the department and time served.

Anne Elliott
SD Fire and Rescue retiree

Joe Deegan responds: I regret the error. However, a spokesman for the fire department told me he didn't answer questions relating to the pension system and referred me to Johnnie Perkins of the fire-fighters union. Perkins did not return my phone calls. The spokesman did e-mail the information to me after the story ran.

Insolent Tripe

Your republished article by Robert Johnson, "Divorce Isn't About Itself, But What Went Before" (March 24), was a fabulous piece of work. The author is obviously steeped in reality and the pleasures and miseries of life, as are all great authors.

I used to obtain the Reader from the floor of a Laundromat two weeks late, or occasionally glean it from a liquor store. Then, over ten years, I gradually became addicted. Now I wait with bated breath every Wednesday for your paper. It used to be Thursday, but I can't

wait that long. I practically follow the truck out of the print shop Wednesday evening. I'm sure thousands of San Diegans can say the same. What a great free paper.

On the other hand, the mindless, insolent tripe of Josh Board really puts a damper on this paper. I would overlook this "filler" as another plastic surgery ad, but week after week this whiny suburbanite defecates in your paper, much as Abe Opincar did (and does). I'm sure Josh's tenure will be as long and arduous as Abe's. Hats off to Matt Potter, Pat Daugherty, Chuck Shepherd, and "Red Meat" by Max Cannon, and all the other avant-garde writers/artists.

You guys rock!

Harry Vaccaro
Pacific Beach

Copp Rebuttal

I just read the "Death Traps" article of March 17. The references to Doug Copp brought back memories of e-mails I received last year touting his expertise in the field of earthquake survival. I have also found rebuttal to some of Mr. Copp's theories at <http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/triangle.asp>.

Tom Brown
via e-mail

Misleading

I was very disappointed after reading Jeannette De Wyze's article "Death Traps," dated March 17, about local buildings built out of unreinforced masonry. As the general manager of one of the properties mentioned in your article, it is my obligation and responsibility to write this letter in response.

While the article was informative, I thought the use of a photograph of the building at 910 Prospect Street on page 34 was extremely negligent. This particular building had nothing to do with the subject of the story, and its inclusion is absolutely misleading to your readers.

Approximately four months ago I received a telephone call from Miss De Wyze about her story and willingly provided her with accurate responses to her questions. Her questions were in reference to the historic Grande Colonial Hotel, located at 910 Prospect

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Stripped down A Las Vegas TV station reported last week that **Michael Galardi's** father **Jack**



Michael Galardi

has lost the liquor license at his Leopard's Lounge in Vegas, but authorities claim it has nothing to do with Michael's guilty plea in the Cheetahs bribery case in San Diego. The Clark County Commission, acting as the county's liquor and gaming licensing board, ostensibly pulled the permit due to

Jack's many run-ins with the law in other states over his long career as a nude-dance-club operator ...



Paul Pfingst

The law firm of former district attorney **Paul Pfingst** — briefly hired last month by the San Diego City Council to keep city attorney **Michael Aguirre** at bay — has billed the city for \$10,322.90. Pfingst's contract with the city called for him to assess whether "an actual or real conflict of interest" existed

between the council and Aguirre regarding Aguirre's investigation of the city's pension debacle. The bill, dated March



Michael Aguirre

22, shows that Pfingst and two fellow attorneys in the law firm of Higgs, Fletcher and Mack roughly divided the fee. All services occurred in February, the month before the contract was signed. After it became public that the ex-D.A. was working for the council,

Aguirre sent out a news release calling out Pfingst's past history of marijuana smoking ... *Union-Tribune* editorialists have been sharply critical of the city's pension mess, but the paper's own retirement problems have gone unreported. According to a recently settled federal lawsuit, the company's pension fund was required to fork over some big bucks: "the settlement creates a common fund of \$1,533,656.00 in additional pension benefits for a class of over 800 members."

Brown out Mission Valley hotel mogul and GOP backer **C. Terry Brown**, who also has given \$25,000 to the San Diego County Democratic Party, apparently to support San Diego city councilman **Scott Peters**, has been judged guilty by the state's Fair Political Practices Commission. Brown, wife **Charlene**, and their Atlas Hotels, Inc., allegedly failed to disclose \$135,000 in late contributions they made in February 2002 to the Yes on E/No on F campaign. Prop E, which passed by 54.4 percent, changed the city charter to require a two-thirds vote to raise city taxes, including those on hotel rooms. Prop F, which passed by 50.3 percent, was an attempt by the city council to invalidate E by requiring a two-thirds vote on city charter changes. It was later struck down by courts. Though Prop E was upheld by a superior court judge, it was thrown out by a 3-0 appellate court ruling in July 2004. According to an agreement

presented at last week's commission meeting, the Browns have agreed to pay a \$15,000 fine to settle the FPPC complaint against them. Meanwhile, an investigation is still reportedly in progress by the city's ethics commission into what some say was late reporting by the Coalition to Keep San Diego Working, which sent out a last-minute hit piece against the November mayoral candidacy of councilwoman **Donna Frye**. Brown and his wife gave \$43,000 to that committee, which didn't disclose its finances until January. The group has told reporters that the mail piece did not directly advocate a vote against Frye and thus did not require preselection reporting.

Names and dates Controversial comedian **Paula Poundstone** is coming May 5 to the East County Performing Arts Center in El Cajon as part of National Public Radio's

Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!, on which panelists are quizzed about their current-events knowledge. Four years ago the 45-year-old atheist and single adoptive mother of three pled no contest to one felony count of child endangerment and served 180 days at a drug-and-alcohol rehab center ... **Matt Malone**, the hot-shot high school administrator recruited by San Diego Schools superintendent **Alan Bersin** to oversee the district's high school reforms, is said to be in line for a new job on the East Coast. Meanwhile, the departing Bersin is on a farewell tour of the local rubber-chicken circuit. His next stop: the GOP's Lincoln Club, where today, March 31 — at downtown's posh University Club — members will fork over \$30 to hear the embattled Democratic superintendent "in an Intimate Discussion on Competition Opportunities in Education."



Paula Poundstone

Under a Bush The news operation at KGTV/Channel 10 has come in for some unwelcome scrutiny by the *New York Times*. According to the paper, the TV station repeatedly used fake news reports by **Karen Ryan**, a self-described "paid shill for the Bush Administration." The Bushies used federal tax money to crank out the pieces, sent free of charge to TV stations, many of which broadcast them as straight news without bothering to identify their origin. Said the *Times*: "Records from Video Monitoring Services of America show that from 2001 to 2004 KGTV ran at least one government-made segment featuring Ms. Ryan, 5 others featuring her work on behalf of corporations, and 19 produced by corporations and other outside organizations. It does not appear that KGTV viewers were told the origin of these 25 segments." The paper went on to quote KGTV news director **Michael Stutz** as saying, "I thought we were pretty solid" and that they had promised to "take more precautions" in the future.

— Matt Potter

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Secrecy Culture Continues

By Don Bauder

A letter that has fallen into the *Reader's* hands reveals that the City of San Diego will have to confess many more accounting sins once it gets new audits from outside firms poring over its books. The city's as-

department were overstated by \$161 million, or 9 percent of net assets (total assets mi-

incorrect method has been used in other city departments, too. Therefore, more big writedowns are coming.

In September of 2003, pension-board whistleblower Diann Shipione challenged the veracity of a prospectus covering half a billion dollars of sewer bonds. The city canceled the offering. In January and March of 2004, the city confessed for the first time that it had been putting inaccu-



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

City assets overstated — metro biosolids plant, 52nd and Convo

sets have been inflated and liabilities deflated far more than citizens or bondholders have yet been told. The big question: is it felony stupid? Or felony, period?

Among many things, the letter reveals that for 2002, net assets of the wastewater

nus liabilities, mainly debt). During the same year, net assets of the water system were overstated by \$52 million, or 5 percent. Background interviews reveal that an inexplicable and unacceptable accounting practice has led to the overstatement, and this

rate information in bond prospectuses dating back to 1996.

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Neal Obermeyer



Bitter Fruit Surprise

By Brian Taraz

I went for a trail walk with my daughter, Nazareth, on Thursday, March 10, in the Rice Canyon preserve west of Southwestern College. I noticed green vines overgrowing some of the traditional bushes and trees. I looked more closely and saw what turned out to be the spiked, kiwi-green, lemon-sized fruit of the manroot plant. I picked three of them to take home with me.

At home I cut one of the

came out was clear.

I tasted a little of the juice. I immediately had to spit it out because it seemed to burn my tongue and was extremely bitter. I tried using Google's image-finding search, typing in descriptors like "spiky green fruit" and "poison vine fruit green." I

seen that fruit and was going to try contacting Walter Andersen's Nursery. I spoke with "Dave," gave him the description, and he called back ten minutes later with the manroot and wild cucumber names, which yielded more meaningful Google information.

I found out a few things: that the species was better known in Northern California and that it was considered poisonous; that native tribes had used some parts as fish poison; possibly to cure kidney problems and rheumatism; and as a scalp treatment for thinning hair. (The hair treatment part appealed to me.) Scientific name is *Marah fabaceus*.

The reason for the manroot name is that the plant is a tuber and gets to be the size, and sometimes the shape, of a man. (I couldn't find pictures of this on the Web.) The information that spurred me on was that the root can lie dormant for decades and rain at the right time triggers its growth. One website mentioned that you can almost see it grow in a heavy rainy season. It grows fast and early, pre-spring, and then dies off and back when it gets hot and dry.

This has been the third-rainiest season for this area in the past 150 years. So why wouldn't this plant, which is such a water-sucking *Cucur-*

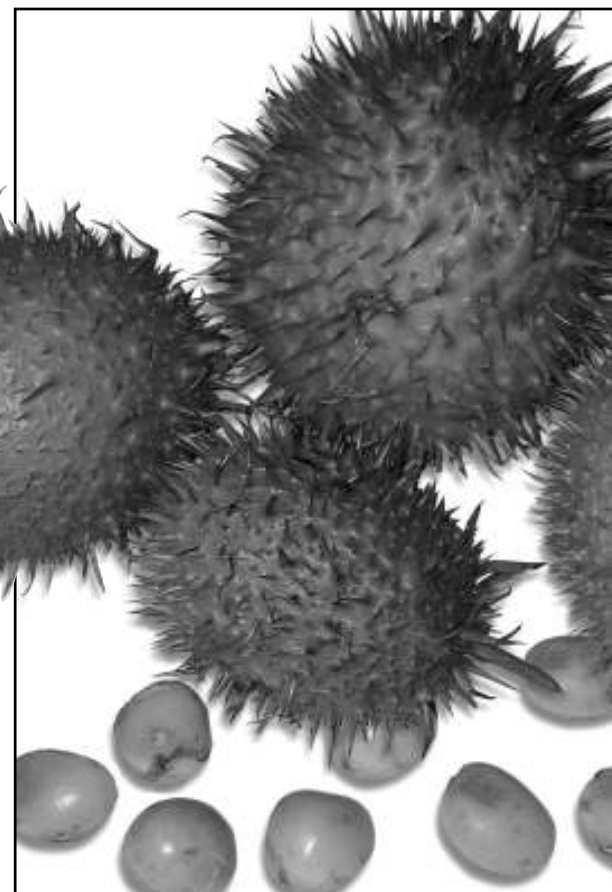
bicae (part of the cucumber family), enjoy its biggest coming-out party in over a century?

I ask the wife if she knows where our Olympus digital camera is. We can't seem to find it.

I call Fernando — my lifelong bud and one of the head aquarists at Stephen Birch Aquarium (coral is his specialty). He's got two kids, so I ask him if he wants to come down Saturday morning to Chula and bring his camera and kids and do a little nature hike/scouting mission.

Friday night I take my daughter's clear-plastic Lego carrying case with two of my specimens to rehearsals of *The Trial* to show some of the actors. We'd been sharing anecdotes about wacky stuff, so I thought I'd share my poison-fruit taste test. I can tell from Todd and Matt's responses that they were more concerned about what lies within my psyche and wondered how I could have looked at such a fruit and tasted it.

Saturday morning I do more Google searching. There is a *Marah oreganus* up in the Northwest and over east a bit. But the description



Marah macrocarpus

is so tame compared to my little babies. "Prickly," as one search describes the fruit, hardly covers it.

Noon Saturday. I called my brother. He's got two boys, and they're up for it. We get to Rice Canyon preserve. The entrance is the one by Discovery Park off Camino Del Rey. I've brought a five-gallon bucket, gloves, binoculars, scissors, and a spray-bottle of water, plus string

cheese, rainbow Goldfish, and bottled water for the kids.

My brother is starting to see what I'm trying to show. Million-dollar houses line the rim of this piece of canyon, and in their back yards, tens of thousands of terrorist fruits with millions of seeds.

Our species, which is actually *Marah macrocarpus* (meaning "bitter big fruit"), was classified in 1910 by one E. Greene. It's indigenous to this area.

Now, this plant, which is not endangered and which is considered a "pest" but is not parasitic and causes no documented problem for competing flora, has had no meaningful expression of its existence in this region such that it would be considered a "factor" to city planning.

And yet: one single vine, encompassing one single tree, in this small part of a vast "open-space preserve," had at least 50 visible fruit, all hearty, fat, and ripe. Each fruit has approximately 16 seeds, which have no choice but to fall if the fruit isn't harvested. I'm not a botanist or scientist, but that's, like, 800 seeds that will either drop or be carried away.

According to a Chula Vista planner, the castor



Rice Canyon creek

fruits in half, careful not to stick myself with the hard, cactuslike spikes. There were white seeds about the size of hazelnuts embedded in a white, coconutlike, yet spongy meat. The juice that

only found one picture, which called it "ivy fruit."

I stopped by some supermarkets, but no one was familiar with the fruits. One gentleman in the vitamin section of Henry's said he'd



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But as the letter makes clear, *you ain't seen nothin' yet*.

The January 19, 2005, letter to city manager P. Lamont Ewell was written by John McNally of Hawkins Delafield & Wood, Washington, D.C., an outside bond counsel. In essence, he tells Ewell that the city doesn't have to confess its newly discovered accounting sins until it has a certified audit. It is not necessary to file another mea culpa using unaudited financial statements.

In the middle of the letter he points out the \$161

million and \$52 million net-asset overstatements. He notes that the Securities and Exchange Commission has in the past charged securities-law violations over much smaller numbers. For example, Syracuse was charged with disseminating false information in 1997 when it said its general fund was \$400,000 in surplus when it was actually \$9.4 million in deficit.

In addition, McNally states, "The 2002 financial statements contained numerous errors" (in addition to those reported in early 2004). He adds, "The initial drafts of the 2003 water and wastewater financials and related notes have undergone

substantial revisions" because of comments by KPMG, the major accounting firm that refuses to release 2003 and 2004 audits until it is satisfied that it is getting straight information. The letter also states that KPMG has questions about accounting for so-called "employee offset," or the city's practice of paying a portion of employees' contribution to the pension fund.

The city will only say that the assets will have to be written down because KPMG prefers a different accounting methodology. Shipione has learned, and I have confirmed through background interviews, that

the net-asset overstatements come mainly from the use of an accounting technique that has accounting pros scratching and shaking their heads. For some time, the wastewater and water departments — and other city departments — have begun depreciating assets after the final bill for the asset has been paid, rather than as soon as it goes into service. That's a little like not buying car insurance until you have paid off the car, rather than when you start driving it. Companies and governments take regular bookkeeping charges to write off the cost of an asset over its estimated useful life. It is not a cash outlay; funds are not set aside. But

delaying depreciation charges inflates the asset's stated value.

"You begin depreciation when the asset is put in service," says Carl Johnson of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board in Norwalk, Connecticut. "I don't know any reason why the [installment] financing of the asset would delay the start of depreciation." Governments handle the accounting move the same way companies do, he says.

"It's a pretty fundamental accounting principle: you begin depreciating an asset when it is placed in service," says San Diego accountant April Boling, who is active in Republican politics. "The

time of paying off that asset doesn't have anything to do with it."

"I can't believe their auditors would let them do that," says John Patrick Ford, retired partner from the firm now named Price-waterhouseCoopers.

This depreciation technique really defies the purpose of depreciation, say these accounting pros. So what explains the city's use of it? Stupidity? Something sinister? "Why would [city bureaucrats] knowingly want to overstate their assets?" asks Scott Barnett, former head of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association. "The sewer and water

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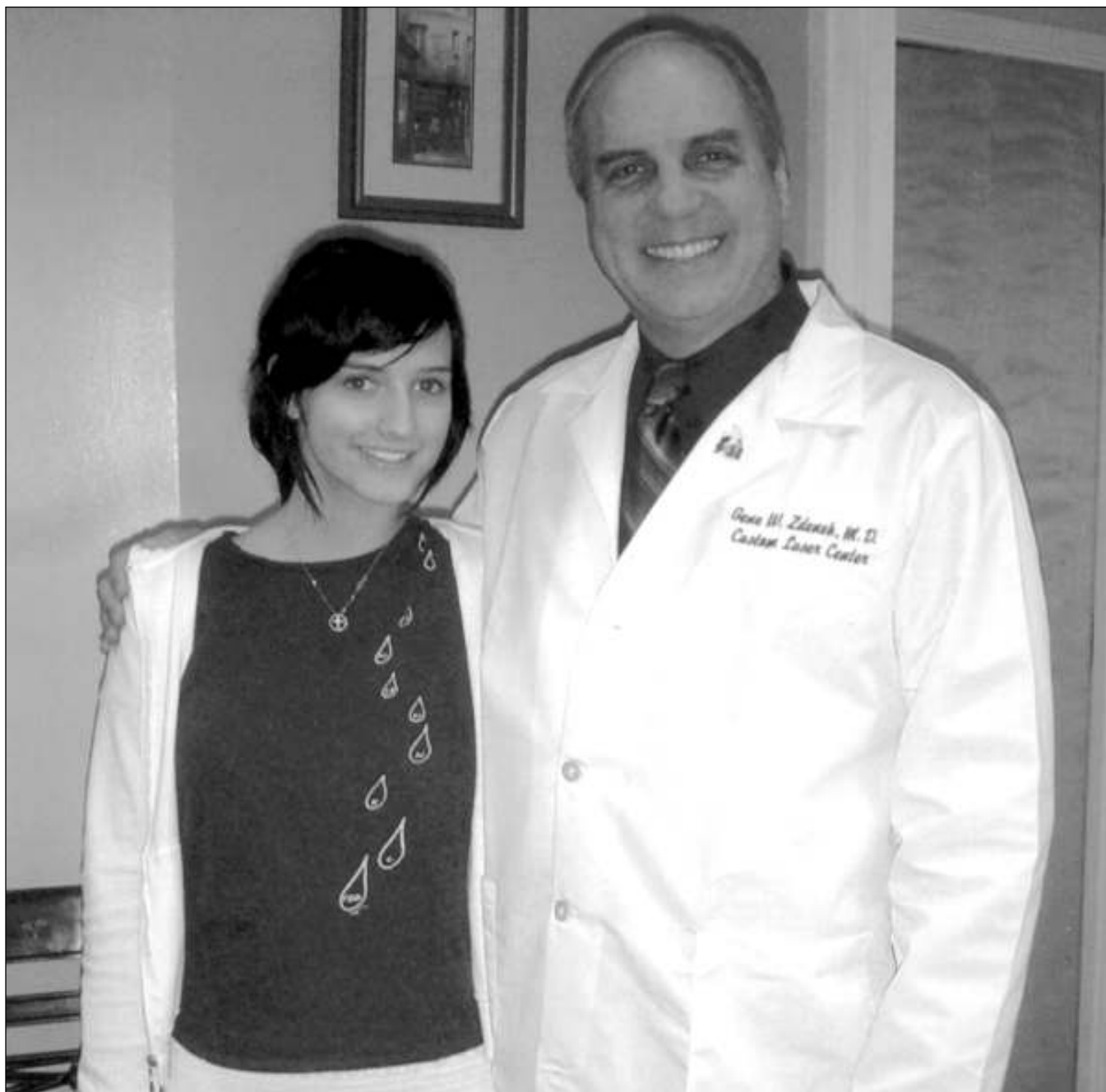
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systems are self-sustaining. They can raise revenue with the vote of city council.”

But, says Barnett, more than \$100 million has been squirreled out of sewer and water to bulk up the general fund over the past decade. “You can easily say that \$100 million is equivalent to 100 miles of sewer and water pipe.”

Bond investors generally look to see if a municipality has the cash flow to service the debt. They are not so interested in assets.

However, there is a reason for a government to inflate assets. “Borrowing capacity goes up as assets go up,” notes Shipione. “Higher assets give the appearance of a lot of debt capacity—a false sense of liquidity.”

This asset inflation is just one problem to which the city will have to ‘fess up. “The city’s financials will have to be severely restated,” says Shipione. “You see it over and over again: artificial inflation of assets and diminishment of liabilities. This example of depreciation will be shown to be only one of many abuses that have infiltrated the city’s financial reports.”

“Numbers like this can’t be a bureaucratic mistake,” says former councilmember Bruce Henderson. “These are the sorts of numbers that suggest a massive cover-up.”

“It’s not in keeping with proper financial management. It’s clear and convincing evidence of securities fraud. They have not only cooked the books on liabilities, but now they are significantly overstating assets,”

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says Carl DeMaio, president of the Performance Institute, a private think tank promoting government efficiency. “The city should return those awards they got for financial management in the 1990s.”

“It raises questions of auditor incompetence,” says councilmember Donna Frye, who is the most knowledgeable councilperson on sewer and water issues. However, until I called her, she had only heard about the matter in a passing reference in one committee meeting. Like Henderson and DeMaio, she believes the local government should inform the citizens in some way of such problems, even though it is not making the specifics known to capital markets yet. “This culture of secrecy continues. It’s so deeply rooted. We heard this constant mantra that we were the best-run city, but it was a story that included a lot of smoke and mirrors.” ■

Bitter fruit

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plant, which is also from the area, is used to derive ricin, a poison, and that plant isn’t eradicated. The logic is, if you try to eradicate one, you’d have to justify eradicating others. I guess that buys me time. I know that underneath that angry, spiked beauty, there’s a little treasure hiding for the right explorer.

My brother, Fern, and I take the kids out to eat after our outing. They had a great time catching insects while running around and screaming. And as I look at them all, happy little boogers, I can’t help but smile; I’m gonna do it. I’m gonna be that explorer. But maybe I’ll call Poison Control first, just in case. ■

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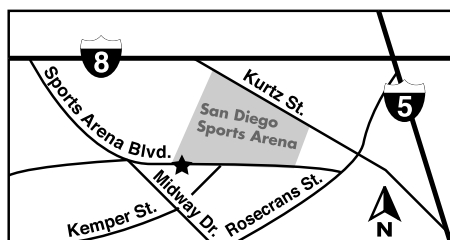
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Heymatt:

Is it possible to tickle someone to death? I've tried it on my brothers, but they wouldn't cooperate.
— A.M., El Cajon

Dear Matthew Alice:

"I thought I would die laughing." When something makes you laugh so hard you can't breathe, is there a chance you'll never stop? Is this unhealthy?

— M., San Diego

Well, A.M., let me nip your little reign of terror in the bud by saying there is nothing inherently deadly in the tickling itself. S'matter of fact, I'd think the tickler is in greater danger than the ticklees — once they catch up with you, anyway. Naturally, science knows next to nothing about tickling. Far as they can tell, it's a modified pain or pressure response. The sensory nerves in the outermost skin layer are sensitive to light pressure, which the brain interprets as an itch or tickling sensation. The real agony of tickling is in the out-of-control feeling induced in the ticklee when he can't sock the tickler in the eye and get him to stop.

But, say you get one of your victims to laugh hysterically. Can he die of laughter, secondary to the tickling? (Let's see *CSI* figure that one out in the lab.) Actually, laughter gets pretty good press, touted as a cheap, sure cure for what ails you in its invigorating, mood-enhancing, and stress-reducing properties. Hospitals have even had formal laughter-therapy programs for patients experiencing problems with chronic pain or insomnia. Maybe one day, doctors will tell us to take two jokes and call them in the morning.

When you reduce laughter to its visceral components, it doesn't sound much like a cure-all. Chortles and guffaws start in your diaphragm, which goes into spasms. Your abs and chest muscles contract and relax, expanding your rib cage and lungs to take in large volumes of oxygen and expel CO₂. Your heart beats harder to keep up with the increased metabolism, your blood pressure rises, pupils dilate, and you get a shot of adrenalin. Not too different from a stress response, actually. But on the up side, you get an increased flow of oxygenated blood; there's isometric benefits of muscle contraction in face, trunk, and extremities; and our old friends, the pleasure-inducing endorphins flood, your brain.

But is there a chance you could die from laughing too much? To read the literature on the subject, you wouldn't think so. But the diligent and far-flung Matthew Alice staff has come up with two anecdotes that indicate otherwise. One contributor to a national magazine, in an article told of how, when he laughs, his diaphragm occasionally "locks" (as he puts it) and he is unable to inhale. Eventually, the incident passes, and he's fine. He attributes it to a form of hysteria. The only connection here between laughter and death is the fact that he had one of these seizures while driving, and in the resulting accident he was saved only by his seat belt.

Anecdote number two concerns the late Alexander Mitchell of King's Lynn, England. On the fateful evening, Alexander and his wife settled in to watch his favorite TV show, *The Goodies*. One of the comedy sketches, about a Scotsman fighting his bagpipes in a takeoff of the martial arts, struck him as so funny that he laughed nonstop for 25 minutes, keeled over, and died. His wife, good sport that she is, said later that she would write to the creators of the show and thank them for making Alexander's last moments so happy. Speculation is that he had underlying cardiac or circulatory problems.

Matt:

What university is University Avenue named for?

— Red, Talmadge

These days it looks like the School of Hard Knocks. But back in the 1880s the University of Southern California planned to build the San Diego College of Arts of USC at Normal and Campus Streets. Land speculators went nuts. The resulting real estate boomlet gave us present-day University Avenue and University Heights. The boomlet went bust-olio three months later, and with it went USC's plans for a San Diego campus.

Cheep Answer

Matt: Not that anyone is likely to put a sparrow feather in a hat, but I believe your response to the question [last week] was incomplete and misleading. The only sparrow feather that one could legally put in a hat would be that of the House Sparrow, which is an introduced/non-native species. All other sparrows found locally would be covered under the Migratory Bird Act. — Peter, the net

Incomplete and misleading, indeed. The House Sparrow is the gray, brown, and black critter that hounds you at outdoor cafes. An alien avis from England. Squash him like a bug. On the other hand, consider all the other bright, attractive, legally protected sparrows you might find in Southern California, according to David Sibley's field guide to Western birds: Cassin's, Rufous-crowned, Black-throated, Black-chinned, Sage, Chipping, Brewer's, Clay-colored, Field, American Tree, Lark, Lark Bunting, Vesper, Savannah (Large-billed), Savannah (Belding's), Grasshopper, LeConte's, Fox (Thick-billed), Fox (Red), Fox (Sooty), Fox (Slate-colored), Song, Lincoln's, and Swamp. My apologies to all the species.

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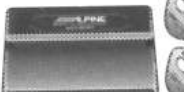
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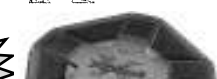
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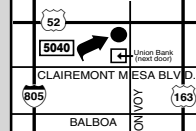
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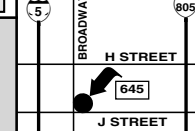
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Midnight On The Beach

Everybody I know, once in their life, has gone out to watch grunion run, but I don't recall anyone actually seeing grunion. What, exactly, is your connection to the beast?" I'm on the phone with Melissa Studer, 33, marine conservationist and Grunion Greeter Project program coordinator.

"We train volunteers to go out and observe the grunion run," Studer says, "and report basic information back to our website. The info is used by a team of researchers from Pepperdine University."

"This year we'll be testing whether or not we can use grunion as an indicator species. Can grunion tell us about the ecological health of our beaches, whether our beaches are polluted or not?"

"There's a way of measuring..."

Studer says, "Dr. Karen Martin [project manager] is setting up research sites, not only in San Diego, but all over Southern California. We'll have nine workshops training volunteers. Dr. Martin will be using their observations and data in her research."

"How many volunteers did you have in San Diego last year?"

"We had 150 people trained at our workshop, but the volunteer number is greater than that. Grunion Greeters work, at minimum, in pairs. We don't want anybody out there alone. So, you might partner with someone who didn't come to the training. If you include all those people, it's more like 200. That was last year."

"Big turnout, particularly since grunions run at night, right?"

"In the middle of the night, 10 to midnight, 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. They often run on weeknights, and the weather isn't always that great. Our volunteers come from all walks of life; many have 8-to-5 jobs."

I envision sea spray and harpoons and fields of grunions. "Sounds like fun. Is that what people usually say?"

"A lot of people say, 'Oh, I remember going out and trying to see a grunion run when I was growing up.' Or, 'Gosh, I've tried, but I've never actually seen grunion.' Or, 'They really exist? I thought it was an urban legend.'" Studer laughs, "I still get people who don't believe grunion exist. And then we get closet marine biologists who want to participate in a scientific study. And we have people who are planning on going out on a grunion run and figure, 'Well, if I'm already going out, I might as well participate in this project.'"

"Okay, volunteers are on the beach. What do they do?"

"We have an observation form. You don't need experience or know sciences or marine biology."

"I assume one bit of information you'd want is 'How many?'"

"You're not counting grunion. You're recording the strength of the run."

"How do you do that?"

"Dr. Martin developed the Walker Scale. It's a list of criteria. You mark off where there's zero to 50 fish spawning, where there are 50 to 100 fish in scattered areas, where there are hundreds of fish in several different areas, where there are thousands of fish, where there are so many fish that you could walk on them. You're looking at numbers of fish and over what length of the beach."

"You have to be patient," Studer says. "Sometimes grunion run when you get to the beach and that's great, but sometimes you'll wait an hour and a half. You record the time you're there and the time you see fish."

"At the workshops, we go over the difference between seeing grunion on the beach and seeing grunion spawn. There is a difference; females dig into the sand and then males wrap themselves around them. She's depositing eggs; males are depositing their milk, fertilizing the eggs."

"That's spawning?" That's where babies come from.

"That's spawning. But, at the beginning of the season you might see grunion on the beach, but what you're seeing is Boys Night Out. You're seeing the scouts, the males; there aren't any females. They're not spawning; they're checking things out."

Friday-night cruise. "What's the most fantastic grunion run you've seen?"

"There's one level on the scale that's a rare level; that's the one where you can't walk, there are so many fish on the beach. The next best would be thousands of fish. I've seen one of those."

"How long did that grunion run last?"

"It builds up and then it wanes down. I was out there for a half hour. At the beginning you're seeing the fish come in, and then you see them on the beach, and it's getting exciting, and more and more come in, and more and more, and before you know it, this spectacular run is happening, and then everything starts to dissipate."

It does sound like fun. "How long will you be greeting grunions?"

Peak season is considered April, May, and early June. There are ten different nights to choose from. You may go out and monitor *once*; if that's all the time you can give us, that's great. We hope you can give us at least two nights."

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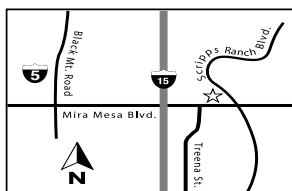


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"People are depraved and are slaves to sin. God can forgive us of that sin through Jesus' resurrection," said Major Warren Dabis when asked about the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "We should have a life of victory rather than despair. We need to use the resurrection power to change our lives. We are set free from the slavery of sin." Dabis said the power comes from God to Christians.

"God empowers us with the Holy Spirit to live a new life. Non-Christians don't have this power. They may have intellectual power or power the devil gives them, but it is counterfeit and leads to their detriment," Dabis said people can use this worldly power to gain wealth and power on earth. "We can gain the whole world, but lose our souls."

"After we understand the triumph of the resurrection, we need to do something with it. We need to share that power," remarked Dabis. To share this power, the San Diego Citadel offers social programs, such as homeless assistance, scouting programs, gym activities, arts and crafts, and senior exercise classes. "All of these are a part of us educating and building up the total man. If we are to minister to spiritual matters, we need to do it in a holistic way."

Lt. Colonel Diane O'Brien added, "The Salvation Army was started by a man who reached out to people who were not being welcomed at other churches. He said, 'How can you talk to a man about his soul if his stomach is empty?'"

Many people are aware of Salvation Army through their bell-ringing during the Christmas season. O'Brien said that the bell-ringing is their primary fund-raiser to run the ministries and social programs the Salvation Army offers. I asked O'Brien about the uniforms and military titles. "We use all military terms because we are fighting against an enemy, evil. The uniforms also get rid of the differences between people. Our churches have such a mix of people that it allows us to be reminded that we are one," said O'Brien. "I choose to wear the uniform as much as possible because it allows me

to witness frequently. Wherever I go, people ask me about it or feel like they can approach me."

On Easter, the San Diego Citadel Corps held a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service on a patio that overlooks the ocean. A crowd of 40 people gathered for the early service; many wore Salvation Army uniforms. An 18-piece Salvation Army band led "Up From the Grave He Arose"; "He Lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus Lives Today"; "Thine Is the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son."

Dabis's sermon started with a quote by A.W. Tozer. "I cannot give in to the Devil's principal, deceitful tactic, which makes so many Christians satisfied with an Easter celebration instead of experiencing the power of Christ's resurrection. It is the Devil's business to keep Christians mourning and weeping with pity beside the cross, instead of demonstrating that Jesus Christ is risen, indeed," read Dabis. Dabis's sermon encouraged the congregation to live a changed life because of Christ's resurrection. "Christ died

for our sins, was buried, and then rose from the dead to conquer sin and death for us."

After service, people attended an Easter breakfast. Joe, a band member, said, "I was attracted to the Salvation Army while I was on [a military] tour. At the time, there was a lot of bad press about the \$400,000 salary of a Red Cross executive. I heard that the general of the Salvation Army makes about what I make — something in the 20,000-dollar range. He was asked why, if he ran a multinational organization, he had such low pay. He replied, 'To do the work of God is payment enough.'"

"The Salvation Army Church is closely affiliated with the Protestant Church, except that we have no public observations of the sacraments," remarked Dabis about the church. Dabis said the Salvation Army believes Jesus spoke figuratively about breaking bread. "We see baptism and communion as symbolism of an inward resolve. Something that has taken place inwardly, so we don't need to do them outwardly. This idea of communion is something we do whenever we eat."

Each week, I ask the pastor what he or she believes happens after someone dies. Dabis responded, "Unless people accept Christ, they are going to hell. Christians will go to heaven." I asked Lt. Colonel O'Brien what she thought heaven would be like. "I have all sorts of wild imaginations about heaven. We will be enfolded in the presence of God. The Bible speaks about the pearly gates, streets paved with gold, and that there will be many mansions. The writers of the Bible were unable to describe heaven so this is the best they could try to communicate it," said O'Brien.

Major Dabis said, "Heaven is a 24-hour celebration service where there are no longer the cares of this world. We will give God honor and glory and celebrate with Him."

— Drew E. Goodmansson



WARREN DABIS

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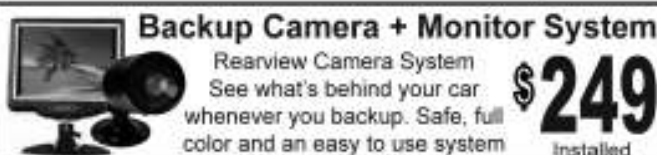
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Dear Saffron,

My beloved dog died recently. She lived to be fifteen and a half. I got her when she was a puppy and she was my constant and loyal companion for many years, through thick and thin. When I am not so heartbroken I will adopt another dog, but in the meantime I would like to do something in her honor. I cannot think of what would be appropriate, though. It's not like when a human relative or friend passes where I could set up a small scholarship in her name or donate money to her favorite charity. Do you have any suggestions?

BEREAVED IN DEL CERRO

Dear Bereaved,

I'm sorry about the loss of your dear dog. Your plan to adopt another pooch in need of a good home is one of the best ways to honor the memory of the pet you loved. Till you decide it's the right time to find that new dog (or two!) you could volunteer at a local animal shelter or rescue organization and/or give a donation in your dog's name. You might start with the San Diego Humane Society at www.sdhumane.org. You can easily locate local branches of worthy breed rescue and animal adoption organizations on line by typing "dog rescue San Diego" or "dog adoption organization San Diego" or similar words into a search engine. You'll get many more hits than you'll be able to click on in one long evening. Any of those organizations would be grateful for help, so take your pick. You might meet an irresistible dog in the process.

Dear Saffron,

I don't know any other way to say this: A close friend of mine has taken up with an awful woman. Oh, she's pretty all right. But she's trouble and I'm sure she'll end up breaking his heart. He will not hear warnings or criticism of her right now. They met a month ago and he is smitten. She says all kinds of weird things about me to him. I know this because he tells me some of those bad things she says about me. I think this is because she senses I'm on to her. This woman is a user. I see her starting to flirt with other guys she thinks are powerful or important, more or less right in front of my friend. He just says, "There's no harm in her being friendly." I'm not the only person in our circle who thinks this chick is bad news. The fact that my pal chose such a questionable girlfriend is beginning to take a toll on our friendship. While I try to be polite to her, it's an effort, because I can see farther down the road to when she will eventually hurt my friend. He's the type who when he hooks up he wants to do everything with his girlfriend. So now I rarely see

him unless my girlfriend and I go out with him and this annoying babe. Before he does something stupid like moving in with her or worse, marrying her, which he might, because he's so gaga and doesn't seem to see her realistically, I'd like him to realize he's making a mistake.

NO WOOL OVER MY EYES

Dear No Wool,

It always sucks when an important person in your life falls for someone problematic. As you already know, it can damage your relationship with your friend if you don't get along with their paramour. Don't get between this woman and your buddy. Be diplomatic. You're only going to drive a wedge between him and you. If you run her down he might feel like he's being asked to choose between you and her. Don't put him in that position. Be honest but gentle. See what evolves. Stick with him. Try to log some time with just the two of you every so often so all contact doesn't have to be when you're straining to be civil to her. Though strain you must. You're going to have to walk a fine line by being honest and real with your friend — encouraging him to take it slow and really get to know her — without interfering in his romance. You can let him know you're worried about him getting hurt, but don't malign her. Treat her and talk about her with respect. Ultimately, your pal is going to have to figure this out for himself. He's a big boy. And if this relationship goes on the rocks, you don't want to complicate matters by having placed yourself in a spot where it could seem to your dazzled pal like you're partly to blame.

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— EVE KELLY

Mom's birthday is on the horizon, and I'm thinking window boxes. For as long as I can remember, she's always kept a vibrant perennial garden full of snapdragons, salvia, and alyssum at the foot of lilac and rose of Sharon shrubs. But years of bending to weed and cultivate have weighed on her knees, and Mom's garden has become more of a shrub garden. I want to perk up her summer days with a colorful window box, a box whose height will spare her worn knees.

"Window boxes usually are full of color and textures, so you don't want a lot of empty spaces in the box," explained Pandora Flores, assistant manager at Armstrong Garden Center. "Annual flowers have a lot of color but they don't last a long time, so you need to replenish them every two to three months. We recommend putting a mix of annuals and perennials. The perennials last year-round, so you just replenish the annuals. Ivy geraniums are a good plant because they cascade down and flower just about year-round. Vegetables or herbs can be incorporated in the planter. Or you can do succulents or cactus, which last a lot longer than the annuals."

"People often go for the plastic window boxes because they're less expensive," Flores continued (plastic terra-cotta-colored boxes cost \$9.99 for the 30-inch planter). "We sell wooden window boxes also [\$33.99 for the 36-inch-long box]."

"The main focus is drainage, good drainage in the bottom of whatever container that you choose. Put holes in the bottom, anywhere from four to six inches apart, so the water doesn't stay in there when you water it. You can put gravel [or broken clay pieces] on the bottom of the planter, which helps keep the water away from the root systems so they don't drown."

"You need to water window boxes more frequently than you would a garden," added Flores. "Anything in containers, especially shallow containers, which window boxes tend to be, you need to water more frequently. Incorporate a slow-release type of fertilizer into the soil when you are planting, so you do not have to keep fertilizing. Those fertilizers last anywhere from four to nine months."

"For the wire-style boxes," continued Flores, "you need coconut fiber to contain the soil in the box. Get a high-quality coconut fiber so that the fiber will retain moisture well. Sometimes lower-quality fibers dry out really fast."

Mia McCarville, owner of Cedros Gardens, stocks a window box called a Hayrack. "It is a long, black, wrought-iron window basket," she explained, "with the molded coconut liner, made by Tom Chambers in

"Ours are really nice because we carry a fiberglass shell so the soil doesn't dry out from the side and the bottom."

England. It has a real traditional English garden look. The Hayrack starts at \$35 for a 28-inch box, and they go up to \$96 for the four-foot-long box." McCarville suggested planting strawberries in your window box. "That would be very cute," she added.

Wally Jarns, buyer for Evergreen Nursery, suggested lobelia as an edging. "Lobelia is a good edging for a window box; it hangs over the side. Annuals like alyssum, marigold, petunias, whatever is in season, you can use as your middle plant." Jarns cautioned against using perennials in the planter. "Usually the window box is not deep enough for perennials. Perennials need more root area because they are going to grow larger and longer."

"The main thing with a window box," said Stephanie Scanga, assistant manager at Smith & Hawken, "is that it is hard to keep a window box damp, because it is surrounded by air. Ours are really nice because we carry a fiberglass shell [which goes inside the window box], so the soil doesn't dry out from the side and the bottom. It keeps the plants much more like they are in the ground so the box doesn't put as much stress on the plants."

The fiberglass shell is also element stable, meaning it won't erode with the weather."

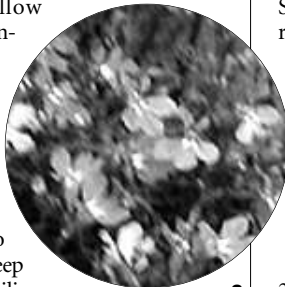
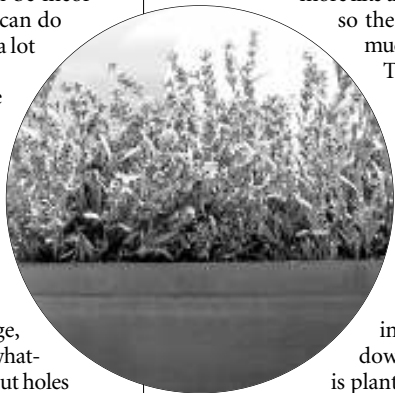
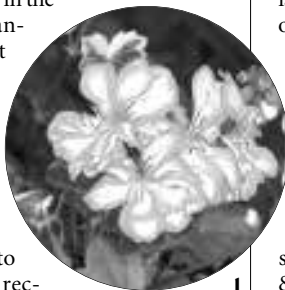
Scanga continued with design options. "I always say, look around and see what grows best in other people's window boxes. Generally it is plants that will take a lot of sun, like geraniums, ivy, or angel vine. The other thing to remember with window boxes is that when you install them onto your house, you want to match the hardware to your house, not the window box."

Scanga pointed out a wall of boxes. I saw a few favorites. The faux terra-cotta resin box, with relief fruit and leaves on it (\$69 for the 36-inch box) was a bargain for its authentic look. The Soho Window Box (\$225 for the 48-inch box) reminded me of penthouses in Manhattan, with its circular art deco design on the black steel. And the Canterbury Window Box caught my eye. The label on the black steel read "inspired by an antique garden gate." The price: \$195 for the 48-inch box.

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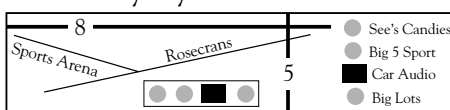
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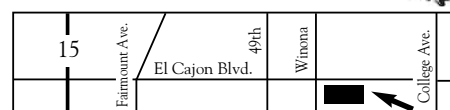
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

The taxpayers of San Diego pay Mayor Pete Wilson the middlin' wage of \$20,000 a year. Some say we get a lot for our money. Everybody would agree on one bargain, though: we also get the services of Mrs. Pete Wilson...for free.

A year ago, she got her broker's license, not because of any immediate ambitions but because it seemed like a good time to take the exam.... She sells mostly houses now but is taking time to learn about commercial property, too.

— "WHO IS BETTY WILSON?" Gale Fox,
April 3, 1975



Betty Wilson

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Scene: A Friday-afternoon business luncheon. Helen Copley, publisher of the *San Diego Union* and the *Evening Tribune*, is speaking to 150 members of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. Time for questions. A young man in the back of the room challenges a recent Copley dictum: "Would you grant myself or any other media an interview concerning your decision not to accept abortion advertising — pro or con — in our local papers?" The moderator asks the questioner's identity. "Larry Remer of *Newsline*," is the reply. A wave of embarrassment and irritation rolls over the crowd. "I know who he is," Copley says softly. Then louder: "I don't want to talk to you."

— "THE MUCK STOPS HERE," Mark Orwoll,
April 3, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Dupont Hoesewain Coxswain IV here, Yale, class of — oh, never mind, it's a little embarrassing. Let's just say that when I went to the Yale Divinity School, there was only one god.... I've heard the upstarts at the [yacht] club snickering that the only scull I know anything about is the one I see in the mirror every morning, but as the progeny of aristocrats, I feel qualified to discuss the shoddy state of the sport of crew. After all, crew was once the genteel equivalent of jogging. My father, who spit out five silver spoons at birth before he found a pattern he liked, was an oarsman for the Eli of Yale, as was his father and his grandfather, who invented Connecticut.

— "A DIPPING OF OARS," Steve Heffner,
April 4, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

I have been asked to write this article about the 50th birthday celebration of Bugs Bunny because I am the author of a doctoral dissertation...*Sibling Rivalry and the Sadoomasochistic Project: Bugs Bunny and Mickey Mouse*.

The sadistic nature of Bugs Bunny has been noted by Jacques Derrida (*De la carro-*

tolgie, p. 844). "The (ex)pression of the absent/present rabbit self takes the form of the rejection of bourgeois rules of fair play and the subjection of rivals!"

— "PERCEPTION, REALITY, AND BUGS,"
Jean-Pierre Mufle, April 5, 1990

Ten Years Ago

When Mayor Susan Golding went to a political fundraiser in her honor at a Gaslamp Quarter restaurant last month, she relied on the form of transportation she uses almost exclusively these days: a city-owned Lincoln Continental, chauffeured by an on-duty police detective, assigned to her "executive protection" detail. But when the well-tailored cop parked the handsome blue car in a white, three-minute-only parking zone on E Street, stuck an official "police vehicle" placard on the dash, and left to join the mayor at the party inside a posh restaurant across the street, at least one taxpayer began to see red.

"That night, the mayor's car was parked in a white zone, with expired plates, and nothing happened," Yannis Saridakis says.
— CITY LIGHTS: "HE'S A COP, HE'S A LIMO DRIVER, HE'S ILLEGALLY PARKED," Thomas K. Arnold,
March 30, 1995

Five Years Ago

"Mommy," Angela began to cry, "I want to sleep in your bed."

I glanced over at the clock. "It's too early," I told Angela. "It's only 3:30. Go back to bed. When it's closer to morning, you can come in with Daddy and me."

"I can't," Angela cried harder. "I'm too scared."

"What's the problem?" Jack asked from his side of the bed.

"Angela's scared and wants to come in with us."

I heard Jack sigh. Adding another body, no matter how small, ruins Jack's sleep.

— KID STUFF: "SLEEP-DEPRIVATION EXPERIMENT,"
Anne Albright, March 30, 2000

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Crasher

WAR AND PEACE

by Josh Board

The night after attending a party, I was invited to another party hosted by Mike, one of the DJs. It was at a house in the Del Cerro area near SDSU. Mike lives at this place with his brother John, who's a teacher at a performing-arts school. When you drive to a DJ/bass player's house for a party, you aren't expecting to see a huge two-story house on a hill overlooking the city.

I don't usually ask people how they can afford such houses, but since Mike is going to SDSU and playing bass in a band and John is living on a teacher's wage, I had to know how they got this place with its spectacular view of the city. John said, "My dad is a lawyer and works for the woman who owns the place. We got a pretty good deal on the rent. I won't say how much we pay, but it's a great deal."

The house is on a big hill, so I asked Mike if the recent rains had made him concerned about mudslides. He said, "Yeah, the house is already tilting a little bit. The foundation will have to be redone. A Marine owned this house in the '50s and built it himself."

This is a perfect house for parties. One room had all glass walls and an incredible view, with a bar in the corner. They



had set up chips and peanuts on two coffee tables. On one side, there was a Jacuzzi; on the other side, a few benches. Both sides had the same view of the lights of the city.

One couple was snuggled up on a bench. The guy said, "This is a romantic spot, isn't it?" I nodded as I lit my cigar. Then I stepped back about 50 feet. I didn't think it would be as romantic for them to have to smell my stogie.

"I didn't know my house was so small until I saw this place."

I could hear the band, called the Continental Kit, playing in the living room. They didn't have a vocalist, and the music sounded like some early Pink Floyd. I set my cigar down and went in and watched.



There was one couple sitting on a couch only two feet from one of the amplifiers. The girl looked bored as her Asian boyfriend swayed his head back and forth. A few other people were talking, and I wondered

tic paintings of things like skulls and eyeballs that looked like they could have been on those old rock posters from the Fillmore in the '60s, or would look great on a metal CD today. I found out Cameron was also a tattoo artist.

I talked to another artist, who said, "I've only been painting for two years, but I've been drawing my entire life." He was a graduating art-history major at SDSU.

John was showing me and a few other guys the upstairs area of the house, and he told me he sometimes rides his bike to SDSU. One of the guys couldn't

believe he had such an incredible home. One room upstairs is used just to store his large record collection and DJ equipment. When he opened it to show us, we saw a group of guys smoking pot.

As we walked back downstairs, someone asked Mike, "How can you party like this two days in a row?" I know the feeling, I thought.

John kept trying to get the band to play again, but they had dance music spinning, and there were a handful of women dancing. I told John he looked overdressed with a tie on and he quickly took it off. He introduced me to a former student of his who now plays in the band with Mike. We talked a little about teachers having friendships or relationships with their students. John said, "Actually, when he was a teenager, he was looking for a band. And I wanted to suggest my brother's band but didn't think that was appropriate. Now he's out of school and they are in a band together. And it's weird to see him here smoking cigarettes."

I went to the bar to grab a drink and heard two guys talking about the Padres. I had heard them talking baseball an hour earlier as they were munching on peanuts. They left shells all over the coffee table. Above them,

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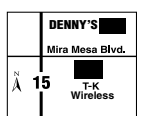
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When I went to the bathroom, I walked past the kitchen. They had drawings on the walls there that looked like they had been done by children. A few were of manatees. It was a nice comic touch.

I heard one guy say to Mike, "I didn't know my house was so small until I saw this place." Mike explained that one of the things he has to do while living there is upkeep. He pointed out a project he was working on in the back yard, which sounded long and involved with gardening and carpentry.

The second party I went to was right around the corner. A guy named Tony Puente called and told me it was a going-away party. I asked where he was going, and he explained, "My best friend Eric Ramirez died in Iraq. I quit my job and joined the Army. I figured if he could die for our country, this was

the least I could do."

When I arrived, I saw Tony had his friend's name, birthday, and place of death tattooed on his arm in large letters. He said, "Yeah, talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve."

He pointed to his shirt that said "Army" and said, "This was my signing bonus. They offered me \$15,000, but I refused it. This isn't about the money. I had a good job downtown." He didn't want to tell me what that job was, but he's sure he'll be able to get it back once he leaves the service. Tony added, "I'm in for six years, but I'll sign up for another two if the war is still going on."

I asked him how his parents took the news. He said, "Oh, they disowned me. They kept trying to talk me out of it. They even tried to bribe me, saying they'd give me a house. They own three houses and offered one to me."

His girlfriend Autumn came over. She said, "His parents have gotten a little

better about the whole situation. They called the other day and left a really cute message."

Tony laughed and said, "My mom is a Jehovah's Witness. She actually went down and signed a thing saying that I had multiple sclerosis, so that the Army wouldn't take me. It was crazy." Tony pointed out his various friends. Many of them were police officers. He told me, "That guy over there has a stun gun. At some point during this party, he's going to zap me with it."

I asked, "Isn't that dangerous? What if you fall into the fire pit?"

He said, "I had him use it on me before. I dropped like a bitch. It'll be fun." It reminded me of the Pink Panther movies, when Peter Sellers had that guy attack him in his own home. Their idea of fun is certainly different from mine. I always felt guilty using a joy buzzer on someone when shaking hands.

I thought Tony and

Autumn were a cute couple, both tall, good-looking Latinos and affectionate with each other. At one point during the party, they went into another room for half an hour. When they came out, Tony had a mohawk. I asked if he shaved it himself and he pointed to Autumn, who was laughing.

Tony grabbed me a beer and said, "Look at all this alcohol." There were cases and cases of beer and a few coolers filled with other drinks. He said, "A friend of ours works for Anheuser-Busch and they give you two cases every paycheck. I guess it adds up fast."

I saw three girls sitting by the fire talking among themselves. Autumn went over and said, "This is a party. Go be social. Don't just sit there." They got up and one of these cute, short girls went up to a man and introduced herself, shaking his hand. She then went up to another guy and introduced herself, and as this guy got a confused look on his face, she moved on to

introduce herself to the next person she saw.

Autumn lit a cigarette and Tony told her, "Go talk to Josh. Tell him some stories." She came over and asked me, "What am I supposed to talk to you about?" I asked her about some of the past parties they've had. She said, "One time Tony got really drunk. What happened was, there were these two lesbians at the party. Tony asked me if he could get them drunk. But he ended up being the one who got drunk. When he passed out, we put makeup all over his face." I asked her if they took photos of Tony in makeup and she said, "Of course. We put a dildo in his hand and took some crazy pictures. Unfortunately, the makeup was all over my sheets in the morning. It was a mess."

There was a table set up on the back patio that had clams, crab legs, and lots of food. Inside, they also had a variety of desserts and a strong fruit punch with rum. One woman

sat down in a chair that was wet. She quickly got up and then bent over the fire hoping to dry off. One guy said, "That's a disaster waiting to happen. I heard some people talking about falling into the fire pit earlier. You better be careful." His friend then told me a story about a girl falling into a fire pit at a party. "She was really drunk and burned up her arm. They had to rush her to the hospital. And it ruined the whole party."

Yep. Nothing like a guest on fire to ruin a party.

There was one cute girl at the party who asked a guy if his roommate was coming. He asked her, "Oh, you like Brett, huh?" "No," she said. "I was just wondering where he was. I don't date guys with that name anymore." She explained later that she had recently gotten out of a long-term relationship with a guy named Brett. The guy who was bugging her told me a long, involved story about his old girlfriend from Salt Lake City. She was a Mormon and he told me they

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dated off and on for seven years. I don't know if it was the amount of alcohol he had consumed, or just the way he told the story, but I couldn't follow what he was saying.

I talked to another guy who had played in a poker tournament at one of the casinos earlier that night. He did fairly well but didn't win. He told some great poker stories, but I was feeling my migraine coming back from earlier in the day.

I left the patio and went into the kitchen. Autumn asked what was wrong and I told her. She got me some aspirin and was so sweet. I couldn't believe Tony was going to leave a good job, a gorgeous girlfriend, and a great life to fight in a war. I started thinking about the people who dodged the draft in the '60s and about the soldiers who have lost their lives fighting for this country. There have been over a thousand killed in Iraq.

I asked Tony before I left, "Does it bother you

when you hear people talking about the war and President Bush and our involvement in Iraq?"

He said, "I sometimes have to bite my lip. I've heard lots of people talking shit about the Army or the war. I understand that people all have different views on those things and I don't take it personally."

I drove home past SDSU, where I went to many wild parties in my college days. Ten minutes later, I drove past the Miramar base, where I played basketball with many military guys over the years. And I thought, no matter what your take is on this war, or whether you know someone in the military or anyone who has died fighting for the freedoms this country enjoys, you should spend at least a few minutes of your day thinking about the brave young men and women in the military. ■

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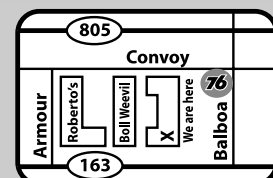
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by Barbarella

It's All Happening at the Zoo

Zoo: An excellent place to study the habits of human beings.
— Evan Esar

I dreamt about *him* again last night,” Jenny said during a lull in our fragmented conversation.
“Yeah? What happened?” I asked, stealing my eyes away from the road to meet my sister’s with a look I hoped would express my eagerness to hear about her dream.
“Well, in the beginning Peter was thin and frail, but by the end of my dream, he was *gordo*.” It took me a second to place the name, but after a moment I realized

Jenny was speaking of Peter Parker, the most recent of her hamsters who have “made their passing.”
“He gave me a look that said, ‘I’m okay now,’ and I was happy. That’s when I woke up.”

As a child, Jenny would pray to Precious, but I was never sure which one — seven different hamsters inherited that name before Spike, Popcorn, and Peter arrived on the scene. At first,

I had thought she was praying for Precious, but then one night I overheard her whispered words before she fell asleep in the room we shared: “Precious, please let me play good in soccer tomorrow.” I was tempted to make fun of her for it, but she had sounded so serious that I was half-convinced Precious might have some pull up there. Though I’ve blocked it from my memory, I feel certain that I have, at least once, given deity status to one of my rabbits.

Jenny is the only person I know who is geekier about animals than I am: beyond a simple appreciation, her fondness overflows into the realm of religion, which is why I asked her to join me at the zoo for a day of practice with my new camera. After

much research, David located the most “Barb-a-licious” camera, a Canon SD300 Digital Elph — small, sleek, silver, fabulous. I was itching to try out my new toy, and though I had purchased my zoo membership last August, I hadn’t made time to visit the majestic, exotic, and comical animals.

We were there before 9:00 and had to wait behind pushy, socially inept zoo members. You know, those folks who don’t miss a day for fear their “friends” — namely, monkeys and apes — would forget them. These frequent zoogoers pride themselves on knowing more about the animals than the zookeepers. As the masses gathered, we were pushed closer to the monkey lovers. I could overhear two of them debating on the mood of a particular chimp.

“She’ll probably come right to the glass to say hello,” said the one in the glasses. “No,” responded the one in the silly hat, “I think she’ll wait for a while to feel us out from afar. Then she’ll say hi.”

To keep Jenny from freaking out over all these strangers nudging into her personal space, I shared the story about the time I was insulted by an orangutan. “She flipped me off,” I said to a disbelieving Jenny. “Seriously. The female orangutan looked up at me, locked eyes, and then lifted her middle finger. Kip was there, he can attest to it.”

“Come on,” Jenny said, sticking her

elbows further out to keep tourists from crowding closer.

“And here’s the clincher,” I continued. “I know a guy who works here, and he told me that there was a trainer here who taught the orangutans how to flip people off.”

Before Jenny could question this latest bit of information (all of it true) the gates opened and we entered the world-famous San Diego Zoo.

“Let’s get a map,” Jenny suggested.
“They’re back at the entrance...you want to go back there?” She looked at the tourists piling through the turnstiles and shook her head in fear. “There are plenty of signs,” I said, not wanting to ford the river of zoo-zealots any more than she did.

We walked straight ahead into the aviary, where we hesitated for a moment, staying absolutely still in hopes that a bird might land on us before it dawned on me that the longer we stood, the higher our chances of being shat upon. I suggested this possibility to Jenny, and she led our speed-walking escape.

We were both eager to get to the pandas. The last time I’d gone to the zoo there was a recently born baby panda named Me-Me or Ling-Ling, and I refused to wait in line with the hundreds of non-San Diegans the fuzzy little bear drew to the exhibit.

I had never seen a panda in person. Signs surrounding us asked that we remain silent; pandas are sensitive creatures. But the signs

The ducks led us toward some very stinky monkeys. I was reminded of my nephew’s diaper (minus the powdery scent).

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were unnecessary. As soon as we saw the panda, Jenny and I were speechless. We shot pictures of one panda sipping water. I took a video (yes, my camera can do that too) of the panda eating bamboo by holding the shoots between its opposable-thumbed paws and ripping the bamboo apart with its mouth. Eager to discuss the bear, we returned to a noise-friendly area.

Our conversation consisted of two words:

"Wow," I said.

"Yeah," Jenny answered.

We were interrupted by a pair of ducks and instinctively followed them. It seemed odd to see these ducks waddling around the pavement, far from any water in sight. Both Jenny and I had our cameras out and cornered the ducks so they would stop for a moment and pose for us. Aside from a three-year-old who was dragged away by her mother, my sister and I were the only people in the entire zoo who seemed taken with the ducks. I think it had something to do with the fact that they were so *touchable*, not kept away from us by glass, wire, or a moat.

The ducks led us toward some very stinky monkeys. I was reminded of my nephew's diaper (minus the pleasant powdery scent), and my face involuntarily scrunched up in disgust.

"We can't stay over here; these are the ones that fling their shit at you," Jenny said. I held my breath and stood between the cages. "Really, Barb, that's why it smells. Ohmygod, that one's gonna do it! I'm getting out of here!" She sprinted away with her hands on her head — a sort of shit shield, perhaps. Her paranoia was contagious — the image of poo flying at us motivated me to follow her quickly back to the main path.

We spent so much time with the meerkats I wouldn't have been surprised if the tour-bus driver had mentioned us as part of the display. If there was ever a rodent to anthropomor-

phize, it is the meerkat.

These sociable mon-gooses can stand on two feet, and the way they quickly turned their noses up in the air made me think of a sommelier suddenly detecting the scent of 1959 Chateau Lafite Rothschild in a dive bar.

Jenny wanted nothing to do with the camels. As we walked by the camel enclosure, one of the beasts was blessing the dirt with a steady stream of piss.

"This is disgusting,"

Jenny whispered. Don't stop; keep walking."

"Look, that one's humps are sagging to the side," I pointed out.

"Eww! Keep walking. I don't need to see that; it's gross." She was still whispering. I didn't need to ask her why she kept her voice so low. To me, it was obvious: she didn't want to offend the camel, and I didn't blame her.

We headed past the exit to the reptiles but gave up looking at ancient tortoises to chase lizards up and down the trellis outside the restrooms. There were so many of them, and I was able to touch one! Jenny got a picture of my fingertip in front of the lizard's mouth; the miniature dragon was no longer than my finger.

We headed back toward the koalas, reading each other's minds. Our father's favorite animal is the koala. For the second year in a row, his business took Dad out of the country on St. Patrick's Day, and for a New York Irishman, this is not a good thing. So Jenny and I thought we'd take pictures of koalas and e-mail them to him. Not that they have anything to do with being Irish, but we were convinced that pictures of his favorite cuddly animal would put a smile on his face.

Jenny had made a point to get as many animal ass shots as she could for her boyfriend, Brad. Due to a lack of cooperation on the animals' part, she ended up with only a handful of exotic butts for the humorous slide show she was planning. Of all the animals I'd seen that day, Jenny was my favorite. ■

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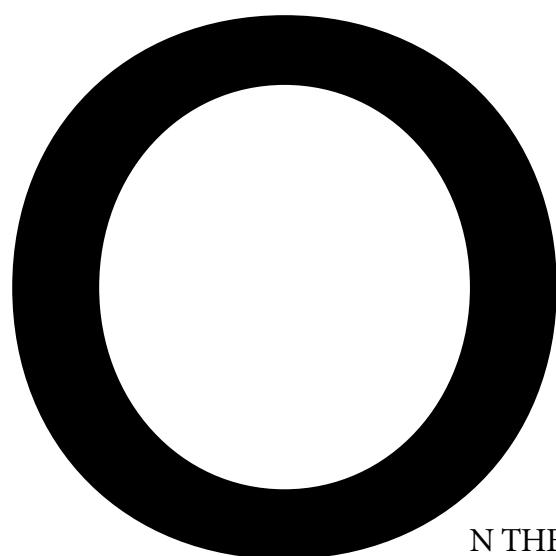
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IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 4, 1963, the front page of the *New York Times* carried the headline “Dr. Ward Is Dead; Suicide Note Calls His Foes Vultures.” The story revealed that the 50-year-old Ward, an osteopath and artist who had moved with ease among the upper-crust inhabitants of London’s West End, had died from an overdose of sleeping pills he had consumed several days earlier. Ward’s reasons for killing himself were obvious. He’d been entangled in one of the most notorious scandals ever to hit Britain, having introduced that country’s secretary of state for war, John Profumo, to an attractive young woman named Christine Keeler. She subsequently had sex not only with the married Tory official but also with a Russian naval attaché, a concurrence that raised concerns about espionage. The affair almost brought down the government of Harold Macmillan, and in the affair’s turbulent wake, Ward, who counted drug dealers and loose women among his associates, was placed on trial for “living off the earnings of prostitution.”

According to the *Times*, Ward left behind no fewer than 13 suicide notes. One, written in spidery handwriting to the friend in whose home he was staying, declared, “It’s really more than I can stand — the horror day after day at the court and in the streets — it’s not only fear — it’s a wish not to let them get me. I’d rather get myself.”

In the month that followed the news of Ward’s suicide, 1801 people killed themselves in the United States. Most of their deaths weren’t announced on the front page of the *New York Times*, and if you had asked leading sociologists of the day whether Ward’s well-publicized act of self-destruction had affected the subsequent American total, they would have said no. Almost 70 years earlier, the French pioneering sociologist Émile Durkheim had declared that imitation does not increase the national level of suicide; he believed that a lack of social cohesiveness instead explained why the vast majority of people kill themselves. For three-quarters of the 20th Century, most scholars accepted that.

But in the month after Ward killed himself, the number of Americans who killed themselves in fact *was* higher than normal — 160 more deaths than one would have expected from looking at the numbers in the same time frame in the preceding and succeeding years. In the month after actress Marilyn Monroe’s naked body was found lifeless next to an empty bottle of Nembutal sleeping pills, the number of suicides among Americans jumped 12 percent (197 more deaths than normal). In fact, spikes followed 26 out of 33 suicides reported on the front page of the *New York Times* between 1948 and 1967 — a total of more than 2000 “excess” deaths. The conclusion drawn by David Phillips, the researcher who discovered this statistical pattern, was that suicide indeed can be contagious.

Phillips was teaching at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1974 when he published these findings in the *American Sociological Review*. “I was proud of the title I gave that paper,” he says today. “I named this thing the Werther Effect, after Goethe’s famous hero.” The famous German author himself was suicidal, Phillips explains, and he wrote his novel *The Sorrows of Young Werther* as a way of purging himself of his self-destructive feelings. “After the book came out, all sorts of people were said to be copying the fictional hero. And I said, ‘Hey, let’s see if this works in real life as well as in fiction.’ ”

Shortly after his first Werther Effect paper was published, Phillips joined the



sociology faculty at the University of California San Diego, where he remains today. Over the past 30 years, he has discovered all sorts of things relating to death. He found "that suicide stories were followed not only by spikes in suicide but also spikes in automobile accidents as well. And particularly by spikes in single-car accidents. Isn't that neat?" Phillips exclaims. It's a rhetorical question he poses often. "The more publicity given to the story, the greater the increase, and the increase came mainly where the publicity occurred. In the case of the auto data, I was able to show that after a young guy had his suicide story on the front page, the deaths of young drivers went up particularly. There was a relationship. The age of the person crashing just after the story was predictable from the age of the person dying in the story!

But that was true only if you looked at the *driver* deaths that occurred after the first story. You could not predict the age of the passengers dying. Isn't that neat?" The ages of drivers who crashed just *before* the suicide story also were not predictable. And "if you looked at multiple-car crashes where presumably at least one driver didn't want to die, the age of the drivers was not neatly predictable from the age of the person who had committed suicide." In sum, all the data suggested that some of the single-car crashes were in fact suicides. "It was a beautiful, beautiful finding," Phillips enthuses.

That study was published in the journal *Science*. It was the first time his parents noticed that he'd published something, Phillips jokes. Both his mother and father were public-health physicians born in South



David Phillips

Africa. Although they wanted each of their four children to become doctors too, none did, but Phillips suggests that having his work published in prestigious science and medical journals somewhat made up for that. In South Africa,

"Their way of expressing their liberal politics was to go into public health and cater exclusively to nonwhite populations," the professor recalls. In the mid-'50s, when his parents had given up on the possibility of South Africa turning into a true

democracy, they joined a wave of other liberal South African physicians fleeing to the United States and settled in Boston. Twelve and a half years old at the time his family immigrated, Phillips recalls that "we were never alone in that house. There were always [other] immigrating families staying with us and being settled. It was a very nice experience," and it echoed his mother's own youth, he adds. "Her parents having come from Lithuania, in all the years that she grew up in her house in South Africa, she was never alone."

Today the 61-year-old Phillips's speech reveals his birth country in subtle ways. He says "chawnce" for "chance," "cawn't" for "can't," "puh-mit" for "permit." An unprepossessing figure, his steel-gray hair has receded from a face distinguished by probing, deep-set eyes behind avi-

ator-frame glasses. Often he closes those eyes as he talks. He says he thinks better that way. But they were open, scanning the large lecture hall within UCSD's Center Hall a bit before 8:00 a.m. on the fourth day of this year. It was the first session of Phillips's Sociology of Suicide class, a course he's taught so often he can't remember how many times it's been. Phillips was dressed in his inveterate uniform: a long-sleeve plaid shirt with a bit of white undershirt peeking out from beneath it; dark chinos; Birkenstocks over dark socks; a black pouch that he wears on his belt to store the sorts of things a woman would carry in a purse. Precisely at 8:00, he pulled out a handheld chime and struck it. "How many of you have been in my class before?" he asked. When only a few hands rose, he declared, "That's great! Then I can tell

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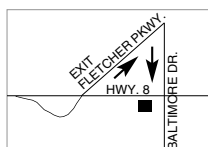
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those same stories over again."

After he dispensed with the administrative preliminaries, he asked the large group assembled before him, "Why do you guys want to attend such a class?" No one raised a hand, and Phillips chided them, "If you're going to grow up and have courage to vote and so forth, you're going to need to be able to speak up, you know." One girl finally offered that she had known someone who'd killed himself, an admission that drew an understanding nod from Phillips. "But seriously, folks, if you want to worry about dying from something, you really should not worry too much about suicide," he said. "People who study suicide would like you to think you should worry about it." Such concern brings them funding, he suggested. But among college-age individuals, it happens rarely, he reassured his audience.

Another girl remarked that it was nonetheless fascinating. "Yeah, it really is a remarkable thing, considering how many evolutionary mechanisms are tasked to keep us alive," Phillips agreed.

"I see it as part of an underground culture," a young man remarked. "There's a lot of dark material associated with the subject."

He wouldn't be able to add anything to their fund of knowledge about popular music, Phillips warned his students. Popular culture was not his forte. But he would award a prize to the student who could find the best example of a suicidal song or poem. The winner would be able to choose between a pair of ceremonial chopsticks or a T-shirt from Marshall's Industrial Hardware. "Some people want the one; some want the other, but most people want the chopsticks,"

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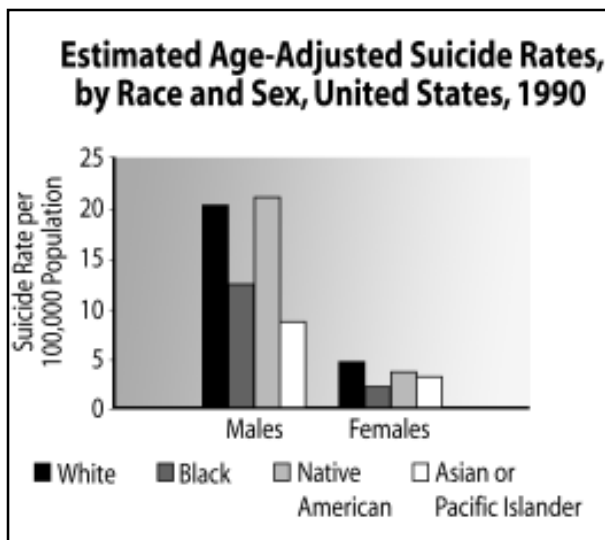
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Phillips said.

In the classes that followed, Phillips also gave the students a taste of some of the statistical data that's been amassed about suicide. They learned, for example, that more Americans kill themselves every year than fall victim to homicide, a fact that has remained consistent for many years. That's the case in most countries, but the gap between the murder rate and the suicide rate is smaller here than in any other industrialized nation. The American murder rate is the highest of the world's industrialized nations, while a number of other developed countries beat us out at suicide, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, France, and the Scandinavian countries. The number of suicide deaths in the U.S. has been climbing

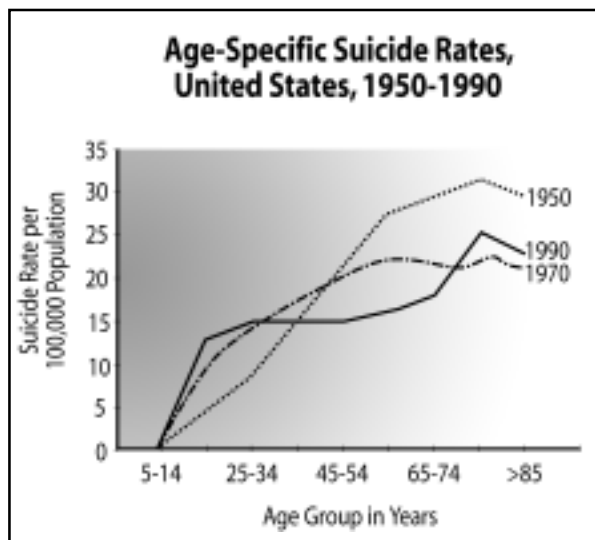


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since 1980, as the population has aged; older folks kill themselves at much higher rates than do younger ones. Between 1980 and 1992, 75- to 79-year-olds killed themselves, while just 8.5 out of every 100,000 15- to 19-year-olds did. If one adjusts for age, the suicide rate in America has not changed much

over the course of the past 50 years, according to Phillips.

Firearms are the method of choice, accounting for 60 percent of all suicides in 1992, followed by poisoning (18 percent), strangulation (15 percent), and cutting (1 percent). No matter what the means, by far the most likely suicide candi-



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date is male, with white males doing themselves in at far higher rates than their brethren from most other races (Native American males being the grim exception). White females kill themselves at a higher rate than blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, or Asians. Among the factors that appear to be protective against suicide

are education (at least until later in life), marital status (the rate of suicide among married people being less than half that of those who are single, widowed, or divorced), and geography (with most of New England and the Midwest having lower suicide rates than the rest of the country).

The reason we know these things is because

when people die in the United States, we record a lot of information about them on their death certificates — including their sex, race, age, marital status, level of education, where they were living at the time they died, and what they died from. "Because a death certificate is a matter of legal importance, some pieces of it are filled out very accurately," Phillips says. "I think this society keeps good records on things that are important to it — or scary."

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Every year millions of dollars are spent and millions of person-hours invested in collecting these death certificates and putting them in computer-readable form and sending them to the National Center for Health Statistics. “There are two million deaths a year,” Phillips points out, “and the feds provide this stuff from 1968 till

now. So that’s more than 60 million records. It’s a huge data set.”

Yet almost no one studies the information that’s collected, he marvels. “Some people seem to think there’s no point in looking at data that’s precollected,” he says. Phillips doesn’t understand that. He says, “With this kind of precollected data, the quality is very much more tightly controlled than when you collect it yourself. When you collect it yourself, you don’t have an army to do studies of the quality of the data and to improve it. But when the feds and the states do this, they’ve got people year after year after year [examining the quality]. That’s all they do.”

If you want to understand something like suicide, it might be tempting to employ a

more direct approach, say interviewing people who tried but failed to kill themselves or talking to their surviving friends and relatives. But the more indirect approach of studying the precollected data can yield enormous insights, Phillips believes. “I think of what I do as kind of like what an astronomer does — or what astronomers did before they sent up these probes,” the professor says. “For 2000 years, they said, ‘Okay, we are restricted to the data that are available. We cannot do experiments.’ And look at how much was found out!”

Phillips says his personality was another factor that impelled him to his first big finding about imitative suicide. “I’ll teach you a word you probably have not encountered,” he offers

when explaining this. “It’s called *davka*. It’s a Hebrew word; also a Yiddish word. And it’s used like this. ‘He told me to go uptown, so, *davka*, I went downtown.’” Phillips says Samuel Johnson put his finger on this quality when he wrote that some birds can fly only against the wind. “That’s me and Samuel Johnson both,” Phillips says. “The great god Durkheim had said there was no such thing as imitative suicides, so I said, ‘Let’s see if there’s such a thing as imitative suicide.’”

After he discovered the Werther Effect, Phillips began wondering if more than just news reports of suicides might prompt certain individuals to kill themselves. He wondered if fictional suicides had a similar effect, as had been reported following

the publication of Goethe’s novel. Very few studies of this question had ever been done, he discovered, so he came up with a plan. “I found a soap-opera magazine which listed soap-opera plots.” Studying that, he came up with a timeline for when various fictional TV characters had killed themselves on the airwaves. “You know, there are people who identify like crazy with these soap-opera characters,” he points out. “In some cases, people track the fictional life more closely than they track anybody else’s life.”

Phillips says when he looked to see whether suicide rates in the United States went up after the soap-opera suicides, he did find a correlation. “But it was just a couple of years’ worth of suicide stories, so it was not a lot of data.” He says

a much better study was done by some German colleagues who looked at what happened in Germany after the airing of a four-part miniseries. Each part of the series opened with the same ten-minute segment in which a suicidal young man lay down in front of a train and got run over by it. “My German colleagues said to the television network, look, are you aware that there are studies by Phillips showing that this is a potentially dangerous thing? And the [German] network said, too bad. Freedom of the press.”

Phillips isn’t criticizing freedom of the press. He points out that “in South Africa, we didn’t have freedom of the press, so I value it highly.”

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tional railroad suicides, actual railroad suicides climbed significantly. "And that was particularly true for young males," Phillips says. "Then a year later, this television network decided to show this miniseries again, and my colleagues again pointed out the findings." When they were ignored, they once again studied the consequences and found another railroad-suicide spike.

Phillips says an Austrian study has shown what happens when the press does pay attention to the impact of publicity about suicides. "People

were jumping from the subway platform in front of subway cars. And this was being written up on the front pages of the newspapers. These researchers went and said, 'Look, are you aware that studies by Phillips and other people show that when you newspapers publicize this stuff big-time, there's this spike in subsequent suicides?' And the publishers in Vienna, who were the main publishers for all of Austria, said, 'No, we didn't know that.' " Unlike the German TV programmers, they agreed that a change in policies might be worth-

while. "They said, 'Okay, we will no longer carry such stories on the front page. We'll bury them on the back page,' " Phillips says. They also stopped running photos with the stories and tried to avoid using the word "suicide" in the headlines. After the two biggest newspapers in Austria changed their pattern of reporting, "What the researchers showed was that the number of subway suicides dropped precipitously." It was a different way of studying imitative suicide — but it confirmed his findings, Phillips believes.

In the course of his

career, Phillips has discovered other patterns relating to suicide. When he looked at Californians who killed themselves between 1969 and 1985, he found that many more married men did themselves in at ages ending in "0" and "5" than one would have expected. "For many people, 'boundary ages' of this sort may serve as a signal that one promising period of life is over and another less promising one is about to begin," Phillips has written about this phenomenon. Particularly lethal were the ages of 40 (at which 14.67 percent more mar-

ried men killed themselves than one would have predicted) and 65 (which had a 14.18 percent higher rate). Those two "symbolic ages" are "traditional boundaries between youth and middle age, and middle age and old age," Phillips writes. "At these boundary ages, a man may reflect on whether or not he has achieved his goal, has properly provided for his family, and has good prospects for the future." Some of those taking stock "are likely to consider that they have failed themselves and their families."

Phillips also has

found that acts of self-destruction do *not* increase during major holidays, as some researchers had suggested. "They were mainly getting their information from very small, geographically limited samples," he says. When Phillips looked at data collected from all over the United States, he found a large *drop* in suicides just before a number of holidays, followed by a small peak in suicides immediately afterward. "The net effect of the holidays on suicide is actually a drop," he concluded.

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that appear to decline before holidays. In a series of studies that have gained international attention, Phillips has found evidence that some people dying from natural causes seem to be able to hold the Grim Reaper at bay until after the passage of various important occasions. When he looked, for example, at the death rate among Chinese people living in California between 1960 and 1984, he discovered that old Chinese women die at a much lower rate than expected just before the Harvest Moon festival, and they die at a greater-than-expected rate in the week after the holiday. He could not find this "dip/peak effect" among old Chinese men or younger Chinese women. But the festival is of greatest importance to the Chinese matriarch, who "takes charge of preparing an elaborate meal and, by custom,

directs the work of the daughters and daughters-in-law." Phillips concluded that the dip/peak pattern demonstrated that people could briefly postpone their deaths until after a significant occasion. (He has also documented the same phenomenon among men with Jewish surnames just before Passover and among Californians right before their birthdays.)

Christmas and New Year's appear to have a different effect on mortality. Phillips says he found this out after he began wondering whether the two big end-of-the-year holidays might have something to do with the fact that mortality from heart disease rises during the winter. "Nobody had really reflected on this topic before," he says.

To test the hypothesis that people don't have more than the normal number of heart attacks

during the Christmas/New Year's holidays, he calculated how many deaths from heart disease would be expected to occur on every day between July 1, 1973, and June 30, 2001 (taking into account the effect of seasons and trends on mortality). Then he compared those projections to 53 million deaths from heart disease that in fact were recorded between July 1, 1973, and June 30, 2001. The result was that a sharp spike in deaths from heart attacks could be seen during almost all of the two-week periods from Christmas through January 7 that Phillips included in his study — many times more than should have been seen if the holiday period had exerted no deadly impact.

Why does that spike occur? Phillips says, "What I primarily do is reveal the existence of phenomena that were

not previously known, rather than providing in great detail the explanation for those phenomena." He says other researchers can go through the doors his work has opened to investigate the causes in depth.


At the same time, it's clear he enjoys thinking up potential explanations for the patterns he finds and looking for ways to prove or disprove those explanations. He makes a point of doing this in all his scientific articles. In his first big imitative suicide paper, for example, Phillips considered the possibility that the reason the American suicide rate jumped after stories about suicides ran on the front page of the *New York Times* was not because those who killed themselves were being copycats but rather because the stories about the suicides made them sad. "Most persons whose suicides were

reported on the front page of the *Times* were not widely known until they killed themselves; in addition, many were in trouble with the law and thus not likely to be admired by the general public. Consequently, it is difficult to believe that these persons could elicit sufficient grief to increase the national level of suicides," he wrote. Still, in order to test that possibility Phillips examined the suicide statistics for the months following the deaths of eight American presidents, between the years 1900 and 1968. "In general, presidents are among the most famous and admired persons of their day. If the Werther Effect is caused by grief at a publicized death, then U.S. suicides should increase significantly after presidential deaths," he reasoned. In fact, he found no such statistically significant tendency.

More recently, Phillips considered ten possible explanations for the spike in heart-attack deaths during the Christmas/New Year's holidays. He found that most of those explanations didn't appear to be supported by the data. For example, to test the notion that changes in diet and alcohol consumption associated with the holidays were causing the spike, he looked at the heart-attack death rate among hospital inpatients, whose diet and alcohol consumption are controlled. He found a death spike among their numbers, and he also discovered that "people dying from cardiac diseases with substance abuse listed as a secondary cause of death produce a smaller holiday peak than do people dying from cardiac diseases alone" — more evidence that overindulgence is not the culprit.

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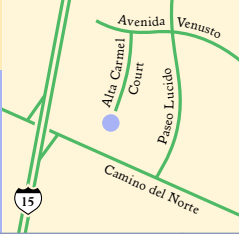


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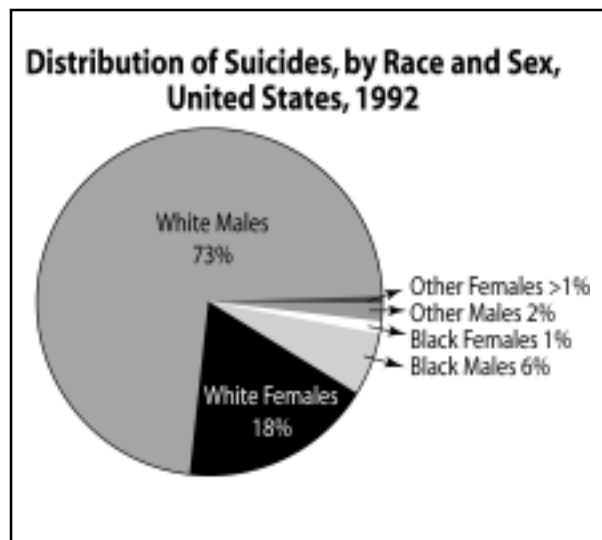
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cause might be emotional stresses associated with the holidays, he focused on Alzheimer's disease patients. Such individuals tend to be less aware of holidays than people without Alzheimer's disease, he pointed out. If the emotional stresses of Christmas and New Year's cause heart attacks, the mortality of the Alzheimer's sufferers should be less affected by the holiday period than other groups are. But instead of dying at a lower rate, the Alzheimer's patients' rates were higher.

Phillips thinks the explanation that holds the most water is that the health-care system tends to function abnormally at this time of the year. Individuals may put off seeking medical attention because they're traveling or they don't want to disrupt the festivities. Indeed, previous studies had shown that admissions to urgent-care facilities do drop on holidays and spike right afterwards. Phillips reasoned that if this delay-in-seeking-care hypothesis were correct, other natural deaths should also be higher than expected during the two-week period, and he did find such a peak among inpa-



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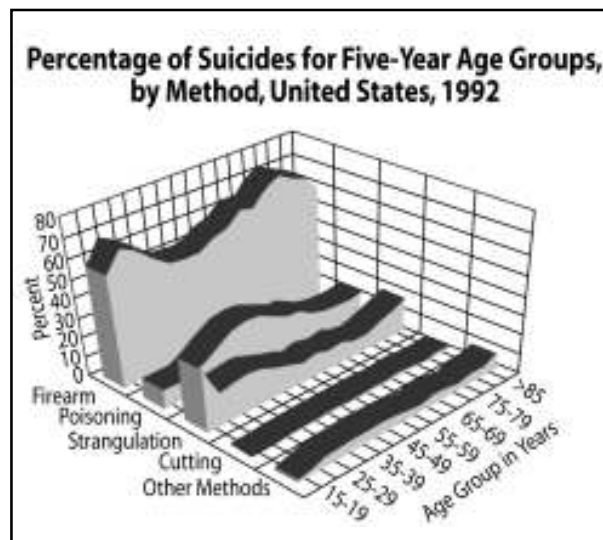
tients, outpatients, those who were dead on arrival, and those who died in the emergency departments.

Moreover, patient behavior is probably not the whole explanation, he adds. Other changes in the medical-care system also take place. Doctors and nurses and pharmacists take holidays then, as do employees in the insurance industry. Those sorts of disruptions may explain why Alzheimer's disease patients and nursing-home residents die at higher rates during the Christmas/New Year's period, he suspects.

All in all, Christmas is a much more difficult holiday to study than the holidays he'd studied in his earlier death-postponement research,

Phillips says. Both Passover and the Chinese Harvest Moon festival met two important criteria: they move around the calendar "so you can see whether the drop in deaths moves around with the occasion. And second, the occasion is of great interest to one group of people and not to most others — so you can see if the people who care about it produce [a given effect] and the people who don't care about it don't produce it."

Christmas meets neither of those criteria. It's always on the same day, and furthermore, it affects everyone, Christian and non-Christian. "Many things change at Christmas," Phillips points out. "Since any change in mortality around Christmas may



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be influenced by changes in staff as well as changes in patient motivation, you really don't know which is which. It's too murky.... It's like looking at a pond into which a large number of raindrops are falling nearly simultaneously. You can't tell which ripple comes from which raindrop."

Phillips ran into a different sort of problem when he began to grapple with a question about murders. He says after his first big copycat suicide article was published, reporters who interviewed him asked whether there was such a thing as a copycat murder. He says he began to ponder that, but he quickly realized he couldn't use the same methodology he had used for the suicide

story — that is, see whether murder rates went up in the wake of heavily publicized murders. That's because although there are more suicides than murders in the United States, far more stories about homicides, both fictional and real, fill the airwaves and the pages of American newspapers. "Hardly a day goes by without a homicide story," Phillips notes. "Whereas in the case of suicide stories, there might be two big ones a year." (Maybe people feel more threatened by murders than by suicides, he speculates.)

Phillips says he doesn't just sit down at his desk and think up a solution to this kind of research challenge. "It comes to me from my unconscious," he says,

"and then later my conscious mind writes it down. A lot of great discoveries come this way."

He says the inspiration for how to tackle the copycat-murder question came to him when he was teaching a course on the mass media and violence. Part of the research on that subject includes a study that showed that nursery-school children were more likely to hit a doll if they had watched a cartoon character acting in an aggressive manner. From that and other research, some reviewers had concluded people were most likely to copy aggressive behavior in the media if it was presented as real, exciting, rewarded, and safe from criticism. "So I said to myself, 'Well, gee, in our culture, what violence is presented as real and exciting and rewarded and not criticized?'" Phillips recalls. The answer he came up with was heavyweight boxing. "Within the ring, you can knock somebody unconscious. If you did that outside the ring, you'd be put in jail, but inside the ring, you get millions of dollars for doing it."

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"I had many years of data for this, and I found several things. One is that homicides *do* go up in the week after those stories." Secondly, the more publicized the fight, the bigger the increase in the subsequent murder rate. He says what was still more telling was that the race of the person beaten in the fight tended to be the same as the race of the people murdered afterward. "So if a young black male was beaten in the fight, the murders of young black males went up significantly but not the murders of young white males — and vice versa."

Another question relating to murder that Phillips has gotten involved with is whether capital punishment tends to deter would-be murderers. For inspiration on how to find evidence that would help answer this question, the sociologist looked to one of his

greatest heroes, the great British epidemiologist John Snow, discoverer of the mechanism by which cholera is transmitted. ("Almost certainly you're alive because he saved ancestors of yours who lived to breed and produce you," Phillips lectures his students about Snow. "So you should be properly grateful to him!") Phillips knew that Snow had relied in his research upon something called the registrar general's weekly returns — a weekly listing of the number of deaths, along with their causes, in London. "I knew that the Brits were still publishing this information today...just for London. The Brits are like that," Phillips says. "And I also had read lots of Sherlock Holmes and other classic murder stories. I knew that in England, the time between the crime and the apprehension and execution of the criminal could be a very, very brief

period, as opposed to what happens now in the United States."

Reasoning that "if anything showed the deterrent effect of capital punishment, it should be the British crime statistics," Phillips looked at British crime committed in the period of (roughly) 1875 to 1925. "The first half of that period in England, executions were public. So I said, 'Okay, let's see if homicides go down just after this heavily publicized execution.' And indeed they did go down," he says. "That was the first time anyone had ever found that. They went down by about 35 percent. It was amazing."

But when Phillips looked at the crime statistics a bit further down the road — say two to three weeks after the sensational executions — he also found that "then the murder rate went up *above* nor-

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mal by another 35 percent.” The conclusion he reached “was that the lesson of the scaffold is real — but just temporary. I mean, look, in those days, a lot of the murderers were guys killing their wives or girlfriends.” Phillips conjures up a mental picture of such a fellow. “He’s been irritated by this woman for 30 years. He’s about to do her in, and then this dreadful example gives him pause. But three weeks later, he forgets it. Children are like that. We’re all like that. It’s easy to be scared off in the short run, but not in the long run.”

Phillips says after that paper was published, “I was popular with neither the liberals nor the conservatives, for obvious reasons.” He likewise became the target of attack by the gaming industry in 1997 after he published a study linking gambling and suicide. For many years,

Nevada has had the highest suicide rate in the nation, with Las Vegas ranking as the nation’s suicide capital. But Phillips did more than just note that. He demonstrated that the suicide rates among both visitors to and residents of Las Vegas, Reno, and Atlantic City were much higher than normal. He also showed that “in Atlantic City, abnormally high suicide levels for visitors and residents appeared only after gambling casinos were opened. The findings do not seem to result merely because gaming settings attract suicidal individuals.”

Although Phillips defended this work against its subsequent detractors, he sounds sympathetic to their complaint. “Nobody likes to have it said that what he does for a living is dangerous for other people, right? If somebody said to me, ‘David, it

turns out that your teaching is very bad for people, I would resist that vigorously. And irrationally.”

He also concedes that his findings were “only suggestive.” He says, “All these things that are being studied here are triggers. You’re not studying the whole gun. Something like suicide is very complicated.” And the relationship between gambling and suicide is particularly hard to decipher. “On the death certificate, it doesn’t say that the guy’s a gambler or not a gambler. Furthermore, only a fraction of people who gamble are problem gamblers.”

The trickiness of studying gambling’s impact on suicide rates didn’t discourage Phillips from wondering if suicide rates for the San Diego area go up during the Del Mar racing season. He says he created a calendar of a dozen or so years’ worth of California

suicides, organized by day, and he was paging through that calendar on his computer screen, looking at the data in the company of one of his undergraduate students named Natalie. “Natalie was much more *davka* than I,” Phillips says. “Much more than anyone I ever met. So when I said, ‘Let’s see if the number of suicides goes up when the Del Mar racing season opens,’ Natalie, being Natalie, wasn’t paying any attention to me at all.” Instead she was noticing that at the beginning of each month, the number of suicides almost always was a three-digit number, rather than a two-digit one. Startled by this observation, Phillips suggested that they find out whether the pattern was consistent; they wound up analyzing data from all the death certificates in the United States between 1973 and 1988 — 31,976,612

deaths in all. What they learned was that the equivalent of roughly 4320 more deaths occurred in the first week of each month than in the last week of the preceding month in an average year. “This monthly pattern is as regular as a heartbeat,” Phillips says.

He published the results in 1999 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. That article points out that the largest increases in the numbers of deaths at the beginning of the month were for deaths involving substance abuse (according to the telling death-certificate codes). Maybe people were receiving welfare or other government payments on the first of each month, using some of the money to buy illegal drugs and alcohol, and suffering the consequences, the paper suggested.

It was a reasonable assumption, Phillips says today. But it overlooked

another possibility that became clear to him a few years later, as he began to be aware of (and publish articles about) the fact that the number of fatal medication errors in the United States is skyrocketing. (It nearly quadrupled between 1979 and 1998, an increase far greater than the percentage increase in the number of prescriptions filled.) When Phillips looked at beginning-of-the-month medication-error deaths that occurred between 1979 and 2000, he found that the spike in that number (25 percent above normal) far exceeded any of the other beginning-of-the-month death spikes. He now speculates that some people wait until the beginning of the month to purchase their medicines, thus increasing pharmacy workloads and leading the harried, overworked pharmacists to make mistakes that in

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many cases are killing people. "That doesn't undo the idea that in addition there's an increase in deaths from street drugs, which are occurring for related but different reasons. Those people are also getting their money at the beginning of the month, and they're also buying extra drugs. In both cases, the groups buying the drugs were more able to do so because they got extra money at the beginning of the month."

For his first paper on the Beginning-of-the-Month Effect (as he has called it), Phillips included his student Natalie as a coauthor. Through such collaboration with him, more UCSD undergraduates have had their names appear on articles in prestigious medical and scientific journals than they have with any other UCSD faculty member, Phillips boasts. To every class he teaches, he makes a pitch for his students to work with him on independent study projects. This benefits both him and them, he tells the students. They get credit for the articles that result from this work, while he learns a lot from them. "This is a typical example," he says. "My father died in

December, and in his last words to me, he used a Yiddish word which I need to explain. It's truly a wonderful word. It's *naches* — which explicitly means the pride and pleasure one gets from one's children. Isn't that a wonderful word? So my father's last words to me were, 'You've brought me a lot of *naches*.' " Phillips told one of his classes about this, and they peppered him with questions about the word. "So I spelled it, and I asked if any of the languages represented in the class — there were probably 15 — had a word for the pride and pleasure one feels in one's children. They said no." He thought that was fascinating.

Sometimes his students lead him to ideas he would not have come to on his own. Natalie did that, as did a group of Chinese students he was driving with down Clairemont Mesa Boulevard one day. When they passed the 99 Ranch Market, Phillips wondered aloud why the Asian food store was called that, and the students told him that the number nine had a very positive connotation in Chinese. Phillips asked if any numbers had sinister connotations, "and these

guys said the number four had negative implications in Cantonese, Mandarin, and Japanese."

He was thrilled to hear that. For years he had been wondering whether heart-attack deaths go up on scary occasions, but he had failed to think of a good way to study that question. "You don't want the occasions to be genuinely scary," he says. "Because if they're genuinely scary all sorts of other things change too. For example, people had previously shown that heart-attack deaths went up when there were earthquakes. Those are scary occasions. But they're also occasions when the flow of medical care is disrupted and when the roads are disrupted. So the fact that heart-attack deaths go up during earthquakes need not at

all imply that this is because of extra fear."

Armed with the tip from his Chinese students, Phillips checked the mortality rate for individuals of Chinese and Japanese origin. He found that it was higher than expected on the

fourth day of each month, whereas Anglo deaths showed no such spike. He dubbed this the Hound of the Baskervilles Effect (after the Sherlock Holmes story in which extreme psychological stress causes the character

Charles Baskerville to have a fatal heart attack) and published it in the *British Medical Journal* in 2001.

For as much as he delights in such discoveries, Phillips says teaching brings him an equal amount of pleasure. He



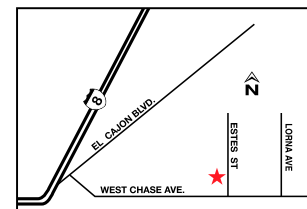
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thinks his students are as bright and challenging as they ever were, though the attention span of the current crop may be shorter than that of earlier generations. "I see some people twitching, and I see some people

yawning," he announced on the second day of his Sociology of Suicide class. "How many of you in the course of your childhood watched only public television?" he asked. When four or five hands went up, he

remarked that those individuals probably found it easier to sit still for a half hour at a time. On network television, he informed the assembly, the commercials come every 12 minutes. So he would offer

them his own version of a commercial break, he announced. "Every class I will read to you a great poem. I'm going to start with an easy poem because many of you are not very familiar with poetry. I was not very

familiar with poetry until my mother died." She was a professor of medicine at Duke University, he told the class, and before that, in South Africa, she had studied the feeding patterns of infants of different races.

"One day she told me that when rhinos wean their young, they immediately eat thorn bushes. Can you imagine that? They go from mother's milk to thorn bushes!"

The poem he would read them that morning was a "mother's milk poem," Phillips told the group, adding, "You thought I was just talking to you about my mother!" He then read them Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade" and used that to initiate a brief discussion of altruistic suicide and the way behaviors can range from nonsuicidal to fully suicidal. Later poems would get more and more "thorn-bushy," he promised.

Phillips says he's added more and more poetry to his Sociology of Suicide class over the years. He says the students don't know what to make of it at first, but they often come up to him later and comment on how much they liked the poetic diversions. He tosses them other offbeat intellectual tidbits too. He might be instructing a class on how to pass around the attendance

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He'll mention the Geisel Library and toss in the aside that one meaning of the word *geisel* in German is "an instrument of torture." He'll share information about his family, the foundation of his life. (Anyone who looks up Phillips's *curriculum vitae* on UCSD's website sees that the first thing he lists under his name is "Marital Status: Married [two children]," set in larger type than he uses for listing his degrees from Harvard and Princeton.) He doesn't hide the fact that he idolizes his wife of 40 years, Juliet. Thinking of her reminds him of the line in John Masefield's famous poem, "Sea-Fever." *All I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by.* His wife "can steer by a star," according to Phillips. "I'd just say, 'Oh! Here comes the wind. Boom!' I think I'll go this way." But she's got this long-distance view of where to go, and it's made a huge difference to our family."

Phillips allows that his own view of his research has broadened over the years. He thinks in the earlier part of his academic career, "I was just interested in being clever." His cleverness and the fact that "everyone is interested in death" have won him a lot of attention — interviews by newspapers and television crews from countries all over the world — and such press coverage is more impor-

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tant in academia than one might imagine. He once published an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showing that if an article from the *New England Journal of Medicine* gets discussed in the *New York Times*, it subsequently gets cited by other scientists more often than articles from the same issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* that were not covered by the *New York Times*.

"Now, you might think the *New York Times* was merely flagging scientific articles that were of very high quality anyway. In other words, they

weren't actually creating any buzz; they were just reflecting buzz," he says. "But we tested that in the following beautiful way, I thought." Phillips found a period in which the *New York Times* was on strike but continued to produce an edition of record — papers that contained the real news of the world but were never distributed to readers. During that interval, "They were continuing to decide which *New England Journal of Medicine* articles they would cover and which not. So if the increased scientific visibility was occurring merely

because the *New York Times* was good at flagging high-quality articles, then the articles they flagged during the strike should have also gotten abnormally large amounts of subsequent scientific attention," Phillips says. "On the other hand, if the *New York Times* was actually creating some of this visibility, then articles that they flagged during the strike period should not have fared particularly well. And that's what turned out to be. During the four-month strike period, the articles flagged by the *Times* did no better than the arti-

cles not flagged by the *Times*. Isn't that a pretty design? Yeah, I was pleased with that."

Phillips says in recent years, he's become "much more aware of the value of doing stuff which might make a difference in policy." Like his recent article about the increase in deaths over Christmas and New Year's. He'd like to think it might make people a little more careful when they travel during the holidays. His article about the beginning-of-the-month medication errors caught the attention of the *Congressional Quarterly*, a fact that

gives him hope it might somehow influence public policy.

As for his findings about imitative suicide, he allows that maybe they've made some difference, as the findings of that one Austrian study suggested. The folks at CBS News once called him just before airtime, seeking advice about how to play the news that the Pennsylvania state treasurer had killed himself with a gun on-camera. (The professor suggested they refrain from airing images of the actual shooting, which the network did.)

Phillips has written

suicide-coverage guidelines for the World Health Organization. He's talked on one occasion to the Associated Press Managing Editors association, and he says he's heard that some news media have changed their policies as a result. So maybe his work has made some difference, he allows. "But it's of course not measurable," he hastens to add. "I once asked my mother how many lives she had saved. And she said she couldn't definitively say that she'd saved any. So if she couldn't say that, how could I?" ■

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I am usually doing something until the time I go to bed, so it can be hard for me to fall asleep. Sometimes I can lie there for hours, my mind running. I cannot explain the thoughts that go through my head when I am lying there in silence, but a lot of them have to do with my existence: if I'm living my life the way I should, if not going to a four-year university is the right choice, and what I want to do with the rest of my life. Sometimes it is too much for me to handle so I have to turn on the television to try and divert my mind. After being exposed to the mind-numbing gibberish, I can fall asleep in about 20 minutes.

I once shared a room with one of my brothers. After 15 years of that, I finally got my own. My bedroom is the only place I feel safe and alone with my thoughts. It has taken a lot of time and money to make it that way, but it was worth it. I've made countless trips to Ikea (my favorite place to shop for my room). Between my bed, countless knickknacks, easy chairs, and dresser, my room is well organized. For that reason, nobody is allowed in my room except friends that occasionally visit.

I usually get home from work at around 9:00 p.m., turn on my computer, check my mail, and surf the Web for about an hour. Then I start my homework. I'm working on my "senior portfolio," so that's what comprises most of my homework. Around midnight, I am done with homework. I make my lunch for the next day, take a shower, and pick out my clothes.

Waking up is hard for me, due to the fact that I usually do not

get enough sleep. At 7:00 a.m., my annoying alarm goes off. I hate that sound. I am usually not hungry when I wake up — thankfully, because I have ten minutes or less to get dressed, grab my homework, lunch, and head to school.

Weekends are a different story. I get to bed at around 1:00 on Friday night because I generally have to be at work at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Saturday night is what I like to call "my night." I don't have to work the next day, so I stay out until about 2:00 a.m. Then I sleep until about 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Then the cycle of school, work, and lack of sleep starts again on Monday.

— John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.

'Uhhh!" I utter as my door opens. "Wake up." I squint, observe that it's 5:50 a.m., close my eyes, and roll over.

"Uhhh!" I realize that my mom is sitting on the edge of my bed and won't move until I wake up. "I'm awake. Move," I mumble before I roll off my bed, get dressed in the dark, and splash an ocean of water on my face before I can open my eyes enough to think about contact lenses. Downstairs I drink green tea and eat a bowl of Cheerios or Life and half a grapefruit. That early, the next best thing to sleep is food.

I try to get to bed by 10:00 p.m., but I never get enough sleep. When I go straight to bed after homework, I'm not relaxed; in bed at 10:00 means asleep by 11:00...and, often, I'm not in bed until 11:00. The life of an AP student is sleep-deprived and often caffeinated. I shy away from soda and coffee, so tea alone sustains me. Although I regularly beg my mother for a "bedtime," she knows I would ignore her anyway, so she refuses.

I've noticed that my asthma flares



Bob Marley: good music to unwind to

up late at night. Then I can't sleep because I cannot breathe and I keep thinking, *What if I fall asleep, don't breathe, and die?* That doesn't make much sense, but when I get tired, I get paranoid (after waking from a nightmare, I check the closet and shower for murderers).

I've never been able to sleep in, and I've refused to nap since preschool. I'm learning to make up sleep on weekends. On most Friday nights, I'm curled up in my queen-size bed listening to *Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits* and reading after *Joan of Arcadia* ends at 9:00. I still don't sleep in past 8:00 a.m., but that is usually good enough.

I used to think staying up was a special privilege; I'd sit at the top of the stairs and listen to my parents watch television. Although my bed is bigger and more comfortable and I don't share my room with my little sister, I often miss my childhood 8:30 bedtime.

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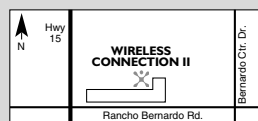
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My parents don't demand that I be in bed by a certain hour, as long as it's a reasonable time. Before I go to sleep, I'm either doing homework or watching television. I go to bed at 9:00 most weeknights...except for Tuesdays and Fridays, when I stay up later to watch my favorite TV shows. On other nights I'll stay up if I have a lot of homework to do. If I have a hard time falling to sleep, I take Benadryl or Ibuprofen ...especially if I am sick.

I don't share a room with my sister anymore, thank goodness. She

stays up a little later than me, most nights. I don't eat right up to bedtime; I stop eating two to three hours before I go to bed. I'm usually hungry when I wake up in the morning, but I wait until after my shower to eat. My breakfast is cereal or toast, most of the time; if I am running late, a piece of fruit.

On weekends, I usually go to bed between 9:00 and 11:00. It depends on how tired I am. On Sundays, bedtime is usually 9:00 because of school the next day, but on Saturdays I sometimes stay up until 11:00. I wake up at around 7:00 or 8:00 in the morning on weekends. That is usually enough sleep for me.

— Holly Benderman,
Mission Bay H.S.

At 5:00 a.m., my body yields to the instinct to curl up under my blanket. A familiar ring goes off in

my room a moment later. I get up from my bed and walk to the other side of the room to turn off my alarm clock. Meanwhile, my eyes are shut tight. I'm more annoyed than awake.

I walk back to my bed and slam my head on my pillow, throwing the cover over my head once more. *Just five more minutes, I say to myself for the sixth time this week. Maybe I will wake up after five minutes this time, but if not, I'll try again next time.* I bolt out of my bed when I hear footsteps across the hallway. I slip my glasses on and realize that my five minutes warped into two hours.

My mother is only mildly surprised when she sees me dash out the front door with my usual breakfast in my hand: two slices of toasted whole-grain bread. She knows my drill well: going to sleep after 1 a.m., staggering out of bed 15 minutes before

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school, eating a token breakfast, and racing out the door.

Yawning through all of my classes, I come home and take a four-hour nap after school. Denying sleep until 4:00 a.m. on most weekdays, I get one to two hours of sleep at night and three to four hours of sleep during the day. When I find time to eat between those hours, it is usually late at night or early in the morning. Binging before bed is still a bad habit of mine.

Perhaps these habits surfaced because my parents never enforced a curfew. They always encouraged studying until the break of dawn, which isn't surprising for Asian parents. I live with a chronic sleep deficit that contributes to my mood, behavior, and reaction time. I can be overjoyed one minute and then have every wisp of energy sucked out of my soul the next. I find myself constantly drowsy, and I see myself participating less in classroom discussions.

I get about seven hours of sleep on week-end nights, so I am more alert on Saturdays and Sundays.

— Mimi Jun,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

Sleep: my favorite hobby. Too bad I don't have much experience with it because of a superfluous amount of busy hours. Homework usually dictates my bedtime, which ranges anywhere from 10 p.m. to midnight.

I eat very little before sleep. I brush my teeth every night and floss every other. Then, I snuggle onto my futon bed (which I prefer over a springy mattress) and under a light blanket or down comforter, depending on the time of year. Currently it's the comforter with a fleece blanket on top that keep me warm during these unusual San Diego rains. Norah Jones's music, which works perfectly with the pitter-patter of raindrops, makes for a soothing lullaby. I drift into sleep easily.

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Although my parents do not give me a specific bedtime, I try to be in bed as soon as possible (on weeknights, that is). The bell for first period makes for a 6:45 rise and shine. Generally, this means six to eight hours of sleep a night — not enough for a growing teenager. I vote for a 10 o'clock school starting time.

Weekends are a different story. I get home at a decent hour after several nagging phone

calls from my worried parents. Then it's late nights with the glowing television screen until I fall asleep on the sofa. Eventually I wake up and gather enough strength to get off the couch, turn off the TV, and trudge to my room and bed. For some reason, I still awaken before 10 o'clock in the morning. It's a curse.

When I wake up, I am never hungry because I am too tired to notice. I do eat something, especially on

weekdays, as I rush out the door. Otherwise, I will starve before I get to math class.

It is now 11:37 p.m. as I finish this article. I should get some of that sleep stuff right now, but I would like to conclude by saying that sleep is definitely one of God's greatest gifts (it's up there with love, humans, and coffee). Too bad life's too short to sleep it away.

— Derrick Sun, Mt. Carmel H.S.

Sleeping is one of my favorite things to do. I do not feel I get enough of it. I can blame myself for part of this problem. Before bed, there is a lot I like to do. On nights before school, I enjoy getting the most out of my night. I like to get my homework done at night, as opposed to the afternoons during the week.

Over the course of the night, I usually talk to my best friend on the phone, chat with my friends online, check my e-mail, do homework, and shower before bed. I like snacks at night; chocolate chips or chips and salsa usually suit my late-night cravings.

On school nights, I usually hit the sack around 12:00 or 1:00. I would like to get to sleep earlier. I wake up at about 6:30 every morning, depending on how many times I press the sleep button on my annoying alarm — one of the worst sounds in the world. I sleep heavily in the morning; I usually hit the sleep button three or four times before I can get out of bed.

Every morning I eat waffles that I pop into the toaster. I stumble

into my bathroom and put in my contacts. I always listen to music. To wake myself up, top choices of music are the Rolling Stones, the Killers, and even Kelly Clarkson. This music is loud enough and puts me in a good mood for the day. I have a CD player in my bathroom and my room. I constantly listen to music when I am at home. Before bed I like to listen to Jack Johnson, the Postal Service, and Bob Marley. These CDs help me unwind.

Weekends are usually the time to catch up on sleep unless work calls early in the morning. I like to sleep until 10:30. I do not like to

waste the day, especially when it is sunny. I love to wake up and lay in bed and contemplate what's to come. I usually eat breakfast in bed. My dog wakes up with me every morning and takes up most of the room. I love my sheets and stuffed animals. I feel so comfortable and safe in my bed. When I am not out of bed by 11:00, my parents get mad and declare my laziness and remind me of the chores I have to complete. Besides the sound of my alarm, I hate the sound of an irritated parent demanding you get out of bed.

— Honora Swanson
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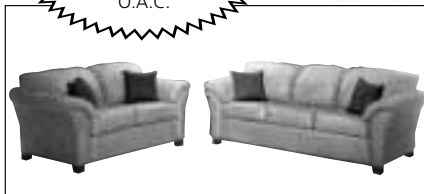
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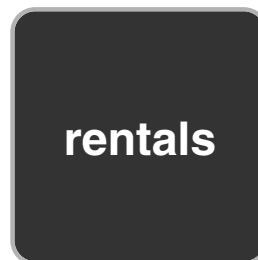
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How I wrote my first novel

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here the hell is San Diego? The San Diego of my youth exists only in memory. The San Diego of last week, likewise. Ours is a town of relentless mutations that never seem to improve upon the original, a town without city, its roots eroded, its unspectacular history trampled beneath the rush of new arrivals. *Californian since nine o'clock*. Is this any kind of place to carve out a life, an identity, a career as a writer?

San Diegan Since Okie Bob

In the face of shifting territories and disappearing landmarks, a San Diego writer needs a good memory. Recollections unalterable and enduring: I can rely on thousands from the late '50s and early '60s. Air-raid sirens blared every Monday at noon. My favorite San Diego television shows were *Johnny Downs* (who danced atop Golden Arrow milk bottles) and *Okie Bob* (who hosted cowboy movies on XETV). The local TV news was black and white and no-frills; Ray Wilson and Al Coupee and Doug Oliver, always in black suits, white shirts, and thin ties, dispensed the daily litany of national surprises and local monotonies. At the tiny ballpark, where now stands the uninviting Robinson's bunker in Fashion Valley, I relished minor-league Padres games, cheering for my hero Chico Ruiz. The AFL Chargers used to play in Balboa Stadium; to watch my idols, Earl Faison and Ernie Ladd, and to witness strange events like Tobin Rote Day, during which the heralded quarterback circled the field in a convertible, I had to endure concrete seats without backs. Journeys downtown were a treat, an adventure. KCBQ used to broadcast from a see-through studio on the corner of Seventh and Ash; I hoarded all their weekly four-page record surveys; photos of all your fave jocks encircled the station's mythical mascot, an ugly duckling named Kasey B. Quack. At Thearle's on Broadway, customers could listen to LPs in private booths before making a purchase. Tagging along behind my father, I haunted used bookstores for *Mad* magazines; I once possessed unctuous Kelly Freas depictions of Alfred E. Newman. Back then, the downtown library was a palace; I knew the secret of the mysterious front doors — all you had to do was hit that black button inside the handle with the heel of your hand, and all would be revealed....

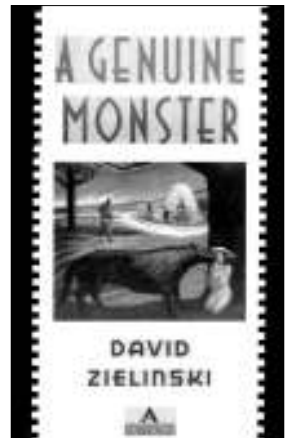
When I was young, San Diego was a glorious, sunny immensity. Back

then, all I had to do was enjoy and explore. But nothing lasts very long here. Our only traditions are over-the-line, airport noise, and boring mayors.

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As I grew a bit older, the need to create slowly replaced the joy of acceptance. Some of the greatest imaginative fun I had as a boy was gained through coloring books. We were 10, 11, 12 — still buying coloring books from the Rexall drugstore at the Big Bear shopping center in Serra Mesa. But no crayons for us. Instead, along with each coloring book, we purchased a good, thick rubber eraser and a black Bic pen. War coloring books were the best; yet we did some of our finest work in *F Troop* and *Brady Bunch* books also. The strategy: erase the lines carefully and redraw our own lines in black ink. Some marvelous alchemy occurred. Imagine the Bradys preparing for a camping trip, standing in the living room surrounded by rolled-up sleeping bags. Through careful and deft erasing, a skill developed through hours of work on *Combat* or *Twelve O'Clock High* coloring books (many destroyed when the erasing went through the paper); we transformed those sleeping bags into huge scrotums and anatomically incorrect labia. A Brady kid then stood in his revamped living room, a mighty pair of testicles drooping from his tight bell-bottom pants, his head reshaped and extended, his family a zany collection of mutants, microcephalics, monsters, all of them tripping over entangled, slithering penises. What fun. Change. Rearrange. Conjure up a more fascinating version of life.

In junior high school, the urge to improve upon reality continued. My best friend and I wrote original collaborative novels, satirizing James Bond. Our hero was Irving Klodd, so much more wacky and endearing than Maxwell Smart even. For days we labored over these creations during class time, ignoring instructors, forsaking homework — preferring to draw elaborate insignias, to create devious weapons of destruction from our Bic pens,



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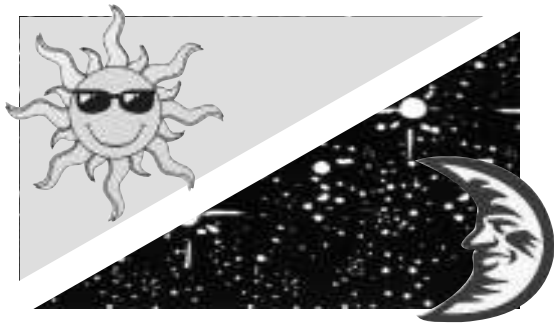
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My job was to edit thoroughly, on the fragile pages themselves, deleting anachronisms, changing dates, modernizing dialogue. I mailed these revamped books to a local typist, and a few days later, I received a load of manuscripts in return. The typist had instructions to transcribe only the first 25,000 words of the edited books, even if the books ran twice that long. The remainder of my job required that I add three raunchy sections near the beginning, middle, and end, before deftly cauterizing plot hemorrhages. That's basically all I did while in graduate school, more than 75 of those makeovers. And I still got my degree.

The Monster Is Revealed

Ironically, I wrote the first draft of my novel *A Genuine Monster* six years ago, while temporarily exiled in Alabama. Like most of my friends, I had chosen to leave San Diego and seek my fortune elsewhere. I eventually returned, another prodigal son, while the friends did not. What they're doing now, I haven't a clue. The last I heard, one was a symphony conductor in Europe. One was still a state department functionary. Another was a future famous rock star in San Francisco. San Diego offered nothing nourishing, and they bailed out. Other friends remained but preferred looking for an angry fix, roaming the mean streets of self-destruction. I don't see them anymore either; talent can be a curse in San Diego. At least I have my book, my genuine hardback first novel. They can still read it until they cry; they will recognize themselves on its pages — permuted, transfigured, their lines redrawn — that old Brady Bunch of mine. *A Genuine Monster* says, "Live here and yearn for transformation."

Before making the move South, I was tired of San Diego. I thought a change of scene would be just the thing, a new place to do my drinking, if nothing else. Upon acceptance to the writing program at the University of Alabama, I was excited yet fearful. Something new, sure. Yet similar feelings afflicted me almost a decade earlier, before I shipped out for 14

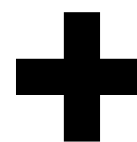


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Californians don't curry much favor in the Heart of Dixie — particularly alcoholic San Diegans with bad attitudes. My initial attempts at flashy stories detailing the adventures of disaffected, drug-weary Golden State angst-mongers were received indifferently. So, after a stupid scandal and a messy divorce (another long story), I holed up to write my first real novel. Placing a sheet of fresh paper into my new electric typewriter, I typed the words "Happy Hour," and a monster was born.

I stopped drinking and wrote every day, seven days a week, forcing myself to generate at least two pages every 24 hours, even if that meant writing until dawn. I set out to write a novel that I would like to read —

the usual clichéd motive — but at the time, most of the contemporary books and stories I gobbled up sounded woefully similar, their landscapes revealed through unadventurous third-per-

That's how I desired to convey my San Diego, in a thick and overwhelming contrast to its postcard definitions. All the rage on campus that season were Donald Barthelme's short stories,

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son windows. What I found inspiring, however, were Cormack McCarthy's dense and evocative novels of the South — works that required slow yet delicious reading and rereading, offered in a layered and palpable style.

which I found ponderous and impenetrable; that sort of measured erudition I rebelled against, striving for refreshing diction instead, words that would spark haunting music and sustain penetrating images —

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effects that would challenge stereotypes of America's Finest City.

The first task was to sustain a unique voice, a first-person narrator who was addled and naïve, whose oblique view of the world would allow me to take precarious risks with language. He would be me, which goes without saying — however, an eraser would be applied

anything I'd known before. My writing desk commanded the center of the apartment, surrounded by almanacs, atlases, baseball encyclopedias, histories of Vietnam, guides to obscure science-fiction movies — and a steadily growing manuscript. Outside, cicadas screeched and the Crimson Tide rolled, insignificantly. In memory, San Diego grew

in Florida Canyon.

A few months before beginning work on my novel, I had the good fortune to interview the novelist Wright Morris for *The Black Warrior Review*. As my story moved closer to completion, I recalled a pertinent moment from that conversation about Morris's award-winning novel *Field of Vision*. I mentioned that his characters seemed incapable of escaping their pasts, despite the fact that transformation was an undeniable theme in his novel. Yet the novelist — the artist — seemed to be the only successful transformer, continually converting experience and imagination into fiction. He replied, "This is surely close to the heart of why I have persisted as a writer of fiction and continue to find it necessary. I ask myself — What else is there? Fiction restores to the writer, to the person, some of his lost sense of power — his imaginary role as 'legislator of the world.' Legislate he does not, but he does, in his durable fashion,

WE DRANK ALL NIGHT LONG, PLAYED POKER, SMOKED CIGARETTES TILL OUR THROATS WERE RAW.

to the lines of my life in the name of characterization. That's why they call it fiction. This time, my motives surpassed the gross or the lascivious. For a change, I was after the truth.

I wrote in a focused frenzy. Each day was devoted to hammering out another two pages. I was absorbed by the book, drawn into its genesis as thoroughly as

vivid and intense. At a distance of 2000 miles, my hometown enfolded me. I recalled the incidents and details long forgotten — the sound of the gold pendulum in the Natural History Museum toppling wooden pegs; the stoic visage of El Cid astride his bronze horse in Balboa Park; the faint incense from eucalyptus along the dust trails

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transform.”

When I felt I had leg-
islated enough, I stopped.

What Else Is There?

Upon completion of the first draft, I celebrated with a train trip to Washington, D.C., to visit a long-time friend — my Irving Klodd compatriot, who had forsaken San Diego for a life of international diplomacy. He had first exchanged Hillcrest for Haiti and was now waxing domestic with his wife in a row house on the outskirts of the gentrified inner city. We drank all night long, played poker, smoked

cigarettes till our throats were raw — never once suggesting that escaping San Diego had transformed our lives.

On the ride back to Tuscaloosa, after another boozy night in the Southern Crescent club car, I discovered my right leg was useless. It had fallen asleep through the moving train was no problem with a bum leg; I figured the thing would wake up by the time I reached Alabama. This was not the case. A week later, doctors at the university hospital informed me the

nerve was pinched; I was the victim of Saturday Night Palsy. But at least I had my novel.

A few days later I hobbled to a restaurant to chat with an instructor about my book. He had been reading it while I was out of town. He wasn't pleased. He explained to me that the book suffered from something even worse than Saturday Night Palsy: “the torpor of puerility and the randomness of caprice.”

I persisted for a few months, seeking a second opinion. With my trusty copy of the *International*

Directory of Little Magazines and Small Presses at my side, I searched for a suitable publisher. Selecting a pair of my strongest chapters, I mailed them to a succession of magazines, racking up rejection slips, sure, but a series of encouraging and constructive comments as well. I revised, I kept the novel alive, I realized there were readers in this world beyond the parochial voices of Tuscaloosa. Finally, Jim Haining at the Salt Lick Press in Austin expressed his desire to publish my work in a chapbook. I left Alabama shortly thereafter,

without taking another degree.

Back home. Drinking heavily. Scrounging up part-time teaching assignments at local community colleges. Resting on my laurels. Writing poems sporadically. Unable to write fiction. Fortunately, some friends in Cardiff took me in. The drinking ceased, yet the novel remained in a storage locker in Mission Valley, in the shadow of the Jack Schrader Bridge and mountains of gravel. After my head cleared and the liquor fumes diffused, my Cardiff saviors encouraged me to unearth the book, to find an agent. I tried a few names in New York and was told, among other things, the novel was too outlandish and in violation of good taste. A local agent expressed mild interest but also wanted over \$100 for a reading fee. If the book couldn't stand on its own, I wasn't going to pay anyone to read it simply to learn their opinion. So I withdrew the novel once again and lost myself in a hideous teaching schedule, lecturing and grading from dawn till dusk, liter-

ally. The writing ceased.

Then, months later, the Salt Lick Press was profiled in *The Nation*; the reviewer was very impressed. “I don't know where Zielinski proposes to take this character,” he said, “but I know I will rush out to buy the next chapters.” National attention. The Saturday Night Palsy was wearing off.

Feeling more confident, I tried that local agent again. I sent the very same book, with the review attached. This time, the reading fee was waived. Glowing responses. Shortly after, I signed an agreement. Thirty days passed, and the book was purchased by the Atlantic Monthly Press. Two years later, following five major and minor revisions, I wrote this essay. Those who know my book find it disturbing. Characters die, characters kill. The vision is harsh. When I met my agent for the first time, she remarked to her assistant, “Well, he looks normal enough.” So does San Diego. ■

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Every time I squeezed her hand and told her about the beauty in San Diego, she smiled and peeked at me through her tiny fingers. It was a custom for the Vietnamese women to hide things from men.

My father died the day Nixon was elected president. He never got to see the New York Miracle Mets win the World Series in five games or watch civilian Neil Armstrong mash his overpadded boot onto moongrit.



Godzilla vs. Frankenstein

I saw some of that stuff on television, even though I was in Vietnam.

These days I talk to Argo. He's writing a book. I talk to him about serious matters. For instance, Godzilla is a more respectable monster than Frankenstein simply because Franken-

stein looks awful in color. Argo has a computer typewriter and a gun collection and lots of unfinished business scattered across his desk—where it looks as if an accident struck. In fact, he has a crooked sign on the wall: "Accidents Will Happen." I don't know

if this is an excuse or a proclamation. Argo lives in a square stucco apartment building near the valley, and I visit him whenever I want.

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never visited. I imagine there are thousands of people here who believe in him, too. Does it make a difference if you only see someone on television all the time then finally get to see him in person? If the pope came here, most likely more people would have to believe in him. I'll have to go ask Argo what he thinks.

* * *

No one knows where I live except Argo and the VA, since most of my best friends were killed or sold. Mrs. Raylak is my landlady, and sometimes she forgets to collect the rent. She belongs to the Nebulae Society, a space alien asso-

ciation that owns 47 acres on the way to the desert past Jamul. Mrs. Raylak drives out there regularly with Mr. Rainey and his wife Neeta, and with hands held in a circle at midnight they all wait for the aliens to land. The last time I paid Mrs. Raylak the rent, she returned the receipt slipped in between the pages of a green paperback with red letters: *They Are Coming; How Shall We Greet Them?*

* * *

When I first opened my eyes in the morning, the red stick letters on my clock radio glowed 6:02:43. For the following 15 minutes I strained through my cat

exercises. Miki called them cat exercises when she taught me in Saigon. We did them together. Sometimes I would cheat and

died when a bomb exploded in a restaurant, and she never got to see California the way we planned.

Every time I squeezed

The projector in the Space Theater sizzled a hole in the domed ceiling with the intense power of a laser. The building split in two, emitting a cascade of visitors and science exhibits with charred souvenirs.

smooth my hand through her shiny black hair when I was supposed to be stretching. Not long afterward she

her hand and told her about the beauty in San Diego, she smiled and peeked at me through her tiny fingers. It

was a custom for the Vietnamese women to hide things from men. Even so, when I told her we should get married, she shook her head fast and stung me with Vietnamese words that sounded as if she was talking backward.

* * *

There is a huge radio tower not far from my house, down toward the shipyards. You can see it through my back window. I had the abrupt urge to climb that tower, to struggle with the rusted metal, dragging myself to the top. One night on the news I watched a Mexican man clinging to that very tower. He was

going to jump because he didn't have a job. A priest showed up riding inside a yellow fire truck. He prayed for the man gripping the tower. Eventually, the man climbed down, but only to be put in jail.

* * *

LaWanda. She works at the Beaumont Station restaurant down in Mission Valley. I visited only once, with Argo, when he decided to celebrate selling yet another Eddie Elvessizer novel. The restaurant is built around old red boxcars; the inside is stuffed with railroad souvenirs, which look awfully fake — and I felt funny trying to eat normal food and

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pretend we were sitting in a train station. Argo ordered some freezing champagne, and we drank that in a hurry, teasing LaWanda when she told us to leave for our own good, before the manager threw us out. But I wanted her that night. I wanted to stand up and take her and tear the old-time photographs off the walls and strip that place clean until it was just LaWanda and Nicholas, lean and alone.

What a dream. Another dream tangled and arrested and silenced by fear. I know, I know.

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West of my house, toward downtown, there are hundreds of Vietnamese families moving in, filling up old apartment buildings and shabby clapboard houses. When I walk through that neighborhood I have to dodge all the children romping in the streets and on the grassless yards. Old women sit cross-legged on the porches, wearing long colored skirts and rubber flip-flops — and I picture I'm strolling through Saigon again. As the sun glimmers in the shiny black hair of the children, and as I hear those women call out in high, shrill voices, I'm transported — I can easily remember again all the sounds of the crowded city: the persistent blare of shopkeepers crying out and small cars and motorcycles racing past and the music from bars and boomboxes pounding and shrieking. When I hear those women on the porches call to their children in high voices, I'm transported.

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But once I went too far; once I lost myself. In that same Vietnamese neighborhood I almost jumped out of my skin when I heard a garbage truck clamped onto a Dumpster bang that Dumpster against a concrete driveway. For a quick moment I thought that booming sound was an exploding mortar round. I was transported to the evening I saved Sergeant Ascencion's life. We were shelled mercilessly outside Chu Lai. As loud as I could I

screamed, "Incoming!" The sergeant was terribly drunk and couldn't figure out right away what was happening, so I ran to him and yanked the back of his sweaty fatigue shirt with one hand. It

took me just a few seconds to drag him down into our bunker. When we crawled back out later, when the calmness returned, in the spot where he had been lying drunk was a good-sized crater — his can of

Budweiser floated at the bottom, ripped-inside-out and shining silver.

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Brushing poinsettia leaves and yellow pollen from my shoulders, I waited patiently

on Mrs. Raylak's porch, listening to her struggle to turn the locks. After the recent robbery next door, she had had a man come over and install two new deadbolts. When he was drilling the holes, I stopped

by to watch, and he told me, "These locks won't stop nobody who really wants to get in, but the old lady'll sleep better at night." He blew sawdust into my eyes before the drill screamed again, then he said, "A hun-

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dred bucks for peace of mind is a bargain." I laughed to myself then, because Argo maintained there was no such thing as peace of mind, just piece of ass. I tried to tell that to the locksmith, pretending I had made it up, but his drill drowned me out.

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Our old mailman was another one who never said much, whose clothes were always clean and pressed — but I figured he had another rubber chicken stuffed into the bottom of his huge leather mail pouch and that he ached for someone to make a wrong move so he could break it out and dance around the violator shaking this rubber bird close to their unbelieving eyes while he cackled and tossed letters into the air like confetti.

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Suddenly, three sailors took over the bench next to mine. They all had short bristly hair, and their skulls

shone through around the ears. One of them slung an oversized radio over his shoulder on a multicolored guitar strap. Music erupted, thumping in a contrasting pattern to the fountain sprays. It was wrong. The design was ruined. Closing my eyes I saw a cartoon of the fountain pump squirting out of control, overburdened

ural History Museum shook and thundered before the walls crumbled into dust — the golden pendulum swooped out of control, spinning ferociously, knocking tourists unconscious without mercy.

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When the Museum of Man chimes rang again, I forced

This divine Wild Turkey is
blasting through vasculature and
viscus, tearing me wholly asunder
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by a surplus of foreign rumblings and vibrations.

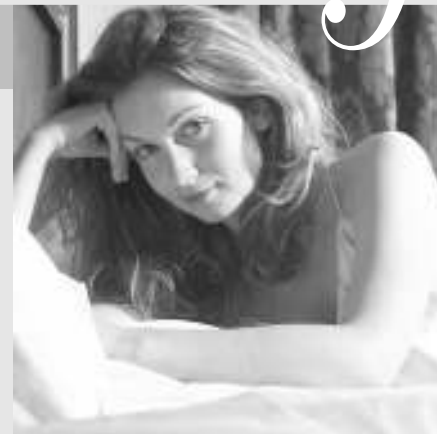
Then I observed another cartoon — the projector in the Space Theater sizzled a hole in the domed ceiling with the intense power of a laser. The building split in two, emitting a cascade of visitors and science exhibits with charred souvenirs. Across the street, the Nat-

myself to leave the House of Hospitality. It was filling up fast with hungry, curious tourists. I was beginning to feel weak, crowded in. Outside in the parking lot, facing the art gallery, is a massive statue of the hero El Cid atop a black horse. He clenches a long iron spear with a metal flag attached to the back end. *El Cid* was made into

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As I stared at that black iron statue, shivering, I gathered together all the thought-energy I could muster and aimed it at El Cid's hollow metal head. Just the size of that creation, blotting out half the sky, seemed to calm me, cleaning the grit of my mind's eye.

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If that statue came alive — if El Cid strained and creaked into motion — his brute horse would first of all trample cheap little cars and people; and El Cid himself could jam that spear through windshields and brains and splash a trail of blood and sparkling safety-glass chunks; he could gallop over the tops of cars and buses and crush them flat all the way from the Sculpture Garden, past the Old Globe Theatre and the Museum of Man, across Suicide Bridge and along Laurel Street, until he trampled his way down the hill to the international airport, where he could bust right through the restraining fence on Pacific Highway, clomping right out onto the landing strip puncturing the fuselages of jumbo jets and ripping loose sheets of thin metal riveted in patches on the wings, jabbing his spear into tires and pilots and unsuspecting visitors; he could then bust up the entire airport and keep on going, stomping through the Navy base, tearing up all the ships and crushing the heads of trainees marching through the Naval Training Center, trashing the sailboats at the marina in Point Loma, demolishing all the wooden docks and revealing weed-fringed barnacles and rotten rubber tires, allowing his horse to crunch his hooves right through the slats; then he could charge up the hill gutting the homes of rich people until he reached the ridgeline, shattered Jacuzzis and security systems in shambles at his feet...

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The wall opposite LaWanda's kitchen was decorated with nothing more than a small brass-and-glass mirror

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LaWanda had bought in Tecate; two candle holders coiled down from the mirror, fitted with shabby black candles that dripped onto the tattered couch. Too many things in LaWanda's apartment were black — her furniture, her waitress skirts, her T-shirts, her books, the circles under her eyes, the shadows behind the television.

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The lieutenant stumbled into my hootch when a bunch of us were sitting around drinking beer and smoking dope; but he didn't care, because it was the day after the sergeant got blown away. The lieutenant said we had R&R coming; he turned to leave,

then turned around at the last minute and tried to say something else. We all stopped and waited, holding our cans and pipes halfway down from our open mouths. Lieutenant Wheeler's head was bent over, and hidden behind the swirling smoke inside the hootch I saw his bald spot staring at us like a pink flesh eye; he scraped his boot across the dirt floor, and his lips smacked open. But he still couldn't say anything.

After the lieutenant left in silence, Billy Reid said, "Was the LT really in here, or was I just trippin'?" We didn't get R&R until the next month. When we picked up our passes, Johnny Aspen, the company clerk, told us

that Graves Registry in Hawaii had misplaced Sergeant Ascension's body.

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"Ho! You say I'm drunk?

I was afraid I might poke a brittle bone through her cold skin — skin that felt as papery as one of her bloody white tissues.

Borracho? Swacked, plastered, and boiled? Am I stinko, Nick? Three sheets to the wind? 'Tis but an illusion, mon frère. What you see is raw energy flow. This divine Wild Turkey is blast-

ing through vasculature and viscus, tearing me wholly asunder right before your very eyes. What you see is a man nearer to God than thee, though to gloat would

render the satori unsatisfactory. This is what we all strive for, Nickisattva. Release. I'm releasing all over the place. Immersion in God-head, here I come! Watch me now, Nick, watch me.

Deliverance here, Nick. Redemption.

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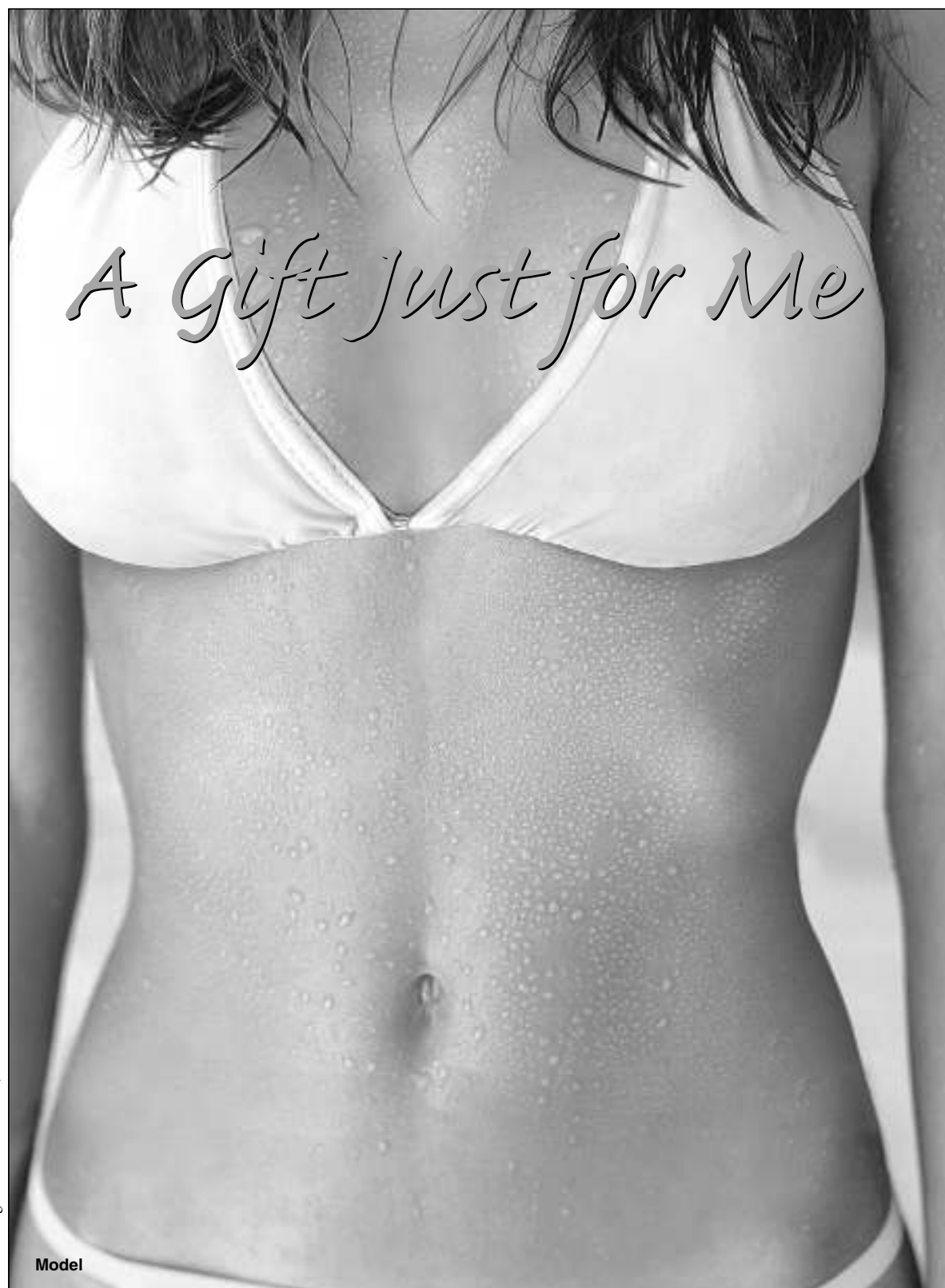
Across the street, on the Sixth Avenue corner, stood the phone company fortress — satellite dishes of all sizes cluttered the top of an enormous brown concrete cube with no windows. Argo said people actually worked inside that cube, but I didn't believe him. Who could work in the midst of such intense bombardment, in and out, day and night?

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Since the traffic signal was broken and it was too dangerous to cross the street,

we continued down the north side of University, past an almost-mall containing the vitamin shop and soup-and-salad restaurant LaWanda visited occasionally. LaWanda went through old cycles. Sometimes she refused to eat meat, and other times she wouldn't eat anything at all. Once I dragged LaWanda to the soup-and-salad place and attempted to force-feed her. She didn't cooperate and sucked on a brown bottle of imported beer instead while I went back for seconds and thirds. The waitress provided her a large frosted mug, but LaWanda didn't have the strength to lift it.

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That incident occurred during the time LaWanda was at war with one of her witch enemies; she was convinced an evil spell of revenge had been cast. Her hair was falling out, and her nose bled without warning. The three-legged coffee table in her apartment was littered with crumpled tissues

blotched red encircling a black hairbrush so thick with lost hair the bristles were hidden. For most of the day, LaWanda would lie moaning on the couch. I came by to visit, and upon seeing her in such agony my first thought was to get her something to eat. That's when I dragged her to the

restaurant. Her body was so fragile, though, I had to restrain myself from squeezing too hard; I was afraid I might poke a brittle bone through her cold skin — skin that felt as papery as one of her bloody white tissues. Her tits were still big, though, and I felt guilty staring at them in between bites

of salad dripping with bleu cheese dressing.

* * *

My father was 58 years old, and we sat together in front of Walter Cronkite on TV. We never spoke, we just watched. He had no favorite shows, but he didn't care for monster movies. The same

channel could hold us for an entire evening. Usually, we didn't go to bed until the late news reports were over, denying ourselves Johnny Carson. My father always awoke the next morning before sunup to prepare for work. He used the bathroom first. I would wait in the hall, listening to him gargle and swish clean

his teeth. Then we traded places smoothly and silently.

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But the night we watched Walter Cronkite for the last time, my father dropped out of his chair flat onto the floor. He gripped his left arm with his right hand, and his mouth swung open.

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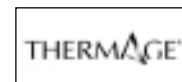
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He wanted to scream. Nothing came out. Walter Cronkite announced the votes were finally in, and Richard Nixon was the new president, winning only 43.16 percent of the popular vote.

I didn't go to school the next day.

* * *

"Damn veterans like you think we owe something special. Shit. Look at you standing there. Mr. Combat Experience. They got monuments stuck up for you, and movies based on your alleged heroics, and half the country's feeling guilty because you're all supposed to be suffering some time-bomb syndrome effect and will never be able to enjoy the wonderful feeling of being an integral part of American society like the rest of us red-white-and-blue homebodies. Well, take a number, and hurry and wait with the rest of us, Nickson. We're *all* fucked up, whether we know it or not."

* * *

"Argo, just shut up. Vincent died. Plain and simple, he died. So shut your mouth. He was no hero. It takes more guts to stay *alive* these days, if you ask me. Even if you didn't, faggot.

"Yes, thanks, for the ultimate insult. Going for the jugular, the deepest fear of all men, amen. But we can handle it, right, Nick? Did

* * *

Reluctantly, the cops told us that Vincent Hernandez had jumped in front of the Amtrak train near Del Mar. They needed someone to identify the body. The cop with blond hair said, softly, "What's left of it." Argo didn't hear that last remark, but I did—loud and clear.

I rode with Argo in his

I felt as if I were staring into a three-dimensional mirror. There I was, starring in a movie, acting, dancing for the monsters.

you hear what the little lady just suggested? Sure, we don't have the dynamic staying power or the potency behind a behemoth like Stevie Esmeralda. But we do the best we can, apparently content to play with one another's soupy noodle. Yes, Nick, you might be a homo, I suppose—homogenized and homiletic and ho-ho-phobic. But not heroic."

Jeep, and we followed the cops down to the Beaumont Station restaurant. It was refreshing because he drove so fast. Since we were with the police, in a two-car convoy, there was nothing they could do to us. We were safe. I held tight to the handle Argo had welded beneath his glove box. When he hit a bump or screeched tightly around corners, I pretended

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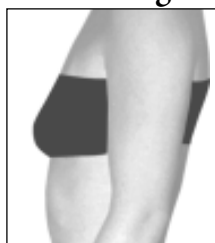


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Vincent Hernandez galloped down the railroad tracks at night into an oncoming Amtrak locomotive.

Sergeant Ascencion died from wounds inflicted by splinters of American artillery shells.

Miki was eating a nice lunch when a homemade bomb exploded in a Saigon restaurant.

Billy Reid got shot up. The pope was shot and wounded.

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"I'm through playin' games, Nick. This here's the real thing. And you ain't getting out of here till it's finished. Now, Nick. Give it to me. Or I'm gonna take it."

"But... I don't have anything."

"Cut the shit. You know what I'm talking about."

Mel was a big man, but I could still outmuscle him. When he dove into my lap, I snapped to attention, hooking my arms underneath his, yanking Mel to his feet. He kicked wildly, beating his fists on my back, thumping my thighs steadily with his knees, rushing against me.

"Please. Baby, please."

Brak lived inside Mel, with other monsters and their attendants. I squeezed harder in against his armpits, tying river rapids into knots; he slowed down his squirming. Mel opened his mouth, and his tongue slid against his teeth as he attempted to speak. But he used his eyes instead, avoiding words.

Gently, I set him down. When his feet touched the carpet, I let him fall back onto the couch. Our eyes connected. For a few seconds, I felt as if I were staring into a three-dimensional mirror. There I was, star-



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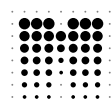
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A green sedan snapped on its headlights. Argo downshifted, slowing to a crawl, then stomped on the gas. Our rear tires scattered gravel and sand across the hood of the sheriff's car. In a flash, red and blue light cut through the haze. Argo shifted furiously until we hit top speed, bouncing and roaring through the underbrush. The sheriff tried to follow but hit a deep rut and stopped, the car's headlights gleaming at a cock-eyed angle, the sirens fading as our Jeep plunged headlong across the flats then over a hill and out of sight.

Before rolling down into the valley, Argo halted at the top of the hill, slamming us both into the dashboard. In full view below was the chalk landing circle, ringed with border patrol trucks. A crowd stood in a knot behind the shack. Officers fed a line of dark-haired men into the trucks. The Rainey's Buick sat in dull shadows. An old woman, as small as Mrs. Raylak, sat in the back of the sheriff's car.

"Any more bright ideas, Mr. America?"

The unmistakable thrash of a helicopter erupted behind us. Searchlight beams flitted across the hood of the Jeep. Naturally, I leaned over and fished out Argo's AR-15 from beneath the seat.

"You took the words right out of my mouth, son."

Pistol shots cracked behind us. All the movies were over. Dirt kicked up beside me, spraying the front tire. More rounds tore through the Jeep's canvas top. Argo groaned. I checked the bolt action on the rifle and hammered the ammo clip home with the heel of my hand. Blood splashed onto my forearm. The Jeep rolled free, descending. Argo slumped forward, sagging into a rush of gas. ■

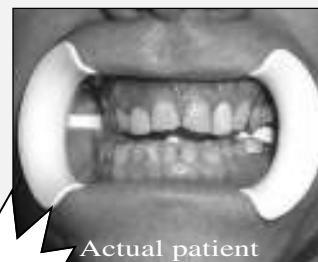
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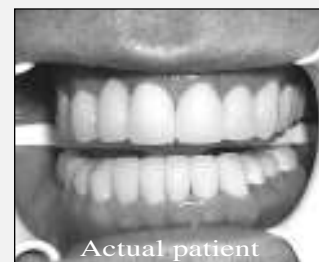
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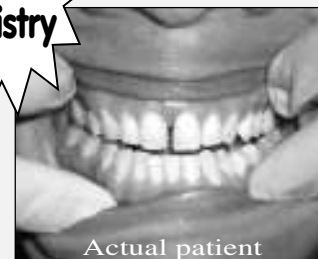
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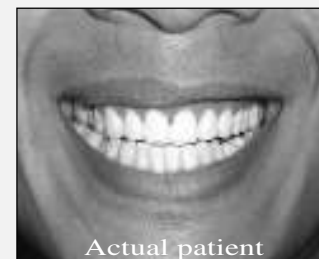
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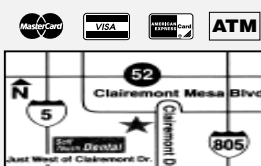
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It’s 8:00 a.m. on a Thursday. Parker’s day started three hours earlier, when he arrived at the Hillcrest offices of Lemmo Attorney Service. He smiles broadly. “Five in the morning till five in the afternoon; we get here early to serve process on some folks before they leave for work.” His suit is freshly pressed; a Shriner’s pin in the lapel sparkles. But life isn’t quite as tidy as he’d prefer.

Like that time over on El Cajon Boulevard, in the late ’70s. Parker rubs a thin, white scar over his upper lip. “Went to serve a colored fella a divorce action. I was being nice to him, ’cause that’s my natural personality. It didn’t



Kent Parker Clench

matter to him, though. He just reached out and swiped me with a razor blade. Opened up my lip.”

After that, Parker started carrying Mace. He pulls back his suit jacket to show the can in its leather holster. “I keep it right here, where it’s easy to get to. Certain neighborhoods, I’ll have it out ready in my hand. I also carry a gun at night. Twenty-two caliber revolver.” Parker admits the firearm is more for show than any-

thing. “I haven’t had to shoot at anyone yet...don’t know if I *could*. I’ve Maced a few guys getting ready to hit me, though.” His preferred method? “Spray ’em in the eyes. Spray ’em in the eyes, drop the notice at their feet, and leave.”

He leans forward and stage whispers. “My wife worries about me, wants me to give it up. But I got nervous energy! And there’s lots of money in it, and I like money!” He explodes into high-pitched giggles, eyes shimmering

“I’d tell ’em a little white lie.

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According to Parker’s 29-year-old boss, Mike Lemmo, a good process server can make up to \$1000 a week, receiving 50 percent of the amount a client is charged per delivery. “Kent’s probably my best server. He’s well known in this town, and yeah, that’s good for my business. Plus, I consider him my mentor. You know, he was the first private process server in San Diego.”

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wasn't a judge anymore, but they called him 'Judge' anyways — 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!*"

Parker employed various methods to track people who didn't want to be found. "You've gotta have your 'gags,' your 'ins.' I had an in with the social security people, the police department, the Department of Motor Vehicles...heck, a cop can find and arrest you if he knows where you are, but he couldn't find a bale of hay if it

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nessman and Nixon crony C. Arnholt Smith, under indictment in 1973 for alleged illegal campaign contributions to the president, received Parker-delivered summonses numerous times. Parker banked at Smith's United States National Bank, and both

men saw the same physician. "I'd say, 'Arnie, this is killin' me, and he'd say, 'I understand, Kent, I understand.'" Of the San Diego luminaries he's served over the years, Parker wryly observes, "It don't take too long to get into trouble when you're in the public

eye." Meanwhile, Parker was having some trouble of his own. In 1968, he was shot in the collarbone while attempting to deliver a divorce notice on Imperial Avenue. "Used to be, I could walk down Imperial at midnight. Now, I

wouldn't want to walk down it in the middle of the day!" Divorce papers were always the toughest, no matter what part of town he was in. "You never knew what a fella might do. If I saw 'em getting worked up, I'd tell 'em a little white lie. Say, 'I just got divorced myself three days ago.' It softened 'em up." He doesn't serve many divorce actions these days. "People aren't getting married anymore; everybody's living in *sin*!" proclaims the devout Methodist.

Several years after the shooting, Parker was

injured again, reading a notice of bill collection. "I'm standing there with my head bent down — you had to read these things out loud in those days — and the fella picked up a coffee table and hit me in the head with it. I never saw it coming." He pats his temple. "Fractured my skull; I sued him and won \$1000 dollars."

Wiser now and better armed, the octogenarian is still vulnerable to those who regard an elderly man as easy prey. Last year, at a Southeast San Diego location he still visits, he walked

around the back of an apartment complex to serve an eviction notice. "These three kids, 16, 17, come up behind me. I never thought for a second...they moved in on me, surrounded me. They took my Mace, cut away my pants to get at my wallet." He shakes his head at the memory. "I told 'em, 'No use taking those credit cards in there; I'm just going to call them in stolen.' They didn't care. A colored fella on the porch watched the whole thing." His voice rises in indignation. "I said, 'Hey! Why didn't you call the police?' He just laughed

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at me. Those guys over there never tell on each other." Now Parker just carries a few dollars, "just to keep the crooks satisfied. Some of 'em get mad if you don't have any money at all."

Through it all, the slammed doors, muggings, the human frailty of public figures, Parker remains upbeat. "I'm a happy person by nature. I try and be polite, even apologetic, especially with the evictions." He purses his lips. "They're tough, I have to admit. I've seen some families with nothing but a blanket on the floor for furniture. It makes your heart ache. I'll give 'em a little money sometimes, help 'em on their way." Parker blames most of the ills he sees on the deteriorating family.

"The parents are to blame. People get divorced..." Snaps fingers.

His grand-daughter's death was one in a series of slayings investigated by a special police task force.

"...there's no mother in the house for when the kids come home from school. Taking dope, drinking likker..." His voice trails off, then rebounds sternly. "A wife's place should be in the home." He and his wife have outlived both their son and their son's four children.

"My boy died two years ago from cancer," murmurs Parker. "I had four grandchildren; one, a girl, was murdered a couple of years ago..." His granddaughter's death was one in a series of slayings investigated by a special police task force. "And the other three died of overdoses." He spits out the word. "Dope. It was all because of dope." ■

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tion technology (on January 18, 2002), the building was removed from the list. It is my understanding that Miss De Wyze did have a copy of the new list on which the Grande Colonial Hotel was no longer listed. If she did not have a current list and was basing her facts on an outdated one, then I must add that this, too, is careless journalism.

My disappointment is not that the building was included in the article. Your

readers will see that the article clearly reaffirms that the property was originally constructed of steel-reinforced concrete and not of unreinforced masonry. What I find irresponsible is the fact that you showed a photograph and address of the building on page 34 of an article titled "Death Traps" but chose not to reveal the truth about the property until later in the article. Any reader who might stop at the third page of this article and not read it in its entirety might unjustly be left with the impression that the Grande Colonial is a "death trap."

I find this type of journalism absolutely irresponsible, misleading, and an unfair representation to your readers, to our community, and to a historic landmark of our city.

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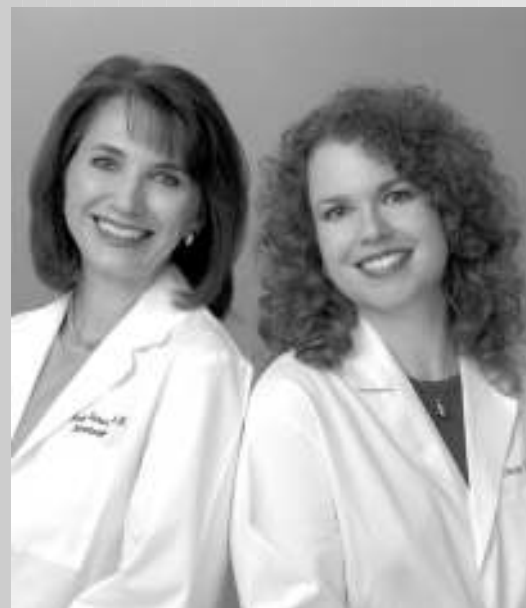
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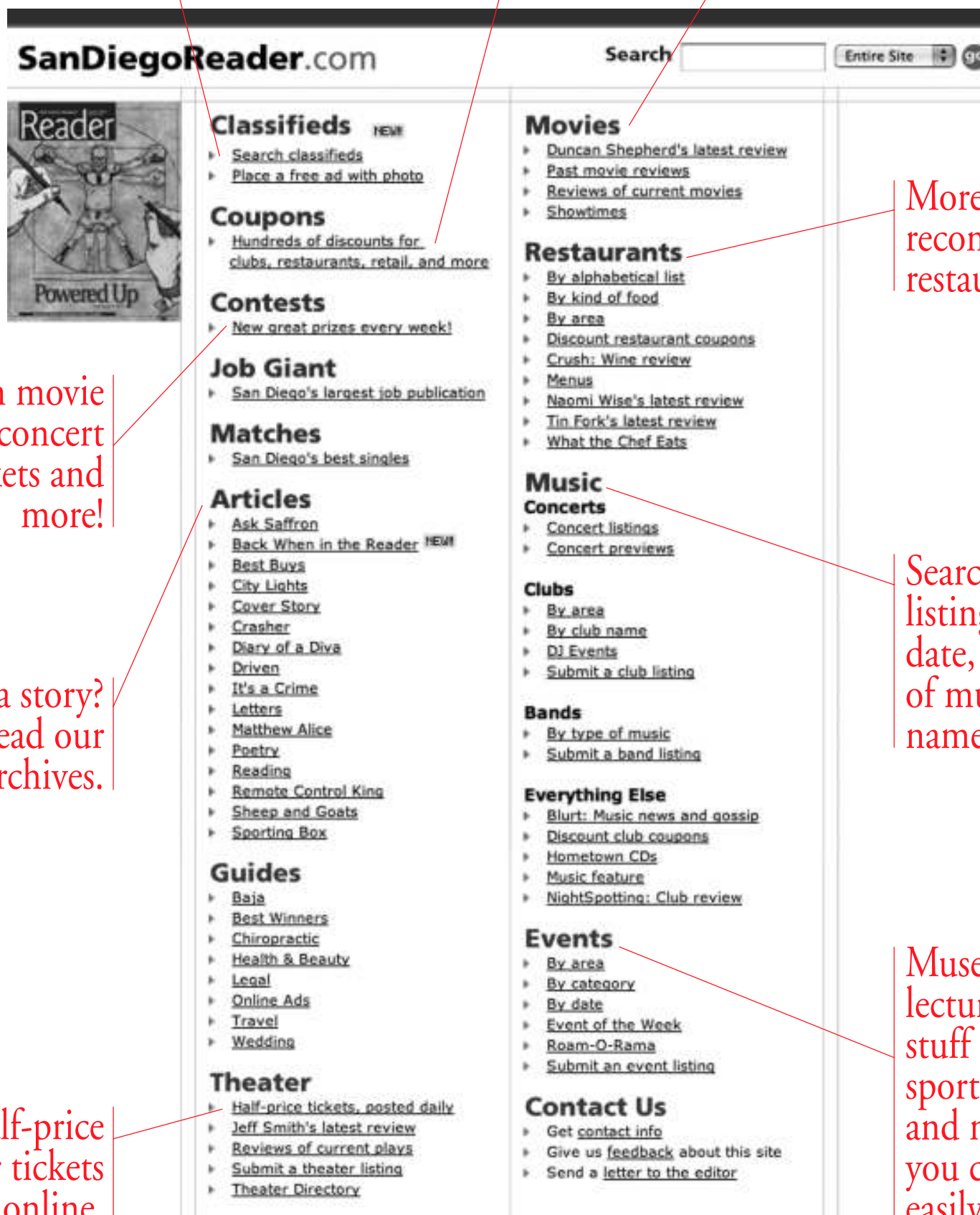
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("Diary of a Diva," March 17): Honey, if no one has told you yet, your jaw problem is called TMJ, and the condition is because of your stress level. The grinding and clenching at night is the first sign and then all that face pain. A little physical therapy, face exercises; ultrasound; and perhaps a retainer-like mouthpiece to prevent the gnashing at night, and you will be fine. Don't let the doctors talk you into surgery. That's unnecessary. Learn to deal with your stress, and the problem will go away. I speak from experience.

Ginger Rosser
via e-mail

Detox Kudos

I'm not a fan of Barbarella's writing, but I completely agree with her column on cutting out the toxic people in one's life and not having any regrets ("Diary of a Diva," March 10). Kudos to her for living her life according to a set of values and not compromising them. Life is too short to deal with petty people and their bull-shit.

John Middleton
via e-mail

Fluff Diva

Your "Diary of a Diva" columnist leaves something to be desired. Namely, anything resembling a true introspective bone in her body. She's superficial, self-centered, and altogether uninteresting. If you think the readers of San Diego want to read about someone so full of herself that she thinks her daily tribulations are fodder for an article, well, you give too little credit to your audience. I look forward to your feature articles

detailing issues of importance and dread those that focus on this prima donna. Eight pages of fluff is seven and a half too many for this loyal reader.

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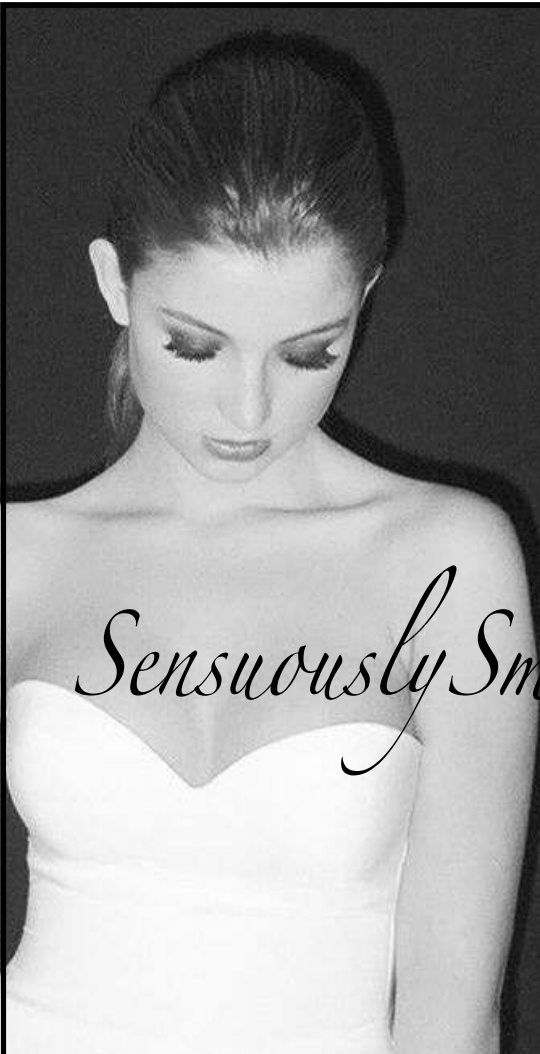
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piece on the modern dentistry trip ("Diary of a Diva," March 17), brilliant. They're all brilliant. And if you read them consistently, just the B's are worth the price of admission.

And all the rest — think if we got into Judith Moore and the D's! Maybe we'll do them next week.

Ledterman
Normal Heights

Crasher Drivel

I have to tell you that I absolutely love the "Crasher" articles you publish. Why, it's been so long since I've been able to read something in actual print so close in resemblance to the stream-of-consciousness ramblings of a five-year-old — without any hint of irony, subtext, or talent, for that matter. Well done — I daresay, I might even enjoy the "Crasher" more after I finish up with

my fun-at-home lobotomy kit! Here's a thought, though: an entire page populated with literal, transparent drivel went out with junior high "What I Did This Summer" essays. Well, unless you're the guy tasked with writing the ad copy that goes on the back of TrimSpa bottles, that is. Either the "Crasher" needs a crash course in how to write or he needs to go to better parties. A more interesting party — one, say, where the highlight of the night isn't running into another *Reader* writer or trying to figure out if a bottle of wine is equivalent to a liter.

Verilium
via e-mail

Mirth Tears

I was reading "Remote Control," and the next thing I knew tears were running down my cheeks. I wish I could make this a grumpy letter and say these were

tears of sadness at losing my superpig and that Ollie reminded me of that loss, but alas, no...these were tears of mirth. Please let Ollie know he has a new fan.

Shawn
via e-mail

Avoid Pokey

I liked John Brizzolara's recent stories about being in jail ("T.G.I.F.," March 3 and 10). I first picked up the March 10 *Reader*, which was the second part about being in jail. So I immediately searched for the March 3 issue to see what they got him for. His story was right on and solid and captured the San Diego jail in all its glory. I'm sure, based on their domestic-violence record, the jackbooted, steroid-enhanced Nazis (jail deputies) treat their wives and girlfriends only a little better than the inmates. Brizzolara is right

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with his closing advice: avoid doing anything that will bring you in contact with the criminal justice system.

Keep up the fine columns.

Marky

Baby Emotion

I would like to make a rebuttal to Duncan Shepherd's review in the March 10 issue. His column is titled "Afterthoughts."

First, I want to say that winning an Academy Award is not always symbolic of the best film made for that particular year. There is a great deal of politics and public relations involved with the ultimate winner of Best Film. Did *Million Dollar Baby* deserve to win Best Picture? No, it did not. Let me explain why without taking away anything from Clint Eastwood and the

powerful performances in that film. The acting in the film was impeccable. Hilary Swank deserved the Best Actress award in a leading role — hands down. I would also like to comment that she is probably one of the most gracious individuals to accept the Oscar in quite some time. Mr. Shepherd, were we watching the same film? It takes a lot to get me to show any emotion, and

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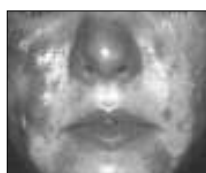
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I almost lost it at the end of the movie. Any movie that evokes that kind of emotion from an audience is a powerful and timely film indeed.

Secondly, did Clint

Eastwood deserve the Oscar for Best Director? I don't know...maybe...not really. I like Clint Eastwood, and I think he makes excellent formula films. He's an actor's direc-

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tor. He knows how to make a good film on a shoestring, and he knows how to get his actors to give their best performances. Who can forget Tim Robbins's performance in *Mystic River*? I liked *Mystic River*, but I disagree with you there too. I don't feel it was Best Picture material.

Thirdly, Martin Scorsese should have won for Best Director. He is a creative genius. Let's look back at his illustrious career, because I think you are very shortsighted when it comes to his accomplishments. He was a film student at the prestigious NYU film school. He has been an experimental director for most of his career. Just because he is focusing on epic films now should not take away from his accomplishments throughout his career. I will agree with you on one point. Martin Scorsese will probably end up receiving a lifetime achievement award from the Academy. Big deal — that does not diminish from his contributions as one of the greatest directors of all time.

Let's recap some of his films that have made an indelible impression on me. How can anyone forget *Raging Bull* or *Good Fellas*? These films are classics. *GoodFellas* is still one of my favorite films of all time. Let me educate you on these films and their relation to the Academy Awards. They were both nominated for Best Picture. *Raging Bull* lost to Redford's *Ordinary People*. Scorsese's *GoodFellas* lost to Costner's *Dances with Wolves*.

Do you get it now? We don't even remember those Oscar winners. Everyone knows that *GoodFellas* is a better film than *Dances with Wolves*. Who even remembers *Ordinary People*? But you always remember a Scorsese film, and that is why he is one of the greatest directors of all time.

Scorsese quote, "I think when you're young and have the first burst of energy and make five or six pictures in a row that tell the stories of all the things in life you want to say...well, maybe those are the films that should have won me the Oscar."

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"ETERNALLY BAD" Goddesses and sirens from Kali to Isis dramatized through song, dance, art, and spoken word in this premiere by San Diego Ballet artistic director Javier Velasco. See **DANCE**, page 89

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Western singer/songwriters Curly Musgrave and Belinda Gail yodel in harmony and sing original and traditional tunes at the Oceanside Library. See **IN PERSON**, page 92



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BROMBIES BLUEGRASS

Tight vocal harmonies typify the Brombies' style; they show off on bluegrass standards and original songs at the North County Bluegrass and Folk Club's next band night. Also, short sets by pickup groups from the club's "parking lot jam sessions." See **IN PERSON**, page 93

BIG BAND FROM BELGIUM

Interfak swings big-time Dizzy's downtown. All ages, no alcohol. See **CLUBS**, page 142

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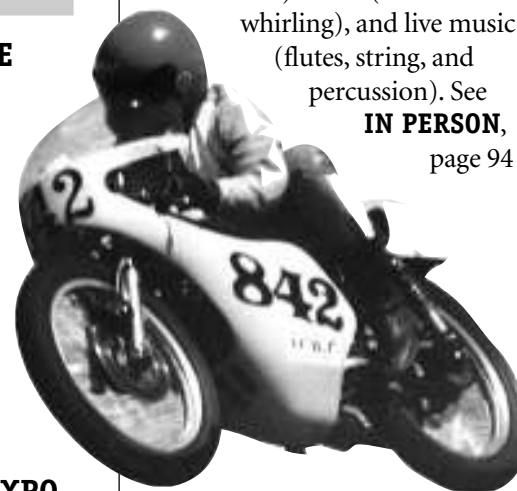
WHIRLING DERVISHES OF RUMI

The seven-century-old Turkish ritual combines costumes (conical hats and white, full-skirted robes) dance (circular whirling), and live music (flutes, string, and percussion). See **IN PERSON**, page 94

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MOTORCYCLES IN THE PARK

From early board-track racers to modern high-performance sport bikes, "Quest for Speed," the San Diego Automotive Museum's newest exhibit, showcases some of the world's most outrageous racing motorcycles. See **MUSEUMS**, page 101



MULTICULTURAL EXPO

Explore world dance, art, food, photos, fashion, and film at MiraCosta College's campuses in Oceanside and Cardiff, through Friday. Related events include student art exhibits on Africa, slide shows on Italy and Spain, and pottery demonstrations. See **SPECIAL**, page 97

sunday | 3

FUSION HIP-HOP COMPETITION

Dance teams throughout California compete at this student-run event, sponsored by UCSD's Multi-Asian Student Association. Local exhibition teams include Second 2 None, Culture Shock, Future Shock, Asayake Taiko, kunFUSION, and UrbanFX. See **LOCAL EVENTS**, page 86

EDIBLE BOOKS Book-shaped cakes and cookies on view at UCSD's Geisel Library, hosted by San Diego Book Arts.

Creations will be raffled, recipes revealed, and artwork eaten. See **SPECIAL**, page 97



Safe Grind

Hip-Hop Dance Competition

'Funky, fresh, dressed to impress, ready to party!" For Samantha Duenas, third-year student at UCSD and member of the dance troupe Second 2 None, Missy Elliot lyrics are inspiring. "It sums it up with her," Duenas says of the rap singer, "because she's very funky, she's very fresh, very innovative as an artist, yet she still has elements of old school and classic hip-hop in her. I like dancing to her stuff."

LOCAL EVENTS

Duenas, a Filipina-American, is a member of the Multi-Asian Student Association, which is putting on its sixth annual hip-hop dance competition, "Fusion."

"Professional teams pay Fusion to dance at the event," says Sam Pitak, a student on the Multi-Asian Student Association committee. "Last year we brought in over 3000 people. From what I saw last year, we get a pretty good cross-section [of ethnicity]. You'll see 40 to 50 percent Asian, 30 percent white, and 20 percent, um, other." Pitak guesses at the ethnicity of his fellow association members: "I'd say they're primarily Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Taiwanese, and a few Caucasians, in that order. We are an Asian group, but we don't like to be exclusive."

Pitak, who is Thai, explains the appeal of hip-hop to the Asian community: "Hip-hop culture appeals to everyone. It's consuming the majority of youth right now. We all grew up in L.A., Bay Area, Sacramento, [places] where hip-hop culture is very big. It's the only thing I was ever exposed to. There's a large group of Asians in Southern California interested in hip-hop and dance; a lot of Asian guys are DJs."

Pitak is personally drawn to hip-hop because "There are so many elements to hip-hop culture. There's rap, emceeing, the actual

rhymes, dance, break-dancing, and graffiti." Hip-hop is pervasive, and not just on college campuses. According to Alonzo Westbrook, contributor to *Hip Hoptionary: The Dictionary of Hip-Hop Terminology*, "seventy percent of hip-hop's audience is nonblack."

There will be eight teams competing at Fusion and exhibition performances by six noncompeting teams, including Second 2 None (written in the lineup as "220") and professional teams like Culture Shock, Future Shock, and Urban FX. Duenas used to be a member of Culture Shock, but the professional dance team's rigorous schedule conflicted with her school schedule and she quit the team last year. The Culture Shock Dance Center of San Diego in Old Town offers classes to children and adults.

Anyone who has watched MTV in the past five years is probably aware of the sexual



nature of many hip-hop dance routines, like the one in the video for Sisqo's "Thong Song." The camera concentrates on gyrating young women and features many close-ups on their jiggling — and but for a dainty strip of cloth forming a "T" — bare bottoms. "Second 2 None has a part in their routine

where they do a lot of booty shaking," says Pitak.

At a recent dance competition in Irvine, the song "Yeah" by Usher was used by a handful of teams. Lyrics to "Yeah" include "These women all on the prowl, if you hold the head steady I'm-a milk the cow. Forget about the game, I'm-a spit the truth. I won't stop till I get 'em in they birthday suits."

Dancers at Fusion will not get away with overzealous sexuality — there are rules to prevent such conduct. "We tell them to keep their music PG-13," says Pitak. "That means they have to edit out all swear words." Dance routines and dress are under supervision. "We can't have any butts hanging out and different stuff being revealed. But there's a lot of stuff that's a little bit sexual in nature. We allow grinding as long as it's not real, real graphic."

Teams consisting of approximately 20 members will perform onstage in front of a seated audience for seven minutes, which includes setup and takedown of any props. Teams are coed, and the music used is typically a medley of several songs. Some routines involve acrobatics. There is a competitive edge to the shows, but Duenas assures, "It's definitely not like a street battle or anything."

Security guards will screen audience members at the entrance. "We've never had a problem with crowds getting rowdy," Pitak says. "At UCSD there are a lot of problems with people coming drunk and high to concerts, but if it happens at Fusion, it's on a small level." Pitak attributes Fusion's lack of violence and drugs to the high level of



Samantha Duenas

security the committee has employed from the beginning. "We pay a lot of money for security. It costs us, like, \$10,000. That gets us patdowns, people patrolling...stuff like that."

Competing teams are from UC Riverside, UC Irvine, UCSD, UCLA, CSU Fullerton, and CSU Long Beach. Of the eight teams, one will go home with a trophy and \$1000. Second place will receive \$300, and the third-place team will get \$100. "Most of the winnings that teams get go right back into the team, like paying for time in a [recording] studio," says Pitak.

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Guitar Recital by Colin McAllister on Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m., at Hispanoamericano Guitar Center, Rosarito Beach City Hall. 011-52-661-612-6760. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Total Combat 8 returns to Baby Rock (at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in Zona Río) on Saturday, April 2. Main event features Joe Hurley and Alex Garcia; matches between Kendell Grove and Edwin Aguilar, Raul Arvizu and Reggie Cardial. In addition to three title fights, expect eight un-

dercard bouts. Doors open at 4 p.m., fighting at 6 p.m. \$35 general, \$50 ringside. 619-254-6953. (TIJUANA)

Modified Cars race on one-eighth-mile track on Sunday, April 3, starting at 8 a.m. at Autódromo Tijuana, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-623-1589. (TIJUANA)

“Vías y Cruces — Roads and Crossroads,” this solo exhibit of work by Oswaldo Barahona opens with reception on Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m., at Galeria H&H (Avenida Estéban Cantú 2651, Colonia Dávila). 011-52-664-900-6133. Exhibition continues through Saturday, May 7. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Mission Hills Meander, see great views, picturesque homes and gardens during Walkabout outing on Friday, April 1. Moderate one-hour walk over flat terrain starts at 5:45 p.m. at Espresso Mio (1920 Fort Stockton). Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION HILLS)

San Diego’s Earliest Sunrise this year occurs on Saturday, April 2, near 5:30 a.m., owing to both the steady lengthening of the daylight hours, but more importantly due to fact that daylight saving time starts the following day. If daylight time were not in effect during the months to come, the earliest possible sunrise in San Diego (4:39 a.m.), would take place on June 15.

India Hawthorn, one of the most common flowering shrubs used in



“10 in 10 East Meets West Coast Performance Festival” at St. Cecilia’s Playhouse, April 1–10 (see Dance)

landscaping as hedges and dividers in San Diego, is blooming best right about now. The plant, which has several varieties, covers itself with blossoms ranging in hue from pinkish white to vivid pink.

Jupiter lies at opposition to the sun on Saturday, April 2. Look for this bright yellowish planet over the east horizon as evening twilight gathers. Jupiter remains in the sky all night, setting at sunrise on this date. Turn a small telescope toward Jupiter and enjoy the dance of its four large “Galilean satellites” (the four moons first discovered by Galileo) as the nocturnal hours go by. You will readily notice hour-by-hour changes in the configurations of these moons as they speed around the planet.

“The Geology of Split Mountain” is explored by UC Davis professor Howie Spero and paleontologist George Jefferson during field sem-

inar hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute on Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors’ center flagpole. Discussion, “several short but strenuous hikes.” \$45. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Also on the 2nd, Spero presents “Past Climate of Anza-Borrego, Straight from the Horse’s Mouth” at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. How have researchers used “the geochemistry of fossil horse teeth to reconstruct climate of the park through time”? Admission: \$5. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, April 2, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m., visitors’ center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through trees, chaparral in search of birds, wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, on Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m. and Sunday, April 3, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Baby Animals in Peril! It’s a busy time of year for Wildlife Assist volunteers. Recruiting sessions on Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeated Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

See Rare Vernal Pools and wildflowers when Diana Gordeon leads walk, Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. Meet at intersection of Fairpoint Way and Shorepointe Way with hiking boots, water. 858-484-3219. Free. (SORRENTO HILLS)

Pacific Daylight Time, or “daylight saving time,” starts on Sunday morning, April 3, at 2 a.m. No time is “saved” by advancing our clocks by one hour. This sneaky trick in civil time is designed to rouse us out of bed an hour earlier so that we can enjoy what seems to be an extra hour of daylight before the sun goes down.

Nature Hike, Will Smith leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including April 3, 1 p.m. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 877-581-9904. (JULIAN)

La Jolla Walking Tour hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, April 3, starting at noon at 2246 Avenida de la Playa. Two-hour tour focuses on human and natural history, surrounding ocean area; \$30. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

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

Edible and Medicinal Plants and their historic usage examined when naturalist Irene O’Neill leads easy 2.5-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Wednesday, April 6. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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Jay Leno at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort, April 2 (see In Person)

DANCE

"10 in 10: East Meets West Performance Festival" runs April 1-10. See bkSoul, Heidi Latsky, Meg Wolfe, April 1-3. Program boasts Karl Anderson, Keith Hennessy, Motion Lab: Kathleen Hermesdorf, Albert Mathais, Kate Weare, April 8-10.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. on Sundays, at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue); \$20 general. 619-235-8466. (HILLCREST) "Three-on-the-Floor" regional dance company — with participation by LEVYdance and Santa Barbara Dance Theater — perform for festival on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, at 7 and 9 p.m., in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. 858-484-7791. (SDSU)

Contradance to music by Old Twine String Band, calling by Steve

Barlow on Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m.; \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

"Eternally Bad," Javier Velasco and San Diego Ballet offer a look at the "original bad girls," the ancient goddesses, April 1-3, at San Diego Museum of Art. The work is based on writings of "underground comedic writer Trina Robbins." Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 general, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 619-294-7378. (BALBOA PARK)

Castle Walk and Other Ragtime Specialties featured at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, April 1, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages, singles, partners. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on first Friday of every month, in-

cluding April 1, for beginner's instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance at My Dance Academy (3837 Plaza Drive); \$7 general. 760-803-9982. (OCEANSIDE)

"Ballet Salutes the Opera," all-new program of ballets by Elizabeth Rowe Wistrich set to musical moments from most-loved operas is offered by City Ballet of San Diego on Saturday, April 2, 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m., at City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Showcased operas include *Aida*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *Les Pecheurs de Perles*, *Carmen*, others. \$25. 858-272-8663. (CITY HEIGHTS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Callers are Janet Arnold and Steve Maranto on April 3. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class, \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

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Tango at the Turquoise, learn basic elements and techniques to dance Argentine tango when Florentino Guizar and Isabelle Kay lead intermediate class (5 p.m.), beginning class (6 p.m.), tango dance party (7 p.m.) on Sunday, April 3, at 873 Turquoise Street. \$5 for either class or dance party. 858-453-9680. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Joyous, Loving Circle Dancing promised when Toni Michael leads Sufi dancing to live music on Monday, April 4, 7 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street); \$3. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

Beginning Bellydance Classes for "fitness and fun" commence on Thursday and Saturday, April 7 and 9, at 4 Women Only Fitness (12222 Poway Road). Fee: \$15 drop-in, \$90 for six classes. Registration, times: 858-486-4900. (POWAY)

World-Beat Dance and Music promised when Sultana Rose and Shalimar dance to music by Damaru on Thursday, April 7, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue); \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

FILM

See Syria: Between Iraq and a Hard Place when the film, produced by Saul Landau, screens Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Donations accepted. 858-277-8888. (MISSION VILLAGE)

The Documentary Food for Thought — focusing on "unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled U.S. grocery store shelves for the past decade" — screens for Activist San Diego on Friday, April 1, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar (4496 Park Boulevard). Discussion fol-

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For at least three decades, the Coal Canyon diamond interchange on the Riverside Freeway through Santa Ana Canyon was a virtual joke, featuring ramps to and from nowhere. "Nowhere" might have been replaced by subdivisions spreading eastward from Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills. That hasn't happened, and likely will never happen. The Coal Canyon undercrossing, it was discovered, was the one and only practical wildlife corridor between 40,000 acres of undeveloped lands in the Chino and Puente Hills to the north and half a million acres of wild land in the Santa Ana Mountains to the south. Mountain lions were using it to avoid being flattened by an endless river of cars, 10 to 12 lanes wide. Biologists increasingly insist that preserving habitat linkages, even lowly ones such as freeway crossings and tunnels, are essential to the regional survival of migratory wild animals.

Coal Canyon's freeway ramps were closed in 2003. The asphalt strip of the putative parkway underneath is gone, and a wide stretch of Coal Canyon south of the freeway is now friendlier to both migrating creatures and hikers curious enough to visit. Formerly under private ownership, the canyon has fallen under the jurisdiction of Chino Hills State Park and California's Department of Fish and Game.

To get to the present starting point of the Coal Canyon hike from central San Diego, use Interstate 5 and Orange County's Eastern Transportation Corridor toll road to reach Highway 91 (Riverside Freeway). Travel east four miles to the Green River Road exit, and turn left (west). After one mile, park on the right side of Green River Road where space is available at a point 0.2 mile short of the entrance to the Green River Golf Club. (Note: It is faster for residents of north inland San Diego County to follow Interstate 15 north to Corona, and Highway 91 west to Green River Road.)

On foot, walk the 0.2 mile stretch along Green River Road toward the golf course entrance, and continue on the paved Santa Ana River bike trail that closely parallels the freeway. Endure for the next few minutes the insanely roaring traffic on your left. Also, take note of the massive damage to the Santa Ana River concrete flood channel on your right, due to near-catastrophic flows of water in recent months. Construction crews will likely be active in this area for several months to come.

When you reach the Coal Canyon crossing after 1.2 miles, walk underneath the overpasses and the gravelly canyon floor itself. Proceed one-half mile farther upstream, following a silvery strand

COAL CANYON

Discover a showery 20-foot cascade in Coal Canyon, Orange County's premier wildlife corridor.

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Hiking difficulty: Moderate

continue south into Chino Hills State Park territory (signs say no bikes and no dogs allowed). Follow an old, often eroded truck trail up Coal Canyon's wide floodplain, staying to the left of the canyon's sand-and-gravel-coated stream bed.

After a mile of uphill hiking, just short of where the canyon significantly narrows, you'll need to drop down onto

of water, to where the canyon walls soar and pinch in tightly. There, the sound of spattering water heralds your arrival at a sublime grotto graced with a 20-foot high shower of crystal-clear water. It pours off a mineralized outcrop shaped like the spout of a teapot. This is a rare sight — but so, too, is this season's overabundance of rain.

Yorba Linda, Santa Ana River, Chino Hills, Green River Road, Corona, Santa Ana Mountains, Coal Canyon



Inside Coal Canyon

lows. Donation: \$3–\$5. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"In the Shadow of Petco Park," focusing on urban land use, is theme when Sunday Matinee series convenes April 3, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Program includes *Chavez Ravine: A Los Angeles Story*, short documentary about Sher-

man Heights entitled *Donde Yo Vivi*, talk by folklorist Anton Minard, video clips, discussion with Kelly Mayhew, Jim Miller. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Being There," starring Peter Sellers and Shirley MacLaine, screens for First Monday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral

dilemmas" on April 4, 6:15 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion led by Richard Dell'Orfano. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

The Argentinean Metaphysical Romance *Every Stewardess Goes to Heaven* screens — in Spanish with English subtitles — for Film Forum on Monday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., at

San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion follows. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Documentary A Journey of Spirit tells "inspirational story of Jewish singer/songwriter and San Diego local Debbie Friedman." Film screens for San Diego Jewish Music Festival 2005 on Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., in David and

Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Discussion with director Ann Coppel follows; \$12 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Rhythms of the World, Mystery of the Nile, Roar: Lions of the Kalahari*. Fridays at the Fleet continues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

"Navigating with National Geographic" is topic when Honor Fredlund demonstrates how to use a GPS with a map to plan your next day hike or back-country adventure, Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

Pioneering Photographers J. Grant Brittain and Aaron Chang talk about "innovating, learning, board sports, and more," Thursday, March 31, 6:30 p.m., at Zelman/Foley Studios (2308-C Kettner Boulevard); \$15 general. 619-417-2150. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Volcano Paintings of Jules Tavernier" illuminated when Jim Grebl speaks for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, April 1, 10 a.m.; \$10. 619-696-1953. (BALBOA PARK)

"Container Gardening" is subject on Saturday, April 2, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Beyond the Prescription Label: Understanding Your Medications" seminar offered Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m., at Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street; 619-527-3405). Learn about drug interactions, side effects, questions to ask. Free. (ENCANTO)

Program repeated on Thursday, April 7, 2 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

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"Crisis in America: Defending Reason and Our Liberties" is theme for conference hosted by Association for Rational Inquiry on April 2 and 3 at Holiday Inn on the Bay (1355 North Harbor Drive). Speakers will "address the dangers of ignoring science and relying on dogma or superstition to make decisions" affecting posterity, more.

Fee: \$69, includes lunch on Saturday. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday. 619-421-5844. (DOWNTOWN)

Acrylic and Watercolor Painter Elaine Harvey speaks for Pastel Society of San Diego, Sunday, April 3, 2:30 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). 760-789-7131. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

Beginner and Refresher Genealogy Class taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Monday, April 4, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Required reservations: 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

Art Demonstration by artist David Linton when Southwestern Artists Association meets, Monday, April 4, 10 a.m., in Gallery 23, Spanish Village. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

"Intro to Triathlons" presented Monday, April 4, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Different types of triathlons, nutritional needs, training tips, essential gear. Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Nationalism: Genuine and Not-So-Genuine" presented by Ashis Nandy of Center for the Study of Developing Societies and Committee for Cultural Choices and Global Futures in Delhi, India. Talk starts at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, in deCerteau Room, 3155 Literature Building, at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego's Hummingbirds provide focus for class (Tuesday and Thursday, April 5 and 7) and field trip (Saturday, April 9) hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum; \$69. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Questions Are the Answers" presented by author, sales trainer Mel Brodsky, Tuesday, April 5, 12:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (2650 Garfield Street). Participants learn how questions help children and adults bond, create workplace rapports, more; \$5. 760-754-1954. (CARLSBAD)

"Making a Great Impression" with plants, containers, and fountains in entryways and patios is subject when Evelyn Weidner of Weidner's Gardens speaks for Carlsbad Newcomers on Wednesday, April 6, 9:45 a.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (at Beech and Garfield Streets). 760-729-7060 or 760-754-2806. (CARLSBAD)

American Poetry and Its Impact on modern world culture is subject when Megan Webster serves up "A Taste of American Poetry" on Wednesday, April 6, 2 p.m., at El Ca-

jon Library (201 East Douglas Avenue). Free. 619-588-3718. (EL CAJON)

"How Do I Find My Ancestor's Naturalization Documents?" Panel discussion to answer question when North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets on Wednesday, April 6, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-744-7530. (CARLSBAD)

"FBI — Fraud and Abuse" presented by FBI agents "working in the field" for American Academy of Professional Coders, Wednesday, April 6, 4:30 p.m., at 8695 Spectrum Center Court; \$10. 866-761-7444. (KEARNY MESA)

"Heroines of the Torah" illuminated when Jonathan Dobrer of University of Judaism speaks for New Perspectives in Judaic Studies lecture series on Wednesday, April 6,

7 p.m., at Ner Tamid Synagogue (16770 West Bernardo Drive). Free. 619-594-5338. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Tour the Night Sky during "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 6. After show, view real sky through telescopes (weather permitting). 619-238-1233; \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Living With Nature and Fire" is subject when landscape architect Kay Stewart speaks on Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive



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Ultralight Backpacking Basics discussed during clinic on Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (KEARNY MESA)

The Prevention of Cardiovascular Diseases is subject for lecture series offered by UCSD School of Medicine's Department of Family and Preventive Medicine. Series gets underway when UCLA's

Robert Detrano, M.D., focuses on "The Role of Subclinical Disease Assessment in Preventive Strategies" on Wednesday, April 6, 4:30 p.m., in Liebow Auditorium at UCSD's School of Medicine (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. 858-534-3722. (LA JOLLA)

"The Future of Atrocity Law" examined when the Honorable David Scheffer speaks Wednesday, April 6, for "Human Rights in the New Age of Terrorism" series. Scheffer served as "U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues" during Clinton administration, helped create international criminal tribunals for Rwanda and former Yugoslavia, special court in

Sierra Leone, Cambodia, more. Lecture begins at 4 p.m. in Deutz Conference Room at UCSD's Institute of the Americas. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"The Replacement of Ethics by Aesthetics" chronicled when Tzvetan Todorov of Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris speaks on Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Robinson Auditorium. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

Artists from Vanessa participate in Artists' Round Table — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by San Diego Opera, Thursday, April 7, 5:30 p.m., in Beverly Sills Salon of

Civic Theatre (202 C Street); \$5. 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Beyond the Property Line: Housing, City, and Territory" is theme for ongoing "Dialogues in Art and Architecture" series. Participants on Thursday, April 7, are lecturers Frank Barkow, Regine Lelabinger; respondents are Paul Zelevansky and Gail Goldberg. Program begins at 7:30 p.m., at Woodbury University School of Architecture (1060 Eighth Avenue). Free. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

"Figurative Sculpture" explained by Gwen Gomez during gallery talks on Thursday, April 7 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, April 10 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Famous and Infamous Characters from San Diego County's past discussed by author Jack Innis for "History Alive" series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society on Thursday, April 7, 1:30 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street); \$2. 619-460-4353. Booksigning follows. (LEMON GROVE)

"Mt. Whitney Clinics and Happy Hours" offered by backpacking veteran Jackie Paulson for Adventure 16 stores. Talks on Thursday, April 7, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700); on Monday, April 11, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and on Tuesday, April 12, at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374). Happy hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by program at 7 p.m. Free. (OCEANSIDE, SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY)

"Triple Play," exhibition of work by Mary Fleener, Diana Duval, Marisol Rendón continues through Thursday, April 7, in Southwestern College Art Gallery (900 Otay Lakes Road). Installation artist Marisol Rendón participates in panel discussion about



"Eternally Bad" by San Diego Ballet at San Diego Museum of Art, April 1-3 (see Dance)

her work on Thursday, April 7, 11 a.m. Free. 619-421-6700 x5895 or x5635. (CHULA VISTA)

"Journalism and the Iraq War" examined when journalist Joseph Logan speaks on Thursday, April 7, 3 p.m., in Price Center at UCSD. Following stints in Turkey, Syria, Kurdistan, Iraq, he now works as freelance television producer and print reporter, based in Syria and Lebanon. Free. 858-822-5297. (LA JOLLA)

"Where Did All Those Planes Go?" Aviation archeologist Craig Fuller has located and documented over 250 crash sites in Southwest and supports researchers with archive of military crash reports. Fuller presents lecture on Thurs-

day, April 7, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Aerospace Museum; \$15. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

The Jerusalem Lyric Trio presents Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino works inspired by Jewish religious and cultural heritage for San Diego Jewish Music Festival on Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$19 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Writer, Professor, Chickasaw Tribe Member Linda Hogan talks about and reads from her works on Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). A Luiseño elder opens evening with blessing; \$10 general. 760-795-6613. (OCEANSIDE)

The 12th Doc Ford Novel by Randy Wayne White is *Dead of Night*, which the author signs on Friday, April 1, at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

A Year of Visits to Local Churches in his Model T is chronicled by Chuck Borough in *Trip around the Sun*, which he'll sign and discuss on Friday, April 1, 5 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"An Evening of Lust and Love Poetry, Part III" on offer when Theresa F. performs "erotic spoken word," followed by open-mike poetry, on Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., at Coffeehouse on Broadway (2991 Broadway). \$5. 619-557-0156. (GOLDEN HILL)

Paper-Cutting Demonstration and discussion and signing of *The Amazing Paper Cuttings of Hans Christian Andersen* and *The Great Tulip Trade* by author Beth Brust, Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Curly Musgrave Cowboy Music Concert, with guest Belinda Gail, is Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Expect "harmony yodeling" and original and traditional Western songs. \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

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Recipe Sampling and booksigning of *Pacific Peaks & Picnics: Day Journeys in San Diego County* by author Linda MacMillin Pyle, Saturday, April 2, 4 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Pianist Roger Williams entertains with pieces by Rachmaninoff, Rossini, Debussy, Ellington, Gillespie, and Mancini on Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$32, \$42. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Delta Blues Meets Classic Rock when Steve White and the Fabulous Pelicans perform Saturday, April 2, 6:30 p.m., at Avo Playhouse (303 Main Street). Tickets: \$15-\$20, available at 760-724-2110. (VISTA)

Hypnotist Barry Jones performs Saturday, April 2, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Tickets: \$10. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Local Sounds promised first Saturday of each month when ensembles from Coastal Communities Band perform at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Next up: Incredible Wind Quintet on April 2, 1 p.m. Free. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"After the Revolution: An American Novel About Cuba and Cuban Poetry About France" presented on Saturday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

"From Wharf Rats to Lord of the Docks" presented by actor Ian Ruskin, Saturday, April 2, 1 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Play tells "true story of labor leader Harry Bridges," founder of International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union. Question and answer follows. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Infinite Jazz Quartet performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 4, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Ralph Nader Brings His Bring-Home-the-Troops and antiwar message to World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard) on Monday, April 4, 5:30 p.m. Community speakers. \$10 general. 619-482-0061. (BALBOA PARK)

The Brombies perform for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-724-1785. (ESCONDIDO)

"Preserving Paradise," Ruth Wallen explores issues of ecologically sustainable development through performance/lecture with narrative, sound, projections, on Tuesday, April 5, in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Author Russell Andrews — a.k.a. Peter Gethers — signs and discusses *Midas* on Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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THOU mastering me
God! giver of breath and bread;
World's strand, sway of the sea;
Lord of living and dead;
Thou hast bound bones and veins in me, fastened me
flesh,
And after it almost unmade, what with dread,
Thy doing: and dost thou touch me afresh?
Over again I feel thy finger and find thee.

2
I did say yes
O at lightning and lashed rod;
Thou heardest me truer than tongue confess
Thy terror, O Christ, O God;
Thou knowest the walls, altar and hour and night:
The swoon of a heart that the sweep and the hurl of
thee trod
Hard down with a horror of height:
And the midriff astrain with leaning of, laced with fire of
stress.

3
The frown of his face

Before me, the hurtle of hell
Behind, where, where was a, where was a place?
I whirled out wings that spell
And fled with a fling of the heart to the heart of the
Host.
My heart, but you were dovewinged, I can tell,
Carrier-witted, I am bold to boast,
To flash from the flame to the flame then, tower from the
grace to the grace.

4
I am soft sift
In an hourglass — at the wall
Fast, but mined with a motion, a drift,
And it crowds and it combs to the fall;
I steady as a water in a well, to a poise, to a pane,
But roped with, always, all the way down from the tall
Fells or flanks of the voel, a vein
Of the gospel proffer, a pressure, a principle, Christ's gift.

5
I kiss my hand
To the stars, lovely-asunder
Starlight, wafting him out of it; and
Glow, glory in thunder;
Kiss my hand to the dappled-with-damson west:
Since, tho' he is under the world's splendour and wonder,
His mystery must be instressed, stressed;
For I greet him the days I meet him, and bless when I
understand.

6
Not out of his bliss
Springs the stress felt
Nor first from heaven (and few know this)
Swings the stroke dealt —
Stroke and a stress that stars and storms deliver,
That guilt is hushed by, hearts are flushed by and melt —
But it rides time like riding a river
(And here the faithful waver, the faithless fable and miss).

33
With a mercy that outrides
The all of water, an ark
For the listener; for the lingerer with a love glides
Lower than death and the dark;
A vein for the visiting of the past-prayer, pent in prison,
The-last-breath penitent spirits — the uttermost mark
Our passion-plungèd giant risen,
The Christ of the Father compassionate, fetched in the
storm of his strides.

34
Now burn, new born to the world,
Doubled-naturèd name,
The heaven-flung, heart-fleshed, maiden-furled
Miracle-in-Mary-of-flame,
Mid-numbered He in three of the thunder-throne!
Not a dooms-day dazzle in his coming nor dark as he
came;
Kind, but royally reclaiming his own;

A released shower, let flash to the shire, not a lightning of
fire hard-hurled.

35
Dame, at our door
Drowned, and among our shoals,
Remember us in the roads, the heaven-haven of the
Reward:
Our King back, oh, upon English souls!
Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of
us, be a crimson-cressed east,
More brightening her, rare-dear Britain, as his reign
rolls,
Pride, rose, prince, hero of us, high-priest,
Our hearts' charity's hearth's fire, our thoughts' chivalry's
throng's Lord.

— Gerard Manley Hopkins

Orchestra perform Wednesday,
April 6, 7:30 p.m., at East County
Performing Arts Center (210 East
Main Street). Tickets: \$34, \$44.
619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The Full Moon Poets offers po-
etry slamming, Wednesday, April 6,
6:30 p.m., at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Li-
brary (2081 Newcastle Avenue).
760-753-4027. Free. (CARDIFF)

Jazz in the Park, Road Work
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poet Jihmye Collins on Wednes-
day, April 6, 5 p.m., at Florence Ri-
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**Laurie Okuma Memorial
Reading** showcases poet Carol
Lem on Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m.,
in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love
Library at San Diego State Univer-
sity. Lem is author of numerous
books of poetry. Free. 619-594-
4991. (SDSU)

Siren Open Mike for Women
returns for spring season opener
on Thursday, April 7, 8 p.m., at
Korova Coffee Bar (4496 Park
Boulevard). Singer, songwriter
Molly Jensen performs. Sign-ups
at 7:30 p.m. Free. All ages.
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TNT, the Thursday Night Thing
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The Musical Hair presented by Muir College Music Ensemble, Thursday through Saturday, April 7–9, 8 p.m., in Mandeville Auditorium. Play “questions the standards of morality, sexuality, individualism, racism, violence, drug use, loyalty, and social acceptance”; \$8 general. 858-534-3587. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Fiesta Del Mar Arabian Show, runs Thursday through Sunday, March 31–April 3, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Competition: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 760-751-0902. (DEL MAR)

The 32nd Annual San Diego Crew Classic — boasting participation by over 3000 rowers — is April 2 and 3, at Crown Point Shores. Competition starts at 7:30 a.m. both mornings. Admission: \$7 for one day, \$10 for both; free viewing from vantage points around bay. 858-488-0700. (MISSION BAY)

Penguin and Sea Lion Kayaking on Mission Bay, adventure hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to noon. Fee: \$65 adults, \$20 for kids. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

The 20th Annual Carlsbad 5000 is Sunday, April 3, boasting “the world’s fastest 5k,” along with people’s races. Starts from 7 a.m. in downtown Carlsbad. Spectators on Carlsbad Boulevard (between Grand Avenue and Carlsbad Village Drive) will see runners pass by three times on 3.1-mile course. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

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The Spring “Friendraiser” Run/Walk hosted by University City Foundation for Public Schools is Sunday, April 3, at University City High School (6949 Genesee Avenue). Run/walk includes walks and runs for all ages, beginning at 8 a.m. Performances and artwork showcased from five University City schools. 858-677-0989. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Tuesday Night Bicycle Racing starts on April 5 at San Diego Velodrome, 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Gulls host Idaho Steelheads for hockey Wednesday, April 6, 7:05 p.m., at San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets: \$12 to \$25, available by calling 619-224-4625 x7. (SPORTS ARENA)

The Regular Season Home Opener for San Diego Padres in Petco Park is against Pittsburgh Pirates, April 7–10, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday,

1:05 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (DOWNTOWN)

Organized Velodrome Workouts resume on Thursday, April 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at San Diego Velodrome. Bicyclists must have some track-racing experience, feel comfortable riding in group. Non-member fee: \$10. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

San Diego Padres’ First-Pitch Luncheon, celebrating 2005 season, is Friday, April 1, at Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (1380 Harbor Island Drive). Participants watch highlights from seasons past, get updates on spring training, meet Padres over lunch. Reception at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon; \$60. 619-682-3436 x2105. (HARBOR ISLAND)

“Ultimate Kids Expo” hosted by *San Diego* magazine runs April 1–3 in parking lot at Qualcomm Stadium. Products and services for kids through teens, fun zone for kids, carnival games, live performances, Homeworld Home Improvement show. Hours: 1 to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$6 general, free for kids 12 and younger. 619-685-6970. (MISSION VALLEY)

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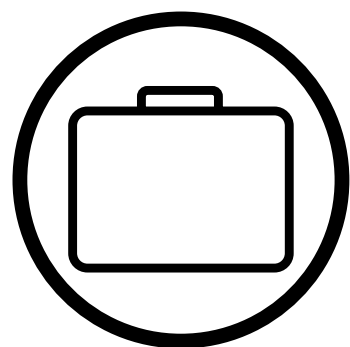
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Sensual Alchemy Dance/Yoga Workshop, boasting fluid yoga, dancemeditation, spiritual belly-dance, Sufi healing, runs April 1-3 at Devaloka Yoga Center (609 South Vulcan, suite 101). Workshop will "traverse a variety of dance territories."

Hours: 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Fee: \$200 for whole weekend, \$160 for Friday and Saturday, \$80 Sunday only. 760-334-1700. (ENCINITAS)

The Unknowns Group Art Show, boasting a collection of more than 30 works by San Diego-based underground and fine artists, is offered on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Wonder Bread Factory (171 14th Street). Free. 619-239-2448. (EAST VILLAGE)

Celebrate Armenian Culture and Heritage during 24th annual cultural festival on April 2 and 3 at Saint John Garabed Armenian Church (4473 30th Street). Foods (for sale), music, dancing. Festival opens at noon both days, closing at 10 p.m. on Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Donation: \$2 for adults,



"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Ice Age" at San Diego Museum of Man, through January 2006 (see Museums)

free for kids under 12. 619-989-2877. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Liberty Station community bus tours, at the former Naval Training Center, Saturday, April 2, beginning at 9, 10, 11 a.m., at Point Loma farmer's market (at Womble Road and Truxtun Road). 619-336-3647. Free. (POINT LOMA)

The Stars of the Moscow State Circus perform on April 2 and 3 at Southwest High School (1685 Hollister Street). Acts to appear include Akishin Troupe, Winn Troupe, Borsh, Valery Slemzin, others. Performances begin at noon, 2:30, 5, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; 1, 3:30, and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$5.50 for children. 941-378-8807. (SAN DIEGO)

Paw Readings! Animal psychic Anupo Joy reads and consults with animals and their people, Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rainy's Mystic Books (801 Grand Avenue #3). Fee: \$85 for half hour, \$150 per hour. Required appointments: 760-840-0973. (SAN MARCOS)

SoCal Convergence — described as a cross between a retreat and a conference — is Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in PS130 at San Diego State University. Workshops "to strengthen progressive movement"; keynote speech by Nativ Lopez of Mexican-American Political Association; \$20. 619-295-6000. (SDSU)

Food and Wine Pairings created by Torrey Pines Lodge chef Jeff Jackson — who will pair local foods with wines from Orfila — during Helen Woodward Animal Center benefit, Saturday, April 2, 3 to 6 p.m., at La Jolla Cove Bridge Club (1160 Coast Boulevard). Tickets: \$50 in advance, \$60 at door. 858-414-4122. (LA JOLLA)

Parents' Night Out, offered first and third Saturday each month, 5 to 9 p.m., including April 2, at Aztec Gymnastics (8050 Ronson Road). Kids enjoy gymnastics, crafts, movies, pizza. Fee: \$20 for nonmembers. 858-715-6871. (KEARNY MESA)

Pegleg Smith Liar's Contest, Saturday, April 2, 7 p.m., at Pegleg Smith Monument (seven miles northwest of Christmas Circle, off Highway S-22 and Henderson Canyon Road). Contestants tell tales relating to Pegleg Smith, lost gold, or the desert, limited to five minutes. 760-767-5555 or 800-559-5524. Free. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

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Long Live the Queen! Queen Elizabeth I and her royal court and Renaissance re-enactors converge upon Felicita Park for Spring Renaissance Faires, Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3 (and April 9 and 10), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entertainment, period music, battle pageants, arts and crafts, theater, games.

Admission: \$12 for adults, \$6 for those under 12, free for kids under 5. Find the park at 742 Clarence Lane. 805-496-6036. (ESCONDIDO)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3, 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)

Have Your Book and Eat It Too! The 2005 Edible Book and High/Low Tea is Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. Members of San Diego Book Arts and other artists exhibit their artist-crafted, book-themed, edible works of art; nonedible books on view as well. Public may view creations and their recipes. Tea and coffee served, books will be consumed. Reservations due by Friday, April 1. 858-534-2533. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Meet the Queens of Houses of Pacific Relations when they present ethnic music, dance, and food for lawn program at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale at San Pasqual History Days, Sunday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of *Simon Boccanegra* on Sunday, April 3 (12:30 p.m.), at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Participants see scenery, costumes, backstage crew at work. Free. Required reservations: 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Commemorating 100 Years Since Ayn Rand's Birth, the Objectivist Discussion Group "announces a year-long series to study systematically her enduring philosophy," continuing Sunday, April 3, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Participants read and discuss pages 91-109 of Leonard Peikoff's book *Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand*. Free. Bring your own text. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Multicultural Expo 2005 runs April 4-8 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive); San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue), and Community Learning Center (1831 Mission Avenue). Pottery demonstrations, photo contest, slide presentations, food



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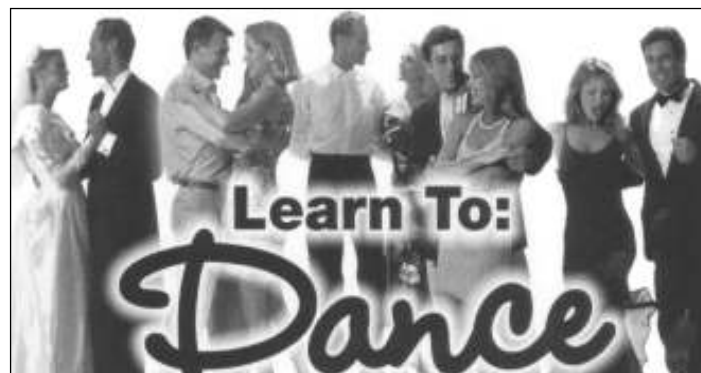
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The Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive); \$20 entry, \$10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

"California Uncovered: Stories for the 21st Century" — this anthology is subject for discussions beginning on Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Li-

brary (820 E Street). Moderated by Wanjiru Kemoli. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The (Easter) Lilies Are in Bloom Again, over 300 fragrant Easter lilies are on exhibit in the Botanical Building through Wednesday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Friday through Wednesday). Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

Comic Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Dr. Lackowitz vs. the Computer Virus*, through Sunday, April 3, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Nature's Shadows* by Big Joe Productions, April 6-10.

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)

A Musical Version of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, based on book and music by Chad Henry, is presented April 1-10 by San Diego Junior Theatre at Theatre on Third (250 Third Avenue). Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$7 to \$12. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (CHULA VISTA)

Ant-Sized Adventures offered for preschoolers, Friday, April 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Short hike, story time, group game, craft.

Bring water, snack, wear layers. Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

"Sleeping Beauty" presented by Theatre West Youth Theater, April 1-10, at Hearth Theater, San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets: \$8 general, \$6 for seniors, youths, students; 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays: \$5. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

"It's an Itty Bitty Part of Life" is read by author Tom Knight during story time and signing planned Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

"The Jungle Book" presented by Missoula Children's Theatre on

Saturday, April 2, at 3 and 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Music and lyrics by Michael Gill; \$15. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

16th Annual Junior Carlsbad, for those 12 and under, Saturday, April 2. Ten separate races for different age divisions begin 8 to 10:30 a.m. in downtown Carlsbad. 858-450-6510. (CARLSBAD)

"Sketching from Nature," this beginners' sketch class imparting "basics of drawing and how to apply these skills to capture life and movement in nature" is offered for teens on Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum; \$35. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Peter and the Wolf" performed by 35 musicians of San Diego Symphony for ongoing San Diego Jewish Music Festival 2005 on Sunday, April 3, 1 and 2:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Fam-

ily Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$8 general, free for those under ten. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Mini-Sailboat Races highlight family day activities on Sunday, April 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, rides on historic 1914 *Pilot* boat.

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

Celebrate Nikki de Saint Phalle's Representation of The Big Ganesh when San Diego Guild of Puppetry members perform during family day activities on Sunday, April 3, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Arts workshop included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

"Robin Hood" presented by Will and Company for First Wednesday series on April 6, 4 p.m., at Cali-



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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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4:00 PM • ***The Official Story***

Set in the time of *Los desaparecidos* in Argentina, a politically naïve history teacher gradually awakens to the abuses of the military dictatorship.

6:30 PM • ***Bandit Queen***

Bandit Queen is based on the prison diaries of Phoolan Devi, who ran away from her husband at the age of eleven, became the leader of a bandit gang, and became known as a "Robin Hood" across India.

9:00 PM • ***In the Time of the Butterflies***

The Mirabal sisters, whose underground code name was "Las Mariposas," work to overthrow the vicious Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic.

Each film will be preceded by a brief introduction; a short question and answer session will follow. Although some of these movies are not rated, due to content of the films Film Festival organizers do not consider these movies to be appropriate for young children. Parental guidance is advised. No reservations or parking permits are required. For more information, call Professor Corrie Ort at: (619) 388-7501.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9

11:30 AM • ***Osama***

When the Taliban forbids women in Afghanistan to leave their homes without a male escort, a widow disguises her twelve-year-old daughter as a boy to support the family.

2:00 PM • ***No Man's Land***

During the Bosnian War in 1993, Serbian and Bosnian soldiers are trapped between enemy lines. A tense situation develops as one man discovers he is lying on a land mine which will detonate if he gets up, and a foreign correspondent puts pressure on the U.N.

4:30 PM • ***Midaq Alley***

Follow the lives, hopes and dreams of the inhabitants of El Callejon de los Milagros in downtown Mexico City.

7:00 PM • ***Carla's Song***

George, a Glasgow bus driver, agrees to accompany Carla back to Nicaragua to help her cope with her past and the personal toll exacted on her by human rights abuses in her homeland.

9:30 PM • ***Death and the Maiden***

When her husband, a lawyer, brings home a guest, Paulina is convinced he was one of the men who tortured her years ago. She takes him captive in her living room, determined to find out the truth about him and, if possible, free herself from the prison of pain and fear that she has lived in for so many years.

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Matthew Lickona

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: In Lickona's "true confessions," we are introduced to a unique and singular voice, but one that is emblematic of a new generation of believers who combine a premodern faith with a postmodern sensibility. *Swimming with Scapulars* is a modern-day Catholic coming-of-age story that takes its author from the austere Catholicism of his Irish-French family in upstate New York to the exotic spiritual tapestry of California. It is the story of the formation of an ardent young believer who is

painfully honest about his shortcomings, yet who finds joy in receiving the Eucharist and embracing "the ancient treasures of the faith."

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: As personal faith stories go, Lickona's is a breath of fresh air, thoughtfully written and happily absent of platitudes and pious moralizing. A 30-year-old husband, father of four, and writer for the *San Diego Reader*, an alternative weekly, Lickona lives a Catholicism that is orthodox but also dynamic and relevant to modern culture. He reads *Salon* and *The Onion* and gleans life lessons from contemporary film and fiction even as he embraces beliefs and traditions rejected by his parents' generation. He admits to being a virgin when he married, and he and his wife practice natural family planning

in keeping with their church's ban on artificial birth control. Lickona also wears a scapular, fasts during Lent, and has a statue of St. Joseph in his front yard. In writing about these beliefs and practices, he explains how he came to accept them, often after a period of questioning. As he navigates the realm of Catholic faith in the 21st Century, Lickona reflects candidly on his failures, foibles, and doubts. He confesses to "parish hopping" in search of a Mass that will not disturb his peace of soul, to personal struggles with "constant wanting" and anger, and to his weakness in communicating his faith. Most readers will disagree with Lickona's assessment that he is a poor communicator and will find themselves captivated by this winsome story of a soul.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Matthew Lickona was born in Cortland, a city in upstate New York, in 1973. He attended Thomas Aquinas College in California. Upon graduation in 1995, he began writing for the

Reader. Since 1999, he has written "Crush," the newspaper's wine column. He lives in La Mesa with his wife Deirdre and their four children.

A SELF-INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR:

Q: Why didn't you want to write this book?

Lord help me, I wanted to be a novelist. I didn't want the memoir serving as a Rosetta stone for the novels. I'm a Catholic, and my early attempts at fiction clearly arise from a Catholic sensibility, but there's a difference between a sensibility and a sermon. I was afraid that people would accuse the novel of preaching — a cardinal sin in fiction — simply because they already knew what I thought about this or that. "Oh, when he writes X, it's just because he believes Y. It's all there in the memoir."

Q: X? Y?

Take *Portnoy's Complaint*, a novel I enjoyed immensely. When Philip Roth writes about a Jewish guy whose sexual

appetites bump up against his religious imprinting, it's hilarious. People don't view it as a morality tale or a sermon, even though there's a moral verdict handed down on Portnoy at the end. I've been trying to write a similar sort of novel about a Catholic guy. But even if I did a decent job of it, it would be easy to dismiss, given the personal sexual mores I lay out in the memoir.

Q: Personal sexual mores?

I adhere to the Catholic Church's traditional teaching on sexual matters, up to and including the prohibition of contraception. I do this not simply because the teaching is traditional — though that does count for something — but also because it makes sense to me. I understand the Church's claims about sexuality, not in a way that I could logically demonstrate (the book is a memoir about my life, not a defense of my beliefs), but in a way that resonates with my experience. I don't think the Church is trying to oppress me; I think the

Church is on the side of love. This puts me in the minority among Americans, even among American Catholics. So if I've got a novel, even a comic novel, in which a guy's sexual appetites muck up his life, you can see how easy it would be to say, "What did you expect? The author's a freak."

Q: So why did you end up writing the memoir?

Enough circumstances coalesced for me to call it providence. For starters, I gained an appreciation for just how hard it is to get a novel published and realized that if I ever succeeded on that score, I should just be grateful and not worry so much about how people might react. That removed my chief obstacle. After that, I sort of got carried along by the tide. Abe Opincar found a publisher for his food memoir *Fried Butter*, which began as a collection of columns written for the *Reader*. After it came out (to good reviews), Jim Holman, editor and publisher of the *Reader*,

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fornia Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Admission is free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Harry and the Tyrannosaurus Rex" presented by Swizzle Puppets on Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway; 858-573-5007). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Program is repeated on Thursday, April 7, 10:30 a.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Songs and Stories with Puppets in French!" Janie Scott pre-

sents program for preschoolers on Thursday, April 7, 11 a.m., at La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Wind n' Sea Ospreys swim team tryouts, for those 6 to 18 years old, offered at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8, at Coggan Family Aquatic Complex (800 Nautilus Street). Bring swimsuit, towel. Free. 858-490-0111. (LA JOLLA)

Every Child Plays is motto for United States Youth Volleyball League, accepting registration for spring leagues, early April to early June. Program runs Tuesdays and Thursday, 6 to 7 p.m.; first day is for practice, second day is for

games. Focus is on teaching basic skills of volleyball to children between 8 and 14 years old. Registration: 888-988-7985. (OCEAN BEACH)

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 con-

struction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit

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

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

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asked me, “So, when are you going to publish ‘Confessions?’” In this, he echoed my wife, my father, and a dear friend, all of whom thought my “Confessions” column was my best work.

Q: “Confessions”? Don’t you write about wine?

I write about wine for the *Reader*, but Holman also publishes a Catholic newspaper, *The San Diego News Notes*. In 1999, he asked me to write a monthly column for the *News Notes* about my spiritual life — such as it was. The column was (and is) called “Confessions”; I wrote it under the name Broderick Barker. I used a pseudonym because I didn’t want people I knew reading about my sins, and I knew there

would have to be sins in any serious account of my spiritual life.

Q: What sort of sins?

Off the top of my head: pride, ambition, lust, anger, and greed, plus offenses against faith, hope, and charity. (The latter are less exciting on the face of them but, ultimately, more grievous.) I’m not trying to convince anyone of my holiness. Maybe of my interest in being holier than I am.

Q: That’s what you’re getting at with “True Confessions of a Young Catholic”?

Not just that. Happily, I was allowed to turn my gaze outward as well as inward. I got to write about things that affected my spiritual life — books, movies, events in the Church and in the general culture. And I got to write about the ways in which my spiritual life led me to interact with the world. Hopefully, that helped keep things interesting. There’s a wonderful moment in the animated version of *Watership Down* where Bigwig says to Fiver, “It’s ‘Me, me, me,’ all the time. Frakah! I’m finished with you. And what’s more, I’m going to make sure everyone else is.” The scorn in Bigwig’s voice has stayed with me. It’s a memoir,

but it’s not all about me.

Q: The book is published under your own name. Why abandon the pseudonym?

Because I’m sure that no one I know will read the thing. I’m kidding — well, mostly. I do think that most of the people who read it won’t know me, and it’s always easier to tell your secrets to a stranger. But the main reason was that the column was me musing on stuff, while the book is my life story. It seemed silly to put someone else’s name on it.

Q: So, back to the circumstances that led to its publication.

Judith Moore, who usually writes this column, interviewed Paul Elie about his book, *The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage*. It was a sort of literary biography of four Catholic writers: Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Flannery O’Connor, and Walker Percy. The latter two are great favorites of mine. Growing up, I had no notion that there were authors who had addressed being an American Catholic in the 20th Century, or any kind of Catholic in any century. Then, during my freshman year at college, a friend of mine introduced me to Percy’s *Love in the*

Ruins. Regarding the novel, Percy once wrote to his friend Shelby Foote, “What’s it about? Screwing and God (which all Catholic novels since Augustine have been about).” I found the book hilarious and wonderful — the intersection of screwing and God makes for fertile fictional territory. Plus, it was remarkable to see someone being funny and wry about Catholicism without simply attacking it. My appreciation of O’Connor came much later. I needed a little more age to understand the violence of grace that she depicts — like the screeching of bent metal being unbent. I still take her in small doses.

Elie gave a good interview about *The Life You Save May Be Your Own*, and I was curious about the book, but I also noticed that Elie’s day job was as a senior editor at Farrar, Straus & Giroux. Here was this young guy working high up in the publishing world and writing about these Catholic authors. If he was interested in *them*, I thought he might be interested in the columns, in part because I was interested in those authors as well. And FSG was my dream publisher. They had published Catholics like O’Connor and Percy, but their reputation was built on literary excellence, not religious piety. I wanted my

book to engage the world — *ahem*, delusions of grandeur, *ahem* — and FSG seemed the perfect way to do that.

Q: Delusions of grandeur aside, how were you hoping to engage the world?

I was hoping it would show that there were in fact young people — I’m 31 — who took the faith seriously but who also took the world seriously and who were aware of the difficulties that each presented the other. I’m acutely aware that a number of my beliefs — that bit about contraception, for example — will seem outdated, quaint, or downright insane to a modern-minded audience. I was hoping that that awareness would make me — and my beliefs — a little more approachable — “I think he’s a loon, but at least he knows I think he’s a loon.”

I also wanted to show there were young, hopefully thoughtful Catholics who still believed in the old things — the devil, confession, the Eucharist, the saints, chastity. In some cases, it was enough that these things had been handed down to me. Twenty centuries of tradition is not something you cast off lightly; neither is the faith of your parents, especially when you see that faith make a serious difference in their lives.

Other things I accepted, or accepted more completely, because I had investigated them for myself and found them worthwhile. My formal religious education was spotty — I don’t think I went to confession between the ages of 13 and 18, though I certainly needed it. It wasn’t until I left home and went to college that I started to really appreciate the sacrament.

Q: So you sent the manuscript along to FSG, and...

Elie passed on it. “Passed” is a gentle euphemism for “rejected.” But he did offer encouragement and some kind words about the writing. He suggested I try a Catholic publisher.

Q: Did you?

No. I had this foolish pride that made me determined to get published through a secular house or not at all. First, I thought that the stamp of approval from a secular press would validate me as a writer more thoroughly — I would be getting published purely on the strength of the work and not partly because the work fit the publisher’s mission. Second, I imagined that publication by a Catholic press would mean that only Catholics would read it, and I was hung up on engaging

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 “Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion,” with over 35 pieces of animal forms and domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing-crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay

Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill,

the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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)

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” jux-

taposes 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” commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus mirabilis* (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), “The Best of Symmetry and Signals,” “TryScience!” and “Skyscapes.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of



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the world. I didn't want to preach to the choir.

Hopefully, I'm a little more humble now, and a little wiser. I've realized that good writing can matter to religious presses just as it matters to secular ones, that publication anywhere is a blessing, and that it's good to have a publisher who's interested in your subject matter. I've realized that a Catholic publisher doesn't necessarily mean exile to the Catholic ghetto, and even if it did, I wouldn't be preaching to the choir. There are a lot of different sorts of Catholics in this country, and I suspect that not a few of them would regard me as something of an exotic, a curious specimen.

Q: Exotic? You?

I got a hint of it from Paul Elie. When he wrote to me, he said that my manuscript would be stronger if it was more firmly grounded in the particulars of my religious experience, the way I encountered God. I took his advice seriously, and I kept it in mind during my revisions. I already knew that you don't want a spiritual memoir to be airy and abstract. That's dangerous anywhere, but if you're talk-

ing about religion, you've got to keep things as grounded and concrete as possible, or else it becomes not memoir but theology. After getting Elie's letter, I tried to create a particular focus on my concrete experience of God.

But when I started thinking about it, I realized that not only were my encounters with God few in number and questionable in character — you wouldn't want to bet on God's existence based on my experience of Him — but also that such encounters had little to do with my faith. That is, my faith did not depend on the experience of God. Faith was something I had been given. It was up to me to make it my own, but experience was not one of the ways I sought to do that. Rather, I sought — and seek — an increase in knowledge and charity. The Catholic faith made sense to me on an intellectual level, and I found I was able to profess the Creed honestly. What remained was for me to conform myself to Christ. Experience of God was the ultimate goal — the happiness of heaven consists in union with Him — but I wasn't counting on any earthly previews.

Q: What about prayer? You're talking to God; aren't you look-

ing for an answer?

Prayer, of course, can be an encounter with God — perhaps it ought to be. But again, experience of God was not a condition I set on prayer. Keep at it, learn what you can about it, and keep hoping you'll improve — that was my best attitude toward it.

For Elie, I think, it was different. I think he was after experience because he was after proof. At the end of *The Life You Save May Be Your Own*, he wrote: "We are all skeptics now, believer and unbeliever alike...the burden of proof, indeed the burden of belief, for so long upheld by society, is now back on the believer, where it belongs." I'm a believer. I have moments of doubt — I imagine many believers do — but I'm not a skeptic. I don't feel the burden of proof, and I don't associate "burden" with "belief." In the end, I realized that the book couldn't be about my experience of God, or my attempt to justify belief through that experience. It could only be about a young guy making his way in the world as a Catholic.

So even though I hope that some non-Catholics will pick up the book, I think there's enough variety within the fold to make my particular story an

interesting read. But as I said, those realizations came later. In the beginning, it was New York Publishing House or Bust.

Q: So how'd you end up with a Catholic publisher like Loyola Press?

I tried another secular publisher, who passed me on to two others, one of them a religious press. They all passed. I gave up and went back to the novel. My wife gave me a four-day vacation from familial duties to visit a friend in New York and write. I had a wonderful time — I finally got the novel's opening rolling — though I didn't exactly bury myself in my work. While I was in New York, I met with Elie, who was, again, very kind and encouraging. A couple of months after that, he passed my name along to Jim Manney and Joe Durepos of Loyola Press; they had come to him looking for writers. Manney contacted me in December of 2003. He and Durepos were pleased with the columns, but they needed a memoir, not a collection. So I hunkered down, tore the columns apart, and used them as the foundation for my little book.

Q: "Little book"? Is that an attempt at humility?

Well, it might be. At 31, I'm

not in a position to be writing a grand, sweeping memoir, full of perspective and hindsight. It's the story of a beginning. But in this case, I'm serious — the book is physically little. It's 7.5 x 6 inches.

Q: Is that you on the cover?

No — but I think the Loyola designers did a great job. One of my editors, Joe Durepos, sent me a version in which he had Photoshopped in a giant toy shark, just about to eat me. It would have been more direct, less evocative: "Why am I Catholic? Because I'm in trouble, and I need help." But I'm happy the way it is. It ties in with the story that opens the book, and it also gets at one of my biggest difficulties with the faith — the notion of eternity, of being happy forever in heaven. On a gut level, I still have trouble separating eternity from infinite time, and it scares me, even when I can manage to believe in it. The guy hunched over in the endless ocean sort of illustrates that.

Q: The Catholic Church in America is suffering through a crisis these days. Stories of priestly abuse and apparent hierarchical mismanagement keep coming out. It seems kind of hard to write about being a Catholic without mentioning it.

I said earlier that the memoir was not just about me. It is, however, still a memoir; I try to keep it tethered to my own experience. The scandal is horrific and heartbreaking, and I wish I had a better understanding of the way it is being handled by Church authorities. But I try to keep my treatment of it limited to my own experience, which, thankfully, is pretty limited — though not purely vicarious. I got kissed by a priest when I was a teenager, but that was as far as it went. Sadly, that priest went further with others.

Q: So, do you still want to be a novelist?

My mother might answer that by saying, "What I want is not as important as what the Lord wants. If He wants it, it'll happen." That kind of piety used to drive me crazy, but Mom's wearing me down. For one thing, she means it. For another, if there's anything experience has taught me to believe in, it's providence. So I'll go with her answer. Though if it happens, I hope to God my mother never reads the thing.

— Matthew Lickona

Matthew Lickona reads his book and signs copies at Borders Mission Valley on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.

transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, "Motorcycles in the Park: The Quest for Speed" runs Friday, April 1, through Monday, April 25, showcasing "everything from early board track racers to modern high-performance sport bikes."

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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, 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

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

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

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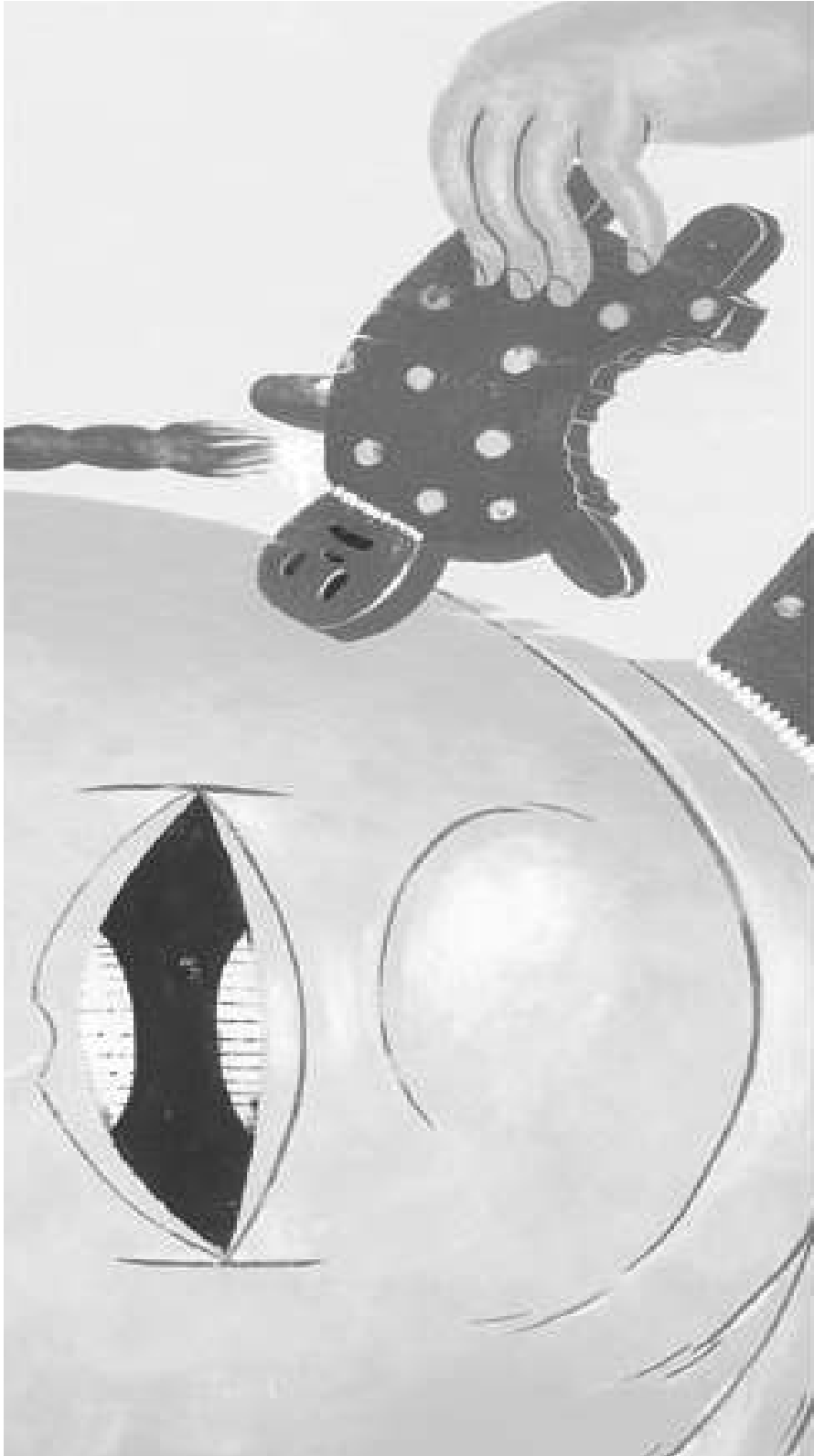
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calorie counting and exercise, Moore remains a fat person. "My flesh resists loss. My fat holds on for dear life, holds on under my bratwurst arms and between my clabber thighs."

MATTHEW BANDSUCH

"Fat Girl" is not a book about the author trying to get thin. It is the story about a family, a miserable one, that created a hole in Moore's soul that she tried to fill with food. "I will tell the story of my family and the food we ate. We were an unhappy

hated my father. She minced no words. My father was my 'no-good, spoiled, rich-kid father.' I was 'his spitting image.' "

Moore's meals at Grammy's farm were both splendid and lethal: "She fed us bacon and eggs, sausage patties, strawberry jam, butter-soaked hot biscuits, molasses-sopped flapjacks, fried chicken, baked hams, thick pork chops, puffy dumplings, potato pancakes, homemade egg noodles, mashed potatoes, apple and cherry pies and three-layer coconut cakes and huckleberry and peach and boysenberry cobbler, crisp gingerbread cookies, Kadota figs afloat in clotted cream, cows' thick milk and the butter she churned from that milk." Fed like a Strasbourg goose, Moore grew large; and she remembers her grandmother's withering comments about her size. "I grew 'big,' Grammy said, 'as Man Mountain Dean.'" Dean, a popular professional wrestler, was unknown to Moore. "I never knew who Man Mountain Dean was. I assumed that he was a monster who opened his vast gutted mouth so wide that it ached and then ran down mountains, and while he ran he ate every tree, every house, every horse, cow, mother hog and piggies, boar and goat and sheep and bleating lamb that got in his way." In the eyes of her unloving family, Moore was turning into a golem.

Anyone who grew up fat (and please include your reviewer in this group) will find himself in the chapters that follow. In all the books about weight and the effects it has on the psyche and the impossibility of ridding oneself of it, there has never been a book like "Fat Girl" that lays it all out with such take-no-prisoners prose. Much of it is not pretty.

holds on under
my bratwurst
arms and
between my
clabber thighs.’



REBECCA MOORE

beauty, health and nutrition tells us we should strive to be. "Fat Girl" is brilliant and angry and unsettling.

Moore is a fat woman who decades ago was a fat girl. This is the story of how throughout her life and to the present day, her weight has made her a large, slow target for other people's prejudices. But Moore is neither a whiner nor a victim. She does not poor-me the reader with weepy confessions or beg for a pat on the head from all the slim, pretty people who have mocked or pitied her.

Moore's welcome to this book acknowledges the pitfalls into which true confessionals all too often fall. As she puts it: "Narrators of first-person claptrap like this often greet the reader at the door with moist hugs and complaisant kisses. I won't. I will not endear myself. I won't put on airs. I am not that pleasant. The older I get the less pleasant I am."

Like most fat people in America, Moore is a veteran of every diet and exercise plan around. "I know so many diets. The pineapple and watermelon diet I stayed on for 10 days. I did the seven-oranges-per-day diet. I did the rice diet. . . . I did canned diet drinks. . . . I did water-packed tuna and asparagus diets. I do three-day juice fasts." She has put in time dancing around her apartment watching the Richard Simmons videotape "Sweatin' to the Oldies." Despite all the

Jane Stern is the author of "Ambulance Girl" and, with her husband, Michael, of "Roadfood."

family. . . . Everybody was pretty much in it for themselves. We were hard American isolatos. We were solitaires. Unhappy families, though, still have to eat. For my father and for me, who are this story's primary fatsos, food was the source of some of our greatest pleasure and most terrible pain."

The author's father was a fat man whom everyone called Ham (short for Hamilton). Ham was 6 feet 4 and "at his fattest he must have weighed 300 pounds": "My father could have been mistaken for Charles Laughton or Whittaker Chambers or Harold Bloom. He had the same outsized morose face as those guys and he had the heavy stomach that hung, in rolls, from his breasts."

Food figured into the hellish marriage of Moore's parents from the day she was born: "At the moment I entered the world my father was across the street from the delivery room at a delicatessen run by Germans. He was eating Muenster and headcheese and bratwurst and long pale strands of fresh kraut. When he leaned over to kiss my worn-out, weary mother, she tasted garlic and sour pickle and cabbage on his lips. She would never forget this, never forgive it."

Ham was eventually tossed out of the house by his wife when Moore was nearly 4. Without her father's sturdy presence, Moore was shuttled back and forth between her maternal grandmother, who lived on a farm in Arkansas, and her mother's apartment in Brooklyn. About the time spent with her grandmother there are no comfy memories: "She

We learn how it feels to wear clothes that don't fit, sweat too much, smell bad, become winded walking up stairs and be unable to do the simple things of childhood, like a somersault. There are so many things that thin children take for granted, such as being lifted up effortlessly on the shoulders of their fathers.

And as Moore grew up, things got even more dire. One man bluntly told her she was too fat to go to bed with. In college a man who Moore thought was sensitive and kind conned her into performing oral sex on him while his friends watched and laughed. A day at the pool turned ugly when a mean boy loudly said, "Old Fatso is going to break the diving board."

"Fat Girl" is not a litany of complaints. Moore carves out a rather good life for herself. She married (twice), had children and became a writer who was awarded a Guggenheim fellowship. For those of us who have lived this same life to one degree or another, this book should be a rallying cry. We are mad as hell and we are not going to take it anymore. But take it, unfortunately, we do, and we will continue to, as the "obesity epidemic" receives endless press and fat haters coast under the radar as do-gooders.

One last thing I must say about this book. For a writer of Moore's talent, "Fat Girl" has been published to appear second-rate. Its sloppy editing and uninteresting jacket design look like something you would pawn off on a fat girl, no matter what her age. Moore and her audience deserve better. □



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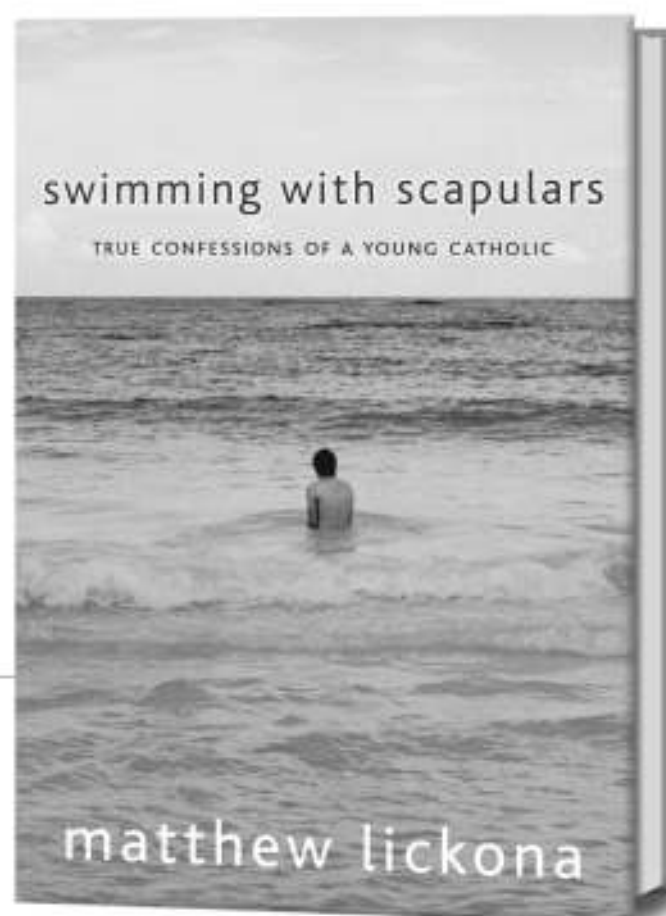
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The Jerusalem Lyric Trio presents Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino works inspired by Jewish religious and cultural heritage for San Diego Jewish Music Festival on Thursday, March 31, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$19 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Paul Dukas may be heard, along with "Concerto No. 2 for Horn and Orchestra in E-Flat Major" by Strauss, and Prokofiev's "Selections from *Cinderella Suite*" when

San Diego Symphony, led by Michael Stern, performs Thursday, March 31, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$29, \$39, \$49. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Competition for Young Master Violinists hosted by California International Young Artists Competition continues with preliminary rounds of international violin competition on Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (free). Semi-finals run 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 (free).

Final competition is Sunday, April 3, 3 to 4:30 p.m. (\$15). All events take place at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

A Brave Leader's Quest to unite his people and reunite with his daughter is saga in Giuseppe Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*, the current production for the San Diego Opera. Singers include Lado Ataneli, Anja Harteros, Arutjun Katchinian. Sung in Italian, with English supertitles projected above the stage. Conducted by Edoardo Müller, directed by Lofti Mansouri.

Performances at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 1; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"The Itinerant Virtuosi" presented by Skip Sempé and Capriccio Stravagante Trio for San Diego Harpsichord Society on Friday, April 1, 8 p.m., at La Jolla Congregational Church (1216 Cave Street). Program boasts work by Campion, Dowland, Ortiz, Caci-

ni, Marais, Couperin, others; \$20 general. 619-840-3416. (LA JOLLA)

"The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas is on the program, along with "Concerto No. 2 for Horn and Orchestra in E-Flat Major and Prokofiev's "Cinderella Suite," when Eric Ruske (French horn) and conductor Michael Stern join with San Diego Symphony in concert on Saturday, April 2. This "Jacobs' Masterworks" concert starts at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

The West Coast Premiere of John Harbison's "Trio (2003), Short Stories" is promised when Amelia Piano Trio performs for Revelle Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, April 2, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Program includes "Piano Trio in C Minor" by Brahms and Mendelssohn's "Piano Trio in D Minor." Tickets: \$25, \$55, \$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Beethoven: Salute to Spring" offered by Palomar College Symphony Orchestra and pianist Peter Gach on April 2 and 3 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Program boasts "Overture to Egmont," "Concerto No. 1 for Piano and Orchestra in C Major," and "Symphony No. 6 (Pastoral)." Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday; \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Selections by Dvořák, Smetana, Arbos, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn promised when Gennaro Trio per-

forms Sunday, April 3, 3 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road). Donation: \$10. 858-487-2159. (POWAY)

"The Magnificent Melodies of Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff" highlighted when Keyboard Conversations series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel continues on Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street); \$27. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"Peter and the Wolf" performed by 35 musicians of San Diego Symphony for ongoing San Diego Jewish Music Festival 2005 on Sunday, April 3, 1 and 2:30 p.m., in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive); \$8 general, free for those under ten. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Concert by civic organist Carol Williams in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Tribute to Leonard Bernstein" promised when San Diego Master Chorale, San Diego Children's Choir, and soloists join San Diego Chamber Orchestra in concerts April 4-7. Programs include overture to *Candide*, "Symphonic Suite" from *On the Waterfront*, selections from *West Side Story*.

Enjoy concerts on Monday, April 4, in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street); and Tuesday, April 5, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road); and Thursday, April 7, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.; \$60. Tickets: \$15-\$65 (depending upon venue). Reservations:

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Opera Arias performed every Wednesday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Alfieri Restaurant in Sheraton San Diego West (1590 Harbor Island Drive). No cover. 619-291-2900 or 619-692-2778. (HARBOR ISLAND)

The Palomar Women's Chorus and Palomar Chamber Singers perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, April 7, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

Operatic Arias performed by soprano Pia Soriana and pianist John Danke every Thursday through April 28, 6 to 8 p.m., at Café Westgate, in Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). No cover. 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

Explore Culture of Fin-de-Siècle Paris when pianist Jesus Ramon Araiza performs works by Rameau, Liszt, and others on Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets: \$20, include same-day museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Open-Ended/inSite_05 Preview" documenting the artistic and curatorial processes going into "inSite_05," opens with reception on Friday, April 1, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Exhibit includes artists' proposals for site-specific, three- and four-dimensional creations; proposals vary widely in presentation style. Through Sunday, May 8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Pink Next to Orange" by Wayne Wilcoxon and "Running with Scissors: Pushing the Limits of Photography" are showcased through Sunday, April 24, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Also featured: "Outstanding Visual Artists" of region, juried by Mark Van Stone; work by students of El Capitan and San Pasqual High Schools. Reception for artists: Friday, April 1, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Dances with Daffodils," this juried show of 90 paintings is on display through Saturday, April 30, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Gail Glasser. Reception for artists: Friday, April 1, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Allied Craftsmen" have work in a variety of media on view from Saturday, April 2, through Saturday, April 23, in Boehm Gallery at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Reception for artists: Saturday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

"Topography," Bradley Streeper's MFA thesis exhibition, opens with

reception on Saturday, April 2, 6 p.m., in Everett Gee Jackson at San Diego State University (in lobby of fifth floor of art department building). Continues through Thursday, April 7. Free. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Loss: Psyche & Soma," the master of fine arts thesis exhibition by Ailed E. Garcia, opens with reception on Saturday, April 2, 6 p.m., in Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University. View show through Thursday, April 7. 619-594-6511. (SDSU)

"Seeing Is Believing" is theme for work by veteran and emerging artists, showcased during opening on Saturday, April 2, 1 p.m., at new location of Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard). 760-795-6120. (CARLSBAD)

"The Art of Books," examining books in their many diverse forms, opens with reception for the 31 artists on Saturday, April 2, 5 p.m., at Next Door Gallery (2963 Beech

Street). Some artists' limited editions and blank books will be available. 619-233-6679. Through Saturday, May 28. (GOLDEN HILL)

Local Artists Jaye Lawrence and Les Lawrence have exhibit of work opening with reception on Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Jaye's sculpture continues her "exploration of the human figure embracing influences of classical sculpture and Southern folk art"; Les "continues his personal narrative through the exploration of innovative fired print techniques." Closes Friday, April 22. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

"Now Happening," an exhibit of work by 18 graduating UCSD master of fine arts students, opens with gallery walk-through and reception on Thursday, April 7, 5 p.m., in University Art Gallery (in Mandeville Center, UCSD). 858-534-2107. Continues through Saturday, April 23. (LA JOLLA)

paper to make geometrical forms, flowers, trees, people, masks, and a menagerie of animals. Through Sunday, April 17.

"Navajo Textiles, Navajo Weaves" includes 33 Navajo objects such as chief's robes, other blankets and rugs woven in the late 19th Century and in 20th Century. Pieces of Navajo silver and turquoise jewelry dating from same era as weavings (from a private collection) also on view, through Sunday, April 17.

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

"First Collections — Dolls and Toys of the World," continuing through Sunday, April 17, includes dolls and toys from around the world, including France, England, Japan, India, Mexico, Russia, Italy, Turkey, Panama, U.S.A.

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

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "The Beaded Universe — Strands of Culture" includes beads from 40 cultures, inspired by and based on *The History of Beads* by Lois Sherr Dubin. Exhibit includes beaded

globe four feet in diameter created by Huichol Indians, a Yoruba chief's robe, garments by New York artist Sandra Rubel.

Concurrently, see "JoAnn Tanzer — Architectural Enamels." Works were created by painting with vitreous glass on steel. Continuing.

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

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

"Cerca Series: John Sonsini" — on view 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 variety of works in media including sculpture, painting, and installation by established and emerging artists are gathered in "Collectors XX: Building a Museum Collection," closing on Sunday, May 15. The exhibited pieces (being considered for acquisition this year) are accompanied by major pieces purchased by Collector groups over the past 20 years.

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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.

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June 10, 1904: A blue-eyed bucko in a yacht-ing cap saunters down Dublin’s Nassau Street. Nora figures him for a Swedish sailor.

He spots her, a tall, auburn-haired lass coming the other way. Say something — oh artificer-novelist-to-be! — quick!

Somehow a conversation got started. He adored her musical Galway accent. They planned a date. But come June 14, Nora Barnacle never showed. He sent her a note: “I may be blind. I looked for a long time at a head of reddish-brown hair but it was not yours.” He pleaded they try anew, two days hence, and signed, “James A. Joyce.”

They met the evening of June 16, 1904. They walked at Ringshead, and though he had a morbid fear of speaking the word all his life, they fell into something like love. Joyce commemorated the date — “Bloomsday” — in *Ulysses*. He told Nora it was the day “you made me a man.” Years later, she wrote to a friend, “You can’t imagine what it was like for me to be thrown into the life of this man.”

Nor, apparently, can the world premiere musical at the Old Globe. Superficial, in desperate need of a through-line, *Himself and Nora* takes such a bird’s-eye view of their complex 50-plus-year relationship, it plays like *He Said/She Said* with Irish accents.

Among other flaws, it suffers from Great Writer Syndrome. Everybody at least heard of James Joyce? Cool. No need to develop his char-

acter, especially his labyrinthine mind, beyond a love of words and their sounds (“Give me words, Nora,” he keeps saying, as if this alone inspired the laser-precise stories of *Dubliners* or the sprawl, like Rabelais on laughing gas, of *Finnegans Wake*). The musical, at best, gives a terse *Encyclopedia Britannica* sketch of Joyce.

This creates problems throughout. It’s obvious that Matt Bogart’s a major talent. He can act, sing, even do an authentic Irish jig. But his character is relentlessly one-note. Joyce is adamant. Period. But he was an egomaniac and emotionally insecure. He never opened up to anyone but Nora. And he was overwhelmingly self-conscious with her: questions, jealousies, every nuance of feeling probed, expressed in torrents of language (anyone interested in reading Joyce: begin with his letters to Nora, then go to *Dubliners*, *Portrait of the Artist*, etc.). Although he claimed a “luminous certitude” about her, Joyce barraged Nora with guilt and doubt. He was so obsessed he invented personal betrayals to test her fidelity.

Words like “manipulated” and “controlling” are inadequate for these assaults. But there was also much more to Nora than *Himself* lets on. She didn’t have a grammar school education, didn’t know thing one about literature, and yet after a quarrel — which they did often — she’d call him “Simple-Minded Jim,” and he’d acquiesce.

Like Bogart, Kate Shindle’s a major talent (her

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Kate Shindle, Matt Bogart in *Himself and Nora*

Himself and Nora, book and lyrics by Sheila Walsh, music and lyrics by Jonathan Brielle
Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Co-directed by Joseph Hardy and Jeff Calhoun; cast: Matt Bogart, David Edwards, Frank Mastrone, Kathy Santen, Kate Shindle; scenic and costume design, Tobin Ost; lighting, Michael Gilliam; sound, Jon Weston; musical director, Jana Zielonka

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rousing version of “Lucky” threatens to kick down the walls). But the musical narrows Nora’s character so much that Shindle has little to work with beyond an occasionally irritated being with a

Teflon psyche. Although Tobin Ost’s costumes never show it, the pair knew marrow-chilling poverty, and their children grew up dysfunctional. But Nora remains more patient than Penelope



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and so supportive you leave wondering why she stuck around.

It's also a puzzle why the musical doesn't tap into one of the most touching scenes of their relationship. Late in life, Nora was misdiagnosed with cancer. Joyce never left the hospital, even slept at her side.

When his father, John Stanislaus Joyce, heard his son was seeing a lower-class country woman named "Barnacle," he quipped, "At least she'll stick to him." While *Himself* would appall the Joyces, his father'd love his unfounded status as the generic Irish "Da." He gets a loving tribute when in fact he was an abusive drunk. Joyce wrote, "My mother was slowly killed, I think, by my father's ill-treatment."

Himself sweeps unsightly details behind the bookcase and favors generic Broadway appeal. The musical's happiest, in fact, when the couple embraces tradition and finally gets married. Sure they were avant-garde, but hey — and thank merciful heavens — now they're just like "us."

Himself's a five-hander. David Edwards, Frank Mastrone, and Kathy Santen play, sing, and dance a dozen roles capably (there are times, as in the vaudevillian "All Expenses Paid," when they cavort like an entire chorus line). Edwards' priest jokes with Joyce and condones his behavior. The device has uses but would be stronger if Edwards made the priest more of an actual threat, more demoniacal.

Jonathan Brielle's Irish-inflected songs have appeal, but the lyrics are, at best, pseudo-Joycean: just trickles, not streams-of-consciousness. And too often the show unfolds as if the songs came first, then scenes got written around them (worst instance: "What Better Thing," a lovey-dovey ditty that belongs on the cutting-room floor).

Tobin Ost's massive set brims with suggestiveness. A gray half-circle of a stony medieval wall, it's at once street façades of Trieste, Paris, and Zurich — where the Joyces lived in exile — and the interior of Dublin's Martello Tower, which Joyce, Oliver St. John Gogarty, and Samuel Chenevix Trench rented for eight pounds a year (Trench didn't last long; during a nightmare he shot his gun several times at the fireplace). Gogarty called the tower the *omphalos*, the world's navel. Though it makes for some cramped playing spaces, the set contains the outside world within its curving walls. For *Himself and Nora* to grow into something, it should drop the chipper façades and turn itself inside-out.

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Antony and Cleopatra

Richard Baird, who has become one of San Diego's foremost interpreters of Shakespeare, makes Mark Antony the opposite of a conventional romantic lead. Either dressed like Lawrence of Arabia, with shades, or in desert fatigues and kevlar "armor," Baird is, by turns, a braggart, a baby, a warring lover and loving warrior, a buffoon, and ultimately heroic. Baird's Antony is a fractured colossus, wanting to reassemble himself, just not yet. On opening night, Amy Meyer was beginning to ex-

plore Cleopatra's "infinite variety." More was needed (especially her mercurial mood swings, which felt calculated). Nick Kennedy's Octavius is a bully's younger brother, the kid always chosen last. Built from envy, stifled desire, and an obsession with order, Kennedy serves up a Portrait of the Nazi as a Young Man. Under Kennedy's direction, however, parts of the production wane (uneven acting, strange cues, and an amateurish sound design that just gets in the way). The production also has imaginative touches, though. The party scenes rival the "lascivious wassails" of PB on a Saturday night.

Worth a try.

THE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, 4580-B ALVARADO CANYON ROAD (FOLLOW THE SIGNS), EAST MISSION VALLEY, THROUGH APRIL 9; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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Crazy Love

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The Good Doctor

The Girl Next Year Theatre Company presents Neil Simon's redoing of stories by Chekhov. Tisha Tummangan directed. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, THROUGH APRIL 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 3, AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:30 P.M. 619-645-1158.

Grassroots Greeks

The extremely popular series of Greek play readings now has a new location: El Centro Cultural de la Raza. To reacquire local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, Linda Castro and David Cohen offer staged readings. The approach is refreshing. There's no attempt at polished work or choices set in granite. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal, the threshold of exploration. There's some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free, though donations are appreciated. Next reading: *Iphigenia Among the Taurians*.

Worth a try.

EL CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BOULEVARD, BALBOA PARK, MONDAY, APRIL 11, AT 7:00 P.M. 619-235-6135.

Himself and Nora

Reviewed this issue. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 24; SUNDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.



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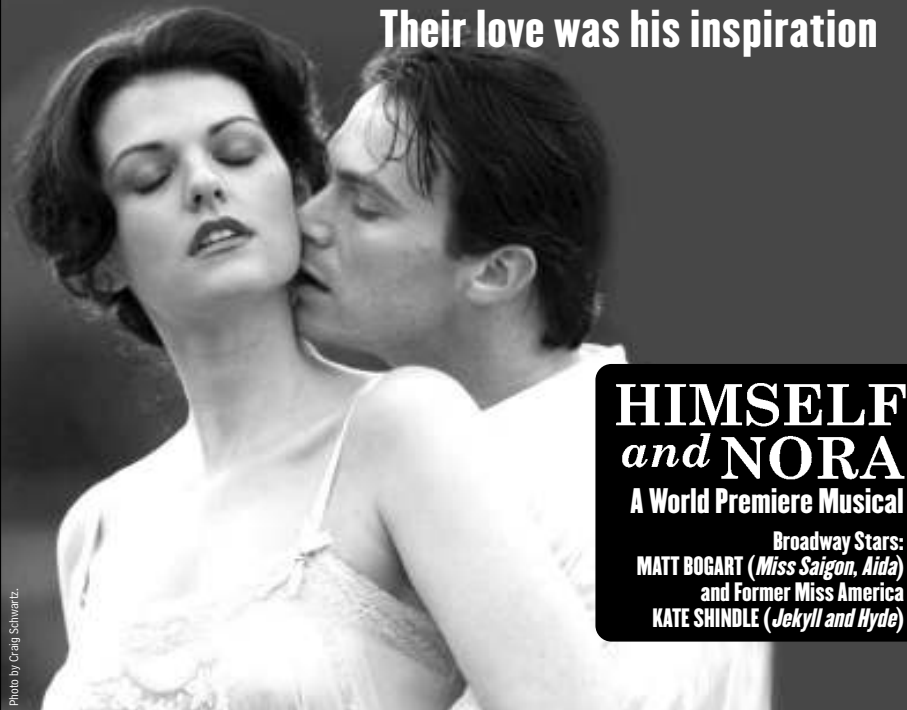


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Killer Reunion

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion — which doesn't go according to plan. IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

King Lear

The San Diego Repertory Theatre mounts Shakespeare's mighty



King Lear

tragedy. Todd Salovey directed. Sam Woodhouse plays the king. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 17; SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now

he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover, as well, his right-brain, "feminine" side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). *Male Intellect* never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about

gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote *Male Intellect*, which, like *Forever Plaid* and *Late-Nite Catechism*, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being so sensitive). When asked which of the characters he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those guys!'"

Worth a try. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, ONGOING RUN; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years

ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Nonsense

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical about the Sisters of Hoboken and their need to raise funds fast. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, THROUGH JUNE 5; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

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 AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Pageant

It takes some doing to put the faces in the program with the performers in Cygnet Theatre's show. The faces are male; the performers,

contestants for the crown of Miss Glaboresse, are female — or, more accurately, men in beauty contest drag: gowns, swimsuits, statewide smiles. Plus, the performers are also in a contest. Audience members pick the winner each evening. Sean Murray directed *Pageant* for the North Coast Rep, and it was a big hit. His current version of the "musical comedy beauty contest," co-directed by James Vasquez, is sharper and funnier. Highlights include David McBean dressed as Scarlett O'Hara. S/he sings "Camp-town Races" with two puppets, ventriloquizing their voices brilliantly. Also, as the ditz Miss West Coast, Vasquez parodies a Martha Graham-like expressive dance called "the Seven Ages of Me." The set, gold and tinsel curtains that have seen more sparkling days, 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, smooth talks 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.... (Due to popular demand, Cygnet has extended the run of *Pageant*.)

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH MAY 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525.

Raisin' the Rent

The Ira Aldridge Repertory Players stage this tribute to jazz and blues female greats: Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Etta James, and others, created and directed by Calvin Manson. DINNER THEATRE AT CAESAR CAFE, 801 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, THROUGH MAY 23; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 7:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, DINNER AT 2:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 3:00 P.M. 619-283-4574.

Reverse Psychology

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hander doesn't come close. The piece, about two psychiatrists (married) and their patients (also married), and the quartet's internal affairs, requires miles-over-the-top insanity. Instead the Diversionary performers just blare their lines, kill jokes they don't know are jokes, and, in Act Two, become shrill. They stress every line so much, you'd think they were playing in a barn, or the Sports Arena, rather than the intimate space on Park Boulevard. Shulamit Nelson's garish-colored orange and lime costumes suggest the play's "ridiculous" origins. And there are funny moments — this is the great Ludlam, after all — but far too many dead stretches, punctuated by unrelieved noise, make for tedium, not comedy.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH APRIL 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

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National Comedy Theatre

along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the

loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, cal-low youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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A Thousand Clowns
Scenic design wiz Marty Burnett somehow managed to time-travel a wood-paneled Manhattan studio apartment into the North Coast Rep (the mismatched chairs speaking volumes about the inhabitants). 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 libertarian 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-too-chipper Murray, rather than an intrepid naysayer, is just an overgrown kid with 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.

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Vigil

The Fritz Theatre opened its 15th season with Morris Panych’s eerie comedy. Kemp’s so negative to call him a nihilist would be too life-affirming. An urgent letter brings him to his dying aunt’s side. Only Grace doesn’t die. Color returns to her cheeks, a smile to her face. She im-proves 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, dead-pan, 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 black-outs. The opening-night perfor-mance sometimes lagged, owing to slow cues and fussy stage business (a seemingly constant folding and un-folding of things). But Choularton’s the magnet here. Black bowler hat, black overcoat — Godot’s under-taker? — he’s a black hole on a blue day. And funny as all get out.

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"Our [Ticketmaster] contract is up, and we haven't renewed."

'Canes owner Eric Leitstein is in the process of

"We charge a \$2.75 fee for a \$15 ticket," said Frontgate marketing exec Jeff Kreinik. "Ticketmaster charges double that.... In 2004 there were 3 million fewer concert tickets sold than in 2003, but there was a 13 percent increase in ticket prices."

Mays admits that his switch to Frontgate won't

relatively small company with 20 employees. Ticketmaster is tied to its infrastructure and hardware, which drives up their prices."

— Ken Leighton

What promises to be the biggest local concert of the year happens tomorrow, and chances are, you won't see it.

Kiss, Ted Nugent, Godsmack, Destiny's Child, and Cedric the Entertainer are appearing for some 35,000 Marines and their guests at an outdoor show tomorrow, Rockin' the Corps, at Del Mar Beach, Camp Pendleton. If you don't have tickets, there is "absolutely no way" you'll get near it, said Marilyn Lipp of the Marine Corps Community Support Services.

The last major concert on Camp Pendleton was August 6 when Brooks & Dunn played for 35,000 at the same venue. Toyota paid for production expenses for this concert.

One civilian who will be

attending is Zachary Wallander, 22, a cook at the Tremont Sports Bar and Café in Oceanside. "My buddy is a [Navy] corpsman. He got 15 tickets three weeks ago.... Everyone I've talked to had no idea this was going on."

The concert is tomorrow from 7:30 p.m. until the 11:45 p.m. fireworks. The beach opens at 3 p.m.;



CAMP PEN SAYS DON'T TRY TO CRASH KISS

however, Lipp suggested that fans who may want to cruise by the concert in their sea craft not even think about it. "This is a military base.... There is no access by sea or by land."

— Ken Leighton

Singer Steve "Crabby" Cabler was the only American (out of eight) who survived

after a terrorist bomb exploded in a Bali nightclub while he was on a surf vacation in October 2002. It took 180 lives, including his best friend and band manager Steve Webster.

"I was actually standing closer to the bomb than my manager. I was, like, 20 feet away. The roof caved in on him. I had to claw my way out from the cars and the bodies and [the collapsed] roof.... I had hearing damage.... But I've worked through it."

Now Crabby is ready to go back on the road with the Orange County band he founded in 1995, El Centro, now known as the Uprising.

He describes the music as "metal-induced punk."

Tomorrow marks the first time Crabby has played in Tijuana. "We played at the Cox Arena four years ago, opening for Bad Religion."

He said the Crabby story is becoming a movie. "I'm working with Keanu Reeves's

stepdad." Last week one of Crabby's songs appeared on an episode of *CSI: Miami* thanks to Carlsbad's world-famous skateboarder. "Tony Hawk always bumps our music. He was an actor in



CRABBY SURVIVES TO WORK WITH KEANU REEVES'S STEP-DAD

that episode...a skateboarder who got murdered. We want him to use our music in his video games."

The Uprising, American Made, the Human Killers, Murdock, Final Solution, Disabled Youth, the Abrasives, GFI, All Else Fails, and the Drapes appear Saturday at the Voodoo House in Tijuana on 11th Street near Pio Pico, \$10 admission, all ages, doors open at 4 p.m.

— Ken Leighton

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deciding whether to continue his involvement with the monolithic ticket company.

In the running to replace Ticketmaster is Frontgate Tickets, an Austin-based company that was recently selected by Casbah owner Tim Mays to handle his ticket sales. When fans order tickets through the new website, www.casbahtickets.com, Frontgate prints the tickets and sends them directly to the buyer. Fans can opt to be put on a night-of-show will-call list.

have that much impact when he presents shows outside of the Casbah at venues that have exclusive agreements with Ticketmaster.

Soma, which has never used Ticketmaster, uses an in-house system called Lunatics, which relies on ticket buyers printing out their own tickets at home. Soma owner Len Paul said Lunatics prints 10,000 tickets a month.

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On March 22, members of Louis XIV appeared on the radio show *Loveline* (which airs locally on 91X from 10 p.m. to midnight).

Only one person called in the entire two-hour period to ask Jason Hill and Brian Karscig a question. "On MTV, you guys said you think you're the greatest band ever. I think you're awesome, but what was that about?" The guys reiterated that they were their own favorite band

they were on Atlantic years before us." According to Jason, the label said, "You're right," and let them do it.

Carolla ended the show by saying, "You guys can come back anytime." Brian said, "Okay. We'll be back tomorrow." Carolla seemed caught off guard and replied, "Ah, well, no, you can't. We have Pepper in here tomorrow night."

But they were broadcast 45 minutes later on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* on ABC, where the band was the show's musical guest. After the band performed "Finding Out True Love Is Blind," Kimmel told the audience, "You can download this performance by going to www.abc.com and going to the 'connect' section."

I checked it out, and it's \$.99 to download the four-



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THESE GUYS ARE NOT ENGLISH

but added that their influences were "T. Rex... and also Huey Lewis, but when he went solo. After he left 'the News.'"

Two songs were played from the CD, and host Adam Carolla said, "A lot of people think you guys are from England, but you're from San Diego." Carolla mentioned that he couldn't stop staring at the naked woman on the cover of their CD. Jason explained that the record company wasn't going to let them do that until he said, "Roxy Music had nudity, and

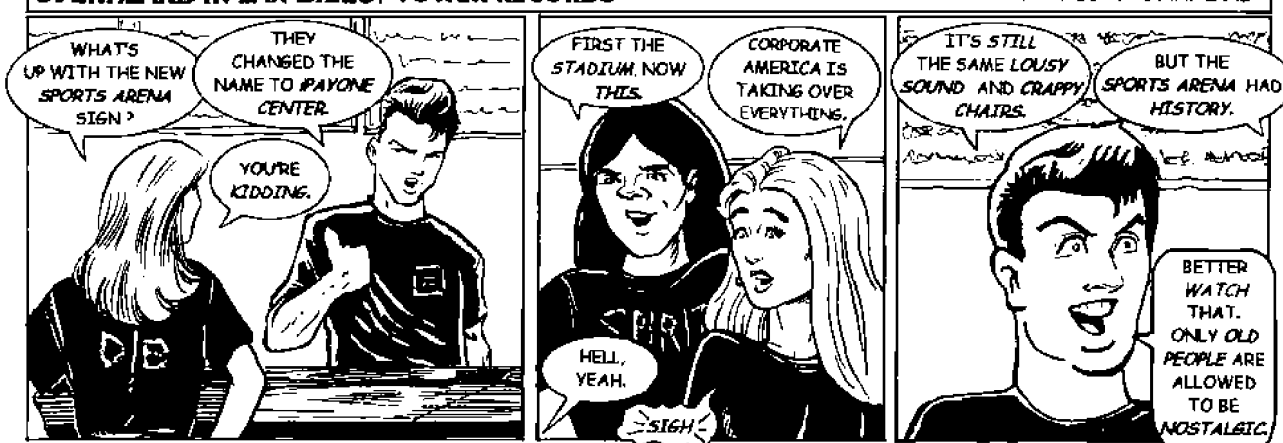
minute live version. They have a performance from local Jason Mraz, as well as other performances for download (including Mötley Crüe, Kravitz, Korn, the Cure, and Tears for Fears).

— Josh Board

Brian Karscig of Louis XIV credits local radio with breaking "Finding Out True Love Is Blind," the self-released single that led to the band's Atlantic Records debut album last week. He told *livedaily.com*, "91X in San Diego first started

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playing it, then Live 105 in San Francisco, KNRK in Portland, the Edge in Seattle, and then KROQ finally jumped on.... It's just an anthem to our appreciation of all women. But you get some people [who say] it's misogynistic. 'You guys are man pigs.' [He laughs] We're really not.... Right now, we're the number-two most-requested song on the BBC. We're getting loads and loads of press and radio out there. That's why everybody we do interviews with usually thinks we're English."

— Jay Allen Sanford

"Are these movies pirated?" asked Officer K. Wadhams.

"They are copies," suspect Tommy Grant conceded.

In SDPD crime report #05-016812 filed on March 18, Wadhams was on routine patrol and noticed a group of males gathering in a parking stall at 1755 Euclid Avenue. "One of the males appeared to be selling stuffed animals and jewelry out of a duffel bag. Grant was in possession of a black backpack. I opened the backpack and found numerous DVDs that appeared to be pirated. The cases were thinner than a

normal DVD purchased at a retail store. The print on the paper was poor and seven of the DVDs did not have the manufacture[r's] address on the label. There were no studio logos on the discs."

Wadhams looked on the back of a DVD case for *Million Dollar Baby* and saw the following printed: "PIRATED. Piracy Creates JOBS. Pirates PAY TAX on goods bought. Piracy does NOT support Terrorism."

Wadhams asked, "Where did you get the movies?" "I got them from a white guy," Grant replied. "He drives a tan Chevy Blazer."

"How long have you been selling these pirated DVDs?" "For about three weeks."

Grant also had copies of *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*, *Man of the House*, *Cursed*, *Beef II*, and *Be Cool*. He was arrested and booked into the county jail for the manufacture and sale of counterfeit merchandise.

— Michael Hemmingson

Last week 4th & B general manager Ray Johnson confirmed rumors that he and owner Ali Nilforshan were likely to turn over the booking of the 1500-seat downtown

nightclub to either House of Blues or Viejas Entertainment. Some insiders maintain House of Blues has the inside track. Johnson said on Sunday that the decision would be made by today.

— Ken Leighton

"The only theater-friendly mayor this town has had was Maureen O'Connor," said Tom Hall of the San Diego Foundation. "She wasn't known for her arts and culture appreciation, but she understood the politics of it."

The San Diego Shakespeare Society hosted a symposium on the state of local theater earlier this month at the Lyceum in Horton Plaza. Moderated by KPBS's *These Days* host Tom Fudge, the symposium included *Union-Tribune* arts writers Anne-Marie Welsh and Jennifer de Poyen, Shirley Fishman (associate artistic director of the La Jolla Playhouse), and Louis Spisto (executive director of the Old Globe). In the audience was musician Bridget Brigitte with her mother, UCSD professor Marianne

McDonald, whose new translation of *Antigone* will open at 6th @ Penn in Hillcrest on April 7.

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THE MOST THEATER-FRIENDLY MAYOR

Producers brought in 45,000 people, generated 33,000 paid dinners in Gaslamp restaurants, and resulted in many jobs," said Hall.

— Michael Hemmingson

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As soon as we had enough songs, we became kings of the coffee-houses, like Java Joe's and Mikey's in Poway. We'd play anywhere. We still do. We played an El Torito in Mission Valley where we set up in the mall itself, playing toward the patio of the restaurant but with our backs to the mall crowd. Borders is a weird place to play. It's quiet in the middle of a bookstore."

Chris recalls, "I played stranger places before Mesa Blue — [like] this country bar about 20 years ago in central Florida. I think I had to play 'Why Don't We Get Drunk and Screw' three different times." Bassist Omar Ramirez says his oddest gig was as a classical guitarist for an outdoor dinner party. "I was asked to stroll from table to table playing instrumental arrangements of songs from the musical *South Pacific*. With only two hands, I had to move a stool, footstool, and guitar to and from each table as well as playing these rather memorable melodies."

Mesa Blue has released three CDs. You can hear extra-jazzy versions of songs from the most recent, *Looking Down the Road*, when they play Caffè Italia in Little Italy on Saturday, April 2. Chris says, "We'll play the first five songs from the album in a row — that's how they were written to be presented. For these acoustic shows, we do more jazz and Latin instrumentals. Omar plays more guitar [live]... we do a little guitar dueling." Says Jeffrey, "The room is so small, I don't even use sticks, just brushes, and just the soft ones."

WHAT'S IN YOUR CD PLAYER?

Chris "All CD compilations I burned myself."

1. Latin Jazz Guitarists (Marc Antoine, Juan Carlos Quintero, Bernie Williams, Jesse Cook, Willie and Lobo.)
2. Rockin' Guitarists (Robben Ford, Duane Allman, Johnny A, John Jorgensen, Stevie Ray Vaughan.)

3. Favorite Motown ("Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, the Four Tops, the Temptations.)
4. Favorite Funk (Earth, Wind, and Fire; Sly and the Family Stone; Stevie Wonder; Al Green; James Brown.)
5. Favorite Country (Lyle Lovett, Dwight Yoakam, Alison Krauss, Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt.)

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Jeffrey

1. Vieux Diop, *Afrika Wass* ("This African CD has great percussion, and I love the groove.")

2. Essential Latin Jazz ("I got this local compilation disc from Jazz 88.3 for becoming a KSDS member.")

3. *Dave Grusin Presents West Side Story* ("Incredible players, some of the best arrangements, and the drummer just spans it.")

4. Crowded House, *Woodface* ("I won the CD and a trip to attend their CD-release party at Capitol Records.")

5. Bonnie Raitt, *Luck of the Draw* ("This is my wife's CD, and it's tuning me in to the massive talent that is Bonnie.")

Omar

1. Bruce Hornsby, *Halcyon Days* ("In addition to his being an amazing pianist, Hornsby has included more elements of jazz — also features a powerful cast of musicians including Eric Clapton, Elton John, and Sting.")

2. Acoustic Alchemy, *Positive Thinking* ("Most songs on it were conceived on a classical guitar, which I have a strong affinity for.")

3. Mark Knopfler, *Shangri-la* ("I love his sense of musical progression and his wonderful gravelly and sleepy voice.")

FAVORITE INSTRUMENTAL TO PERFORM LIVE?

Chris " 'Cadaques,' by Acoustic Alchemy. It always brings in the street traffic."

Omar " 'Positive Thinking,' by Acoustic Alchemy. It allows us to include classical elements in our repertoire — the body of the piece is mostly in a classical setting but changes to a more renaissance-style setting in the contrasting section. To top it off, AA added a string quartet to provide a very smooth upper layer with a dominant melody in the cello."



Chris Del Priore, Jeffrey Stasny, Omar Ramirez

STAR WARS OR STAR TREK?

Chris "*Star Trek*. The original is still the best."

Jeffrey "*Star Trek*, hands down. More variety with all of the different spin-offs."

Omar "I'm a fan of both. I have avidly watched all *Star Trek* variants as they chronologically unfolded on both TV and on film. Having free run of outer space in a flying machine really inspires my sense of adventure. The *Star Wars* trilogy impacts me in the same way. My favorite scene is by far the barroom setting with the interplanetary band playing swing music reminiscent of Benny Goodman and, of course, the creatures that frequent the celestial watering hole."

ANY STRANGE CELEBRITY ENCOUNTERS?

Chris "I said hello to Dan Hicks [Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks] at the bar, and he was pretty drunk. But he's still a celebrity to me."

Jeffrey "I haven't met any of the really strange celebrities, just the more normal ones."

Omar "My favorite celebrity is now long past. Sylvius Leopold Weiss [contemporary of J.S. Bach] was a baroque lutenist and composer who wrote so many pieces that inspired me as a classical guitarist. From studying his music, I grew to understand his approach to musical composition and felt I almost came to know him. He was quite a ladies' man and often got into trouble through his amorous pursuits. I would ask to be his student."

FAVORITE DVDS?

Chris "I just watched a couple that I really like: *Ray*, *Open Water*, and then I would say *O Brother, Where Art Thou*; *Fargo*; and *Finding Nemo*."

Jeffrey

1. *Lord of the Rings* trilogy ("I've always been smitten by the books, and the movie adaptation is just brilliant.")

2. *History of the World, Part 1* ("Mel Brooks movies are great for me because my mind seems to naturally twist that way.")

3. *Powder* ("Reminds me that there is something larger than mankind that dwells within each of us.")

4. *Blazing Longboards* ("I've been surfing for 31 years now, and this movie is simply visual candy for my surf-soaked fantasies.")

Omar

1. *Robin Williams, Live on Broadway* ("Williams's spontaneity and sense of sarcasm really makes this DVD. I have seen it countless times and still find new humor in it. He pokes fun at all the cultures in the world and always finds fertile ground for ridicule.")

2. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* ("I love the cultural elements in this DVD. Although it's a love story that seems doomed from the start, two very different families are brought together. The Greeks are clannish, suspicious, and passionate, while the American family is reserved and uncomfortable.")

3. *Fawlty Towers* ("John Cleese plays an impatient and frustrated hotel owner that repeatedly loses his temper and loudly vents his anger.")

4. *Dead Man Walking* ("The gamut of songs include Johnny Cash on one extreme to Nusrat Ali Khan on the other. Combine this with a prison drama and you have a really great movie.")

5. *Young Frankenstein* ("I watch this one when I'm in a silly mood. Terri Garr's vocal renditions of 'Oh Sweet Mystery of Life' just kill me. 'Eye-gor' is a big hit too.") ■

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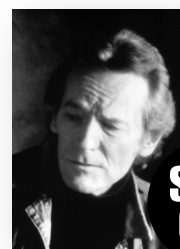
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FRIDAY

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. 760-510-4580 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, 8 p.m., 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.

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SATURDAY

Roger Williams [573]: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

The Young Dubliners [469]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 2,

9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SUNDAY

The Bodeans [446]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, April 3, 8:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

WEDNESDAY

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APRIL

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"Lou Rawls Sings Sinatra": East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, April 8, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Vance Gilbert: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Dan Band: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Molly's Revenge: San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Saturday, April 9, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. Folk Heritage information line, 858-566-4040.

Joe Satriani [536]: 4th & B, Sunday, April 10, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Velvet Revolver and **Hoobastank** [509]: 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.

The Dead Kennedys: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 12, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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moe. [459]: 4th & B, Saturday, April 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Papa Roach [296]: SOMA, Saturday, April 16, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Debbie Davies [966]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, April 16, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

"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, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

"Concert of Hope" featuring **Charlie Musselwhite**, **Eve Selis** [410], **Bill Magee**, and more: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Sunday, April 17, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497.

Sheila Jordan: Dizzy's, Sunday, April 17, 344 Seventh Avenue (between J and K), downtown. 858-270-7467.

"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. 760-510-4580 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.

Clare Muldaur and **Lisa Moscatiello**: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

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 [752]: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, April 25, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana

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Edie Carey and Amber Rubarth: Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Steve Vai [523] and Eric Sardinias [950]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Juanes: Cox Arena, Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Umpfrey’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.

Basia: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, May 6, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Bad Company featuring Brian Howe: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

John McEuen: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The Allman Brothers [564] and Lynyrd Skynyrd [533]: “Bayside Concerts with Viejas,” Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, May 8, downtown San Diego waterfront. 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 Straws: 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.

The Wailers [759]: House of Blues, Wednesday, May 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

George Clinton: House of Blues, Thursday, May 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

John Prine [887]: Spreckels Theatre, Friday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

Ozomatli [270]: House of Blues, Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dishwalla: House of Blues, Monday, May 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Erasure [279]: 4th & B, Tuesday, May 17, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Manhattan Transfer [617]: 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.

The Blues Brothers with Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi: House of Blues, Saturday, May 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Maktub [572]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

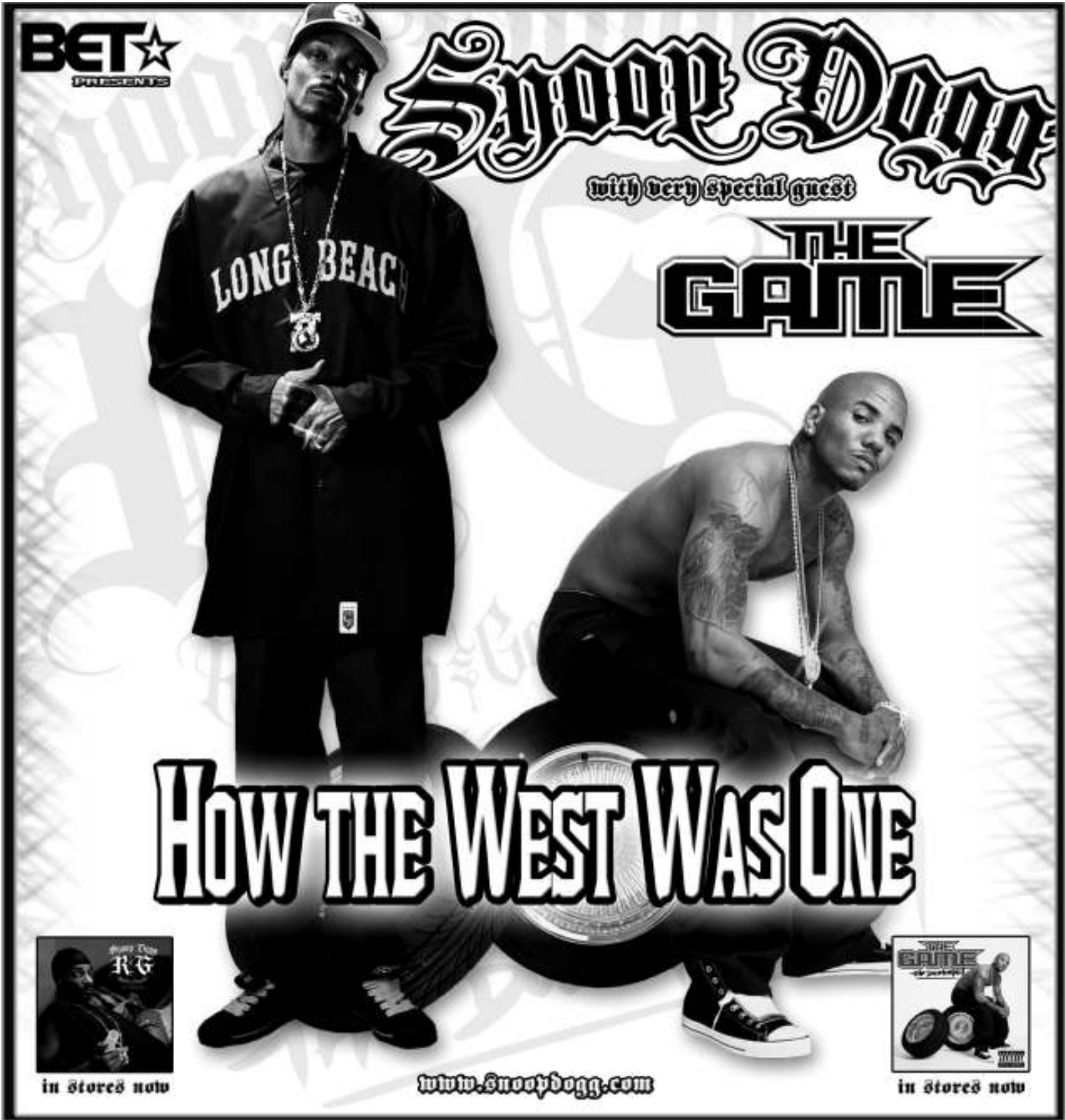
Don Carlos [746]: House of Blues, Friday, May 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Steve Miller Band [571]: “Bayside Concerts with Viejas,” Embarcadero Marina Park South, Saturday, May 28, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

Vicente Fernandez: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 28, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 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.



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Bad Religion [297]: House of Blues, Sunday, June 5, and Tuesday, June 7, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Bryan Adams [582]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, June 6, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Wayne Newton: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 10, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Faint and **Bright Eyes:** SOMA, Friday, June 10, 7 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Eve Selis [410]: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

ZZ 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 I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Al Green [964]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

REO Speedwagon [587]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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 [477]: 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.

The Spin Doctors [594] and the **Gin Blossoms:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Bo Diddley [967]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, June 23, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Marco Antonio Solis: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 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.

Whitesnake: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, June 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Dwight Yoakam [779]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, June 30, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

JULY

Jaguares [301]: House of Blues, Saturday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

When I think about the odds of a band like the **Radiators** ever getting into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the tail end of a bad joke comes to mind: Sure, they can get in, if they can afford a ticket. Crass, but it makes a point — not about the Radiators but rather about the gestalt of the Hall of Fame nominating committee. They continue to baffle me. In the current round of nominations, the voters gave the nod to Percy Sledge, best known for “When a Man Loves a Woman”; a popular Philly soul group from the ’70s called the O’Jays; and the venerable Chicago-style blues guitarist Buddy Guy.

Actual rock-and-roll bands like Black Sabbath are not in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Nor is Lynyrd Skynyrd. Those Southern rock-

ers, influential as they may have once been, are said to be six-time losers. That’s why I think that the Radiators, a fine old roots-rock band from New Orleans with an original sound and an almost cultish following, don’t stand a chance.

The Rads won my heart when I read that they hosted a recent tribute to the late Hunter S. Thompson at the Aspen Belly Up. Fans call their stuff “fish head” music, a practically trademarked term that stands for a funky blend of rock, Zydeco, soul, blues, and more. The original lineup has been around for more than two decades and has more than 11 albums to their credit. Theirs is a rare and fundamental energy with a tight rhythm groove that can weave around tricky covers of Little Feat and Van Morrison as well as their own titles, like “If Your Heart Ain’t in It (Get Your Other Part Out).”

Old dudes now, the Radiators are cred-



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ited with helping lay the groundwork for what became the jam-band format. They are an American roots-rock band, but whether or not they are Hall of Fame-worthy depends, I suppose, on one’s definition of rock ’n’ roll.

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Steve Poltz [815] & the **Rugburns** [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, July 2, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

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. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Heart: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Michael Bolton [475]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Benatar [590] & **Neil Giraldo:** Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 31, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Los Lonely Boys and **Ozomatli** [270]: “Bayside Concerts with Viejas,” Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, July 31,

downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

The B-52’s: Palomar Starlight Theater, Monday, August 1, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams Jr. [771]: “Bayside Concerts with Viejas,” Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August 2, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

Jack Johnson [293] and **Matt Costa:** RIMAC Field, Saturday, August 6, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Clint Black [778]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 7, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Styx [591]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Amy Grant [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, August 15, 8 p.m., 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, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.



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Matt Curreri [249]: The Casbah
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The Deathflowers: Soma
Depswa: Brick By Brick
The Devlins: The Casbah
Faceles: The Jumping Turtle
Fear Before the March of Flames: Soma
Filth Juggernaut: Brick By Brick
The Flying Putos: The Casbah
Forever Unscene: Brick by Brick
The Frantic: Soma
The Hacienda Brothers: The Casbah
Hidden Hand: Soma
Hopesfall: Soma
Innocent Noise: The Jumping Turtle
I.U.: Dreamstreet
Josie's Ghost: Humphrey's
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Loose Cannon: Dreamstreet

Mastodon: Soma
Media Lab: Brick By Brick
Midwest Dilemma: Brick By Brick
Mr. Orange Undercover: The Casbah
Mower [239]: Soma
Muff: Soma
Next in Line: The Jumping Turtle
Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Coffeehouse, The Casbah
The Peppermints: The Casbah
Pi: Brick By Brick
Ariel Pink: The Casbah
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Plural: The Casbah
Podunk Nowhere: Brick By Brick
Professional Murder Music: The Jumping Turtle
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The Republic of Letters: The Casbah
Sandjacket: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Scar'd Sanity: The Jumping Turtle
Scary Kids Scaring Kids: Epicentre
The Scotch Greens: 'Canes
Shadow Drop: The Jumping Turtle
Shenoah: Brick By Brick
Simply Complex [233]: Humphrey's
South Psycho Cide: Brick By Brick
Sweetness: 'Canes
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Underoath: Soma
Windsor: Epicentre

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Atomic Punks: 'Canes
Aurora: Dreamstreet
The Band in Black: The Del Dios Country Store
Cathryn Beeks [507]: Humphrey's
The Bodeans [446]: Belly Up Tavern
Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House
The Briggs: 'Canes
The Burning Brides [550]: Soma
The Buzz Bombs: Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 'Canes
Rip Carson: Tio Leo's Lounge
C.B.A.: The Casbah
The Jimmy Chamberlin Complex: The Casbah
The Chin Waggers: Second Wind (San Carlos)
The Elijah Clark Band: Bub's Whiskey Dive
The Clay Colton Band: Tom Giblin's Irish Pub & Restaurant, R. O'Sullivan's, Killarney's Irish Pub
Criminal Funk: Boar Cross'n
The Crossroads: Carvers
Custom Made Scare: 'Canes

Deadline Friday [404]: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Deeper Purple: 'Canes
Doing Time: Fannie's Nightclub
Drawn & Quartered: Dreamstreet
The Drive-By Truckers [574]: Belly Up Tavern
The Electric Waste Band: Winston
Epicedium: Dreamstreet
The Experiments [419]: 'Canes
Fat Camp: Dreamstreet
Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill
4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle
The Free-Range Chickens: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Mike Gardner: North Bar Sports & Spirits, Mas Fina Cantina, Cheers
Girl Trouble: Woody's Sports Bar
The Girlfriend Experience: The Zombie Lounge
Hotrod Harris: Brick By Brick
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
The Jackson 3 [495]: Island Sports & Spirits
JFA: Longshot Saloon
The Steph Johnson Band: Neimans Bar and Grill
Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero
Mick Keys: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Killswitch Engage: Soma
Red Lane: Patrick's II, Coyote Bar and Grill
The Late Edition: Dirk's Niteclub
Loss of Control: Bub's Whiskey Dive
The Modern Rhythm Band: Humphrey's
Mr. Black Shirt: Dreamstreet
My Chemical Romance: Soma
Night Shift: Dick's Last Resort
Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Nude BBQ: Surf N'Saddle
Pale Black: Second Wind (Santee)
Parasitic: Dreamstreet
Pedestrian: Fannie's Nightclub
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
The Radiators: Belly Up Tavern
Dizzee Rascal: 'Canes
The Real McKenzie's: 'Canes
The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill
Rockola: Viejas Casino
Saosin: Soma
Saprophagous: Dreamstreet
Seismic: Dreamstreet
Senses Fail: Soma
The Sneaker Kings: Fannie's Nightclub
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Sean O'Donnell: Blarney Stone Pub

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Mike Ruggarillo: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Roy Ruiz Clayton: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Lisa Sanders /893/: Humphrey's

Shelly Stewart: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Anna Troy: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Meagan Tubb: Brick By Brick

Unbusted: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Westgoing Zax: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Robert Wetzel: Hotel del Coronado

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers /948/: Patrick's II

Blue Four /943/: Patrick's II

Blue Rockit /955/: Island Sports & Spirits

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken

The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Boogiemmen /937/: Tiki House

The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe

The Charles Burton Blues Band /931/: The Kraken

The Corvelles: Humphrey's

Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters /932/: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Chateau Orleans

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

Family Style: Patrick's II

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen /912/: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Kathy Graham: Egyptian Tea Room

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Turquoise Cafe

Robin Henkel /914/: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Lafayette & the Leasebreakers /930/: Patrick's II

The Bill Magee Blues Band /947/: Pounder's

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Recently I saw a car that had its rear window nearly covered by masking tape spelling out NOT MY PRESIDENT. I didn't know the driver, but I think I know what he meant, and I'd guess my politics are pretty close to his. Even so, I know he's wrong; Bush is our president. That's the problem. Pretending otherwise doesn't do anyone any good.

Southerners are more experienced than many when it comes to handling the frustrations of inheriting a legacy you don't necessarily agree with. Like Germans, they've grown up knowing, simultaneously, that they love their families and that their ancestors probably did unspeakable things. Southern musicians have been struggling

with the contradictions of their heritage as long as there has been rock 'n' roll — a lot longer, in fact. But few have done so as openly as the **Drive-By Truckers**.

The Alabama band is best known for *Southern Rock Opera*, a conceptual double album about Lynyrd Skynyrd, among other things. One of the highlights of that album is "The Southern Thing," which declares, "Proud of the glory, stare down the shame / Duality of the Southern Thing." In the middle of this, **Patterson Hood**, one of three singer-guitarists in the band, tells a story about how his great-great-grandfather got shot at Shiloh.

If this seems a little academic, well, it is. But the Drive-By Truckers more than make up for any excessive braininess with a sound that is all brawn. As evidenced in the recently released DVD *Live at the 40 Watt*, this is one band that knows how to take its myriad influ-



DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS

ences, musical and personal, and turn them into brutally powerful rock 'n' roll.

(To hear a sample of the **Drive-By Truckers**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4574.)

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Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

The Soul Persuaders /945/: Humphrey's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Tiki House

The Swingin' Kings /916/: Belly Up Tavern

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West of Memphis: Dizzy's

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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

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Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass and jungle music with DJs Walkrawler, 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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Faction-6: First Tuesday of the month, elektroclash, indie, and synthpop with DJs B-czar, Talbot, and NarcoLept. No cover; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

HiFi: Third Saturday of the month, '80s, britpop, and indie with DJs B-czar and Richard D. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

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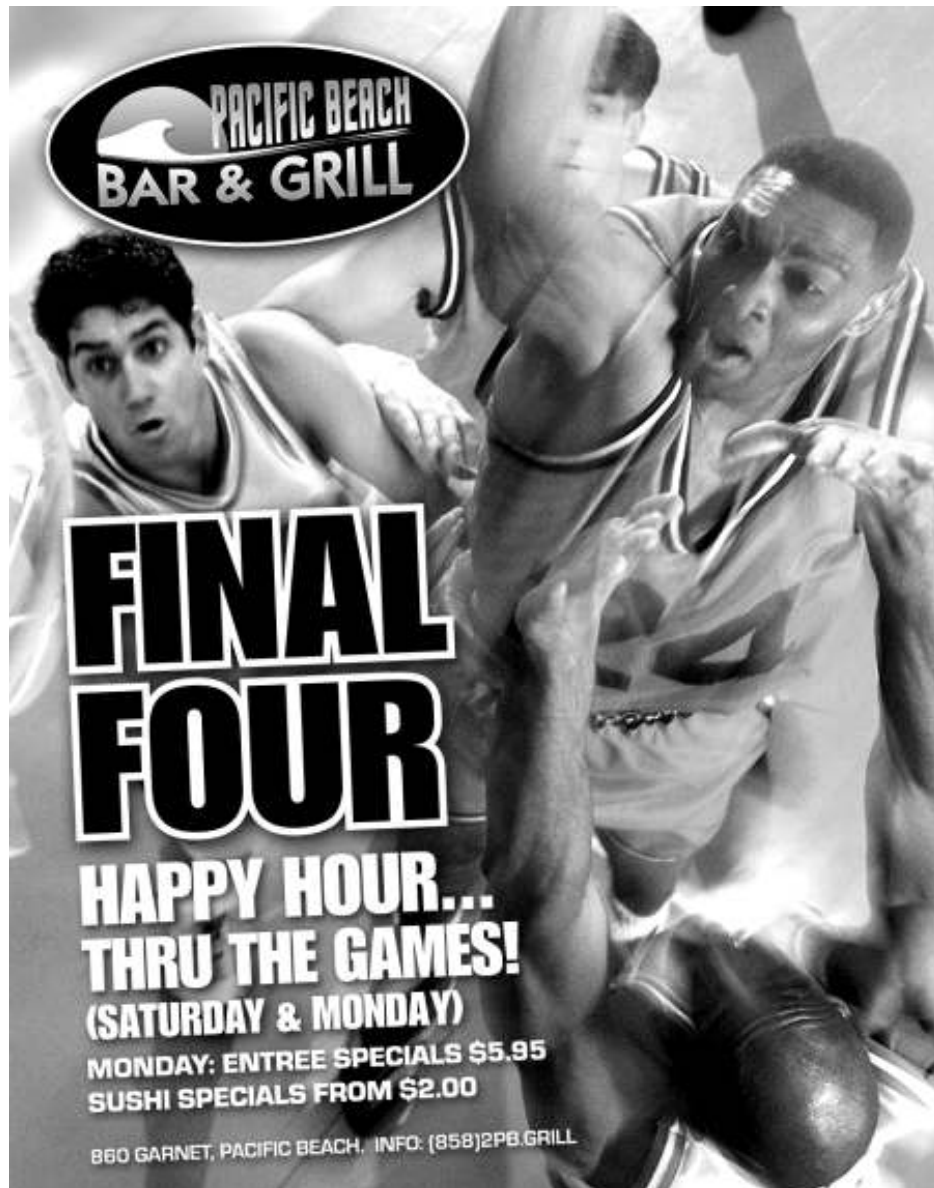
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Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Saturday, *Sandjacket*, alternative.

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. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Professional Murder Music*, *Shadow Drop*, *Scar'd Sanity*, *Next in Line*, *Innocent Noise*, and *Faceles*, alternative.

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The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *3 EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*.

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McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

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pretty mouth / Says I'm imperfect in every way: Miss Almost, Miss Maybe, Miss Halfway. As the disc's second cut, it is buoyant enough to lure but

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Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Trece de la Suerte*, Latin/salsa. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Ivyl Vinyl*, pop/dance.

Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Buzzbombs*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

La Scala, 1101 Scott Street, Point Loma. 619-224-2272. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Ratz Pack*, American classics. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Salvador & Cesar*, opera.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771.

honest enough to captivate. Singer/songwriter Anya Marina has a wispy, almost ethereal voice that delivers lines like "My car reports to work at eight, my heart is several hours late" and "I get my sunshine from the glow of my TV." Her voice suggests nymphet (or the actress Ellen Green as the original Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*), but her lyrics and music go further than what you would expect from the character she portrays.

"It Feels Right" and "Fantasy" feature Marina accompanied by Steve Poltz (yes, yes, Jewel's old boyfriend, and now Anya's). These tracks are much more restrained, but the energy remains.

Besides the lyrics, the acoustic guitar is the main draw, paired with Marina's clever inflections. In "Sociopath," Marina sings, "I'm pathologically addicted



Anya Marina

to what you call a dickhead / cheaters and liars seem to light my fire / and God, I've gotta get clean." Hmm, wonder how that relates to Poltz.

The thoughtfulness of this album is impressive. At least this time, Miss Halfway went all the way.

(To hear a sample of Miss Halfway, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4118.)

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Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Thursday, *Los Reyes del Ritmo*, flamenco/Latin.

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Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Rip Carson*, rockabilly. Friday and Saturday, live bands. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, *High Society Jazz Band*.

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DANCE FLOOR > area of about 7' by 100' in front of the stage

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BATHROOMS > men's had two urinals, three stalls (one with wheelchair access), hand dryer that didn't work, no paper towels, and

surprisingly little graffiti for a venue that is covered in graffiti; women's had three stalls (one for disabled), a hand dryer that worked, and a very dirty floor

CAPACITY > 289 inside, 176 outside

SPECIAL AREAS > outdoor patio is huge, but none of it is covered (and you can only see the band from a few of the tables outside);

smokers can also go to cigar lounge directly across the street

FURNISHINGS > 15 seats at bar, pay phone outside, entire place covered in graffiti

DECIBEL LEVEL > 104 when Private Domain did an acoustic show; 96 last week at Harney Sushi

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH > Ron's Garage

QUOTABLE > "It's like playing dodgeball while you eat."

My friend took a shy girlfriend of hers here to celebrate a birthday. When the waiters made this girl lick whipped cream off the condom that was on top of her

sundae, it ended their friendship.

When I was here with my date and she continued to get hit in the head by crumpled paper thrown at us (one piece even landed in her food), it made me realize this place isn't for everyone. The thrower was a guy in a Hawaiian shirt with a large group. He had been throwing stuff at another table, but when they left, he had nobody else to play with. Even the band was saying, "Why are you throwing stuff at the guy that's only two feet in front of you? What's the challenge there?"

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Private Domain played well (although they called "All Along the Watchtower" a Hendrix song but then played it just like Dylan, who wrote it). After the Tom Petty cover, we bailed, however. You can only take being hit by crumpled paper for so long.

— Josh Board

Julie Mack. Sunday, *the Jimmy Chamberlin Complex*. Monday, *Ariel Pink* and *Peppermints*. Tuesday, *Matt Curreri*, *Paul Curreri*, *Gregory Page*, *Joanie Mendenhall*, and *Angie Correa*.

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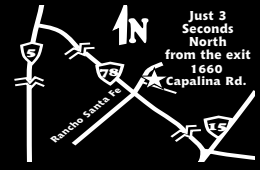
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Acapulco Nights

Tesoro (teh-SOH-row), Spanish for “treasure,” is a family operation run by the brother-and-sister team of Rosie and Ricardo Vera, with help from their parents and siblings. Open since November, it quickly gained a reputation as a hip downtown spot to try *nuevo wave-o* Mexican cuisine.

Some of the restaurant's *éclat* stems from its three levels of sharp, colorful decor. Underground, there's the windowless Marin Lounge bar, with DJs Wednesday through Saturday evenings, starting at 9 p.m. The minimalist street-level dining room has original brick walls, a tiny bar, and cowhide banquettes; during our visits, a large plasma screen at one end of the room (next to a platform where a singer-guitarist performs on Friday evenings) silently played geometric designs. The fancier main dining room, one floor up, boasts wrought-iron railings, gilded mirrors, hardwood floors, crystal fixtures, and more brick. Servers run drinks between the street level and mezzanine but still manage to maintain an attitude of warm enthusiasm.

The menu is divided between traditional, regional dishes and creations that exemplify “Mexican food with a French twist” — a mode of upscale Mexican cuisine that developed at restaurants in the plush Polanco suburb of Mexico City. The chef hails from a longtime Acapulco restaurant family; his style incorporates flavors from the resort cuisine of his hometown. Along with a delightful wine list, beverages include an excellent “traditional” margarita (delicious when made with *reposada* tequila) and a pleasing house-made sangria. There are also adventurous beer cocktails, such as a salt-rimmed “Michelada roja,” made with clams, Clamato, V-8, and lemon juice.

Dinner begins with an *amuse-bouche* of the chef's choosing, which changes nightly, a sign of serious intentions. These tidbits are sometimes the evening's best bites. We especially enjoyed a tiny, sparkling mound of lime-marinated Alaskan halibut ceviche, dotted with tomato and served on shreds of irresistible house-made tortillas with cilantro cream and dots of chile oil.

Among the appetizers, one standout is *tarta de rajas*, strips of poblano chile and gooey Oaxaca cheese in cream, layered like a Napoleon on house-made puff pastry sheets. We also loved *panuchos de cochinita*, a savory small tortilla topped with black-bean purée, then a second tortilla heaped with shredded pork in achiote sauce



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and pickled red onion shreds with a touch of oregano. This is a great, folkloric dish — a glorified version of a delectable snack (sold by *niños*) I once relished on a bus crossing the Yucatán.

Quesadillas de flor de calabaza, half-moon-shaped tortilla turnovers, are fried until puffed and semi-crisp. Stuffed with mild Mexican cheese and squash blossoms, the cheese (as usual) overwhelms the flowers. The revisionist house ceviche was more of an oddity. It looks alluring, piled high in a martini glass, but it violated both our expectations and tastes, centering on large shrimps and fine little scallops in a marinade that has more lemon than lime. In place of the traditional crunchy (and easily avoidable) minced hot chiles mixed into the seafood, the cocktail is topped with a too-generous splash of chile oil, which tasted harsh and overbearing in context. I love spicy food, but only if the piquancy is proportional to the other flavors.

Fiercer yet, if in a different way, was the baby spinach salad with golden beets, bacon, and green onions in a *jamaica* (hibiscus flower) vinaigrette. The dressing, simultaneously sweet and citrus-sour, blotted out everything but the beets.

Entrées come in generous portions, but Tesoro

has adapted a bad practice from high-end steakhouses — and adapted it badly. In many of the dishes, the protein and its sauce arrive ungarnished by any starch or vegetable. Unlike steakhouse fare, the flavors of most entrées here are exotic and, in some instances, highly spiced. Your taste buds need relief. Instead, you don't even get a complimentary basket of tortillas. I asked the chef about this later; he said that he prefers to serve

many entrées totally ungarnished, so that nothing will interfere with their complex flavors — an attitude probably acquired from his Acapulco resort-restaurant upbringing.

Taquería-style accompaniments of tortillas, rice, and beans may seem too pedestrian for a restaurant with Tesoro's ambitions, but these constitute the entire list of optional side dishes. It's not the extra six bucks I mind so much as the poverty of possibilities. Steak with hibiscus-flower sauce or halibut with pineapple — and refried black beans? The beans are luscious, but here, they're the wrong stuff. Rice or tortillas might help, but I craved a vegetable to contrast with these tangy-sweet mixtures — something chosen by the chef to enhance the other flavors. It's not as if Mexico is a veggie-free zone. Any good Mexican cookbook includes a panoply of vegetable recipes;

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Tesoro

★★½ (Good to Very Good)

548 Fifth Avenue (between Island and Market), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-234-5670, www.tesorogaslamp.com.

HOURS: Daily 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., dinner 5:00–10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, to 11:00 weekends. Basement lounge evenings until 1:00 a.m.

PRICES: Appetizers \$6–\$9.50; entrées \$12–\$29; side dishes (tortillas, rice, or black beans), \$6; desserts \$4–\$8. Simpler menu at lunch, with prices about 20 percent less.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Contemporary Mexican resort-style cuisine. Short, affordable, international wine list plus higher-priced reserve list. A few wines available by the glass (\$6–\$7), includes several Baja-grown bottlings. Full bar, includes specialty tequilas and beer cocktails.

PICK HITS: *Panuchos de cochinita*; *tarta de rajas*; *pollo con mole*; *filete a la jamaica*.

NEED TO KNOW: Parking lot one block east on Sixth near Island (with pedestrian exit to Fifth Avenue) or valet parking on the corner, in front of Blue Point. Patio seating; elevator to mezzanine and basement (nightclub) levels. Smart-casual dress. Excellent service. Many entrées served with no accompanying starch; it's worth paying extra for a basket of house-made tortillas. Not too noisy, but Wednesday after 9:00 p.m. is “hip-hop night” on all three floors.

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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meanwhile, the bins at the Latino produce market in my neighborhood are heaped with avocados, *verdulaga* (purslane), and *nopales* (peeled cactus pads), any of which would be appropriate sides.

The Choice-grade filet mignon with hibiscus (*filete a la jamaica*) is otherwise terrific. Our tender beef arrived rare as ordered and tasted meaty for such a wimpy cut. The dried flowers in a sweet glaze — a reduction based on port wine — swell out like re-

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hydrated fruit, enhancing the faint floral flavor with a hint of licorice.

A credible version of chicken in black Oaxaca-style mole is served with the required underlayer of red Mexican rice. The exciting sauce is less chocolatey than the more common *mole poblano* (from the neighboring state of Puebla), its color and primary flavors derived from the puréed dark chiles and ground peanuts. A fruity, acidic undertone and a lash of spice kick in after swallowing. The portion consists of a dry breast and a moist leg-thigh piece, scattered with sesame seeds.

Halibut with pineapple (*lenguado con piña*) offers gently cooked fish slices arranged on overlapping slices of fresh pineapple (strangely dry, per-

haps from the heat) set atop a thicker, juicy round of grilled fruit. Everything is bathed with a brick-orange sauce of achiote and nippy *chile guajillo* — a pure, puréed chile sauce, reminiscent of the fabulous tomatoless enchilada sauces of New Mexico.

Our *chile en nogada*, however, was horrible. The traditional recipe calls for room-temperature, meat-stuffed *poblano* peppers, swathed in a ground walnut-cream sauce, with pomegranate seeds sprinkled on top. This dish (from Puebla) is served for Mexican Independence Day in September, when all the ingredients are in season. I'm happy to encounter it any time of the year, but not in Tesoro's rendition. In the best versions I've had, the chiles were filled with shredded braised beef garnished with fruits, herbs, and spices. Tesoro uses lean, dry hamburger meat, which tastes as if it's been boiled in water and drained to remove all fat, then

minimally amended with minced onions and raisins. The final blow is the substitution of harsher and hotter *chiles pasillas* for gentle *poblanos*. Chef Martinez later verified that he prefers the *pasillas*, to counter the sweet flavors of the filling and toppings. (Well, some like it hot.) Officially, the chef includes both ground walnuts and pine nuts in the cream sauce, but we couldn't perceive any nuts. It tasted like *chiles no-nogada*, and that's no good-a.

Our coffee was weak and served tepid; the desserts were simple and sparing of effort. A *pastel de crepas* ("crêpe cake") had layers of "chocolate crepes" alternating with chocolate whipped cream, piled atop a pool of raspberry sauce. Not too sweet or chocolatey, the effect was pleasant, although the crêpes had a texture closer to tortillas than their French namesakes. Simpler yet are *plátanos machos*, ripe plantain slices robed in caramel sauce. Plan-

tains have a starchy texture, so this dish won't be to all tastes. (I'd prefer regular bananas, myself.) In summer, I might go for the Michoacán-style Mexican popsicles in tropical flavors. The final dessert choice is the inevitable flan, which I didn't try.

With Tesoro, the Gaslamp is now home to three restaurants-with-attached-nightclubs serving *alta cocina mexicana* (Mexican haute cuisine) — the Latin Room and Candelas are the other two. Tesoro is promising, and many dishes are delicious. Overall, though, it still can't hold a candle to Candelas, the oldest and best of the trio (if also the priciest), where every dish comes complete with all its necessary parts.

ABOUT THE OWNERS AND THE CHEF

Rosie Vera, the primary force behind Tesoro, was raised in San Diego. Her mother is from Zatecas, her father from Michoacán. "The restaurant has

been a long time in the planning," she says. "I grew up in the kitchen with my mom and grandma. I was fascinated by the cooking. So I always wanted to open a Mexican restaurant and serve the authentic dishes that we serve here — with the modern twist, of course. I didn't want to do the traditional presentation, so we added a little French twist to it, which is very good."

She started saving for her own restaurant back in high school, working two jobs at a time. There was a two-year delay in construction of the restaurant, hassling with the permit process. "I couldn't have gone this far without the support of my family — my mother, who often does prep in the kitchen, and my brother Ricky, who comes to our rescue whenever and wherever we need him. He's washing dishes right now."

Tesoro's opening chef, Hawaiian-reared David Salgado, moved back to his home state sometime in February, leaving

former sous-chef Fernando Martinez in charge of cooking the menu both chefs devised in concert with the owners.

"My family in Acapulco has a couple of restaurants there," says chef Fernando. "They've been cooking for the last fifty, seventy years. They cooked for the governors of the Guerrero state of Mexico. That's how I discovered myself in the kitchen. They taught me how to cook and all about Mexican food." Seven years ago, his father moved to Southern California. "I visited him, and I decided to stay for a little while."

"I have a number of dishes on the menu that are my own recipes. *Pollo en tequila* [chicken with tequila and tamarind sauce] is my recipe, and so is shrimp and chipotle chiles with creamy rice. The *filet mignon al chipotle* [filet with chipotles] is from my family, and so is halibut with almonds. I have a lot of my home plates that I want to show to everyone." ■

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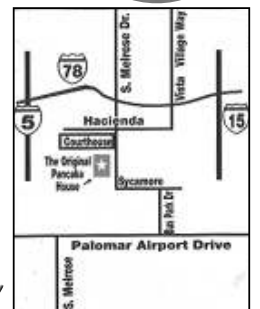
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The first place I ever ate a Snickers bar with a knife and fork?

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It's a tiny sliver of a joint up in Hillcrest, across from the Crest Café. "The Wit's End," it says. Brick, white stucco, a green awning. Coming from inside is that burble of conversation and laffs that tells you they've got something going on here.

So, hey, I moseyed in under the little green awning. And realized that I'd been here before, back when it was the Sui Shin, a Japanese teahouse sushi place. Reds, golds, blacks, bamboos, a raised table-platform in the back for tea ceremonies, ceilings hidden by tented goldy-red drapery. Very cool.

The drapery is still here, the tile floor, the gold metal "bamboo" chairs still all lined up at what used to be the sushi bar, but the rest of the place is all pub. People downing pints of red beer, eating and yakking at tables. A sign advertises "a hundred beers from around the world!" and a Homer Simpson Chia-head is trying hard to sprout green grass hairs inside a plastic-bag "hot-house" on the bar. Near the front door, a rubber chicken hangs by its neck with a sign: "No Solicitors."

I sit down at the counter. Ooh. I see Red Trolley Ale is on tap, along with Stone and other good local brews. Behind the counter, a guy sets a

dumbbell weight on top of a hinged sandwich toaster to keep it pressed down. *Mad TV* is on-screen, doing a number on George W. Folk music plays on the system. I notice the tea-ceremony table, where you used to sit cross-legged in Sui Shin days. Now it's full of people eating and talking. I order up a Stone Pale Ale. Not cheap. Four bucks, but I love the stuff.

I flip the menu to the food side. It's a big page of appetizers, soups, salads, omelets, sandwiches, rice bowls, and desserts. A lot, for a café-pub.

"It's the Menu that Grew," says Neal, the sandwich-presser. He's also the owner. He also owned it when it was Japanese. "Sui Shin never quite took off," he says. "We called it quits about 18 months ago. Reopened as this pub, café-style, but with a serious attitude toward beers. There's no other place like us around here. But we started without a name. Just couldn't think of anything. I was at my wit's end when my wife Laurie said, 'That's it!'"

He says he "limped along" through the summer of '04, then with the presidential election heating up he started showing *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart. His satellite feed brought it in three hours ahead of cable. "Suddenly we had something going here. We became a bastion of liberal values! It's never stopped. Come any night at eight, the show's on, the regulars are here."

**TIN
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He leaves me to the menu. Oh, man. Everything's within range. Six, seven bucks. Looks honest. Like, they have "today's soup" and "yesterday's soup." The bowl's \$4.75 for today's, \$4.45 for yesterday's. The pot-roast hot sandwich with horseradish and au jus is \$6.45. They have vegetarian sandwiches too, but I kind of like the look of the rice bowls. Teriyaki beef or chicken rice bowl is \$6.45, pesto chicken or beef is \$6.65, and the one that really sounds outstanding is the beef or chicken stroganoff bowl, "creamy stroganoff with mushrooms and onions, \$6.95."

On the other hand, there's this weird afterthought. "Gary's Bowl." Get this: "Rice, meatloaf or pot roast, covered with your choice of soup. \$6.95."

Uh-huh. Weird.

"What's going to fill me most?" I bleat, as usual, when in doubt. "One of the omelets," Neal says. Yes, they serve them all day. The "Mexican" comes with onion, avocado, cheddar, salsa, sour cream, and steamed rice, or toast or green salad, for \$6.45. "Guaranteed to fill you," he says.

And what's up with "Gary's Bowl"?

"Gary's my older brother. He just concocted that. Lots of these dishes are from customers' ideas."

That does it. I go for Brother Gary's bowl, meat-loaf version. It comes with today's soup,

chicken tortilla. So, like, thar she blows, the big block of meatloaf, submerged in this mess of potage, tasting like something grandma might whip up for you.

But we're not through with weird yet. Fifteen minutes later I'm looking at desserts. A "mini ginger crème brûlée" is \$3.50. So is the root beer float.

Then you've got "Snickers Bar *Seinfeld*-style, \$1.50."

Well, you know I'm going to pick the \$1.50, no matter what.

The Snickers arrives on a big plate with big heavy stainless knife and fork. People are looking.

"Don't worry," says Neal. "They all understand. This comes from the *Seinfeld* episode where George is trying to impress his employers. He's at a New York Yankees boardroom luncheon and eats a Snickers bar with his knife and fork. 'How do you eat yours?' is his famous line. Soon everybody's doing it. Quite an episode."

I slice away. It feels pretty, well, civilized. I leave humming, "These are the days, my friend..." 'Cause this is the kind of place where you'd look back through the window and remember a whole chapter of your life passing inside. If only you could have it about a block away from home. ■

The Place: *The Wit's End, 420 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-4848*

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"The berries were really tight and really small, and the seeds were completely brown."

By 2002, Kevin Kozak had become an accomplished amateur winemaker. But when he brought out some of his '01 Cabernet at a Rancho Peñasquitos block party, neighbor Fred Papouban upped the ante. Recalls Kozak, "He said, 'Wow, this is good. We should make 10,000 bottles of this next year.' I said, 'Legally, you can only make 200 gallons for home use. We'd need to be a bonded winery.' So he said, 'Let's do it.' That's the thing I like about Fred: he's a classic entrepreneur. He just does stuff. I'm an operations guy — I want to see the specs. We're a good balance for each other." And so began La Jolla Canyon Winery.

"The key here was economy," says Kozak. "We've kept the costs very low. I didn't take out any loans — I put in \$1000 here, \$2000 there. The cool thing is that you see people put \$500,000 into buying a winery and the tanks and everything, and we're saying, 'You can make good wine without doing all that.'" Papouban offered Kozak the use of his business space — he runs a catering operation out of a strip-industrial park tucked against the edge of a Mira Mesa canyon. So that took care of rent. Kozak already had a fair amount of equipment picked up during his amateur days, including a crusher-destemmer that had always been too large but proved ideal at the professional level. He stuck with his hand-crank basket

press and bought a big, plastic tank for storage and some open-top bins for fermentation. "It's the old-style way of doing it, but even some of the bigger wineries swear by these bins." Used barrels came from Filsinger Winery in Temecula, where Kozak had paid for fruit but gotten plenty of free advice as well. New barrels he got from World Cooperage. The paperwork went through; now all they needed was fruit.

"La Jolla Canyon Winery has that name for a couple of reasons," explains Kozak. "There's a nice name recognition, but we also don't want to pretend that we're growing our grapes. People who get the reference say, 'La Jolla Canyon is underwater,' and we're, like, 'Yeah.'" To drive the point home, the winery's current label features a topographic map of the canyon with the La Jolla coast hugging the image's right edge.

So what to make? "Fred and I both prefer reds, and if you look at the marketing data, Chardonnay is almost neck and neck with Merlot. Our main focus is going to be on red wine. But the idea was to have something to kick-start the winery in the first year, and people do like white. It's sort of a soft opening." White wine tends to be a bit more demanding, equipment-wise; it's nice to be able to control your fermentation temperatures precisely. "Fortunately, as a bonded winery, you're allowed to make wine at another bonded

winery and transfer it. We made the Chardonnay in Temecula. I tried to make it in the French style, like a White Burgundy. It's fermented in stainless steel, aged in oak for a little while, and then put back into stainless steel. The citrus overtone is there, and the buttery flavor isn't. People taste it and say, 'I didn't know a Chardonnay could taste like this.'"

The 2004 Cabernet required more research. "I went to the two big vineyard management companies in Temecula: Drake and Staid Ranch. They were really helpful; they drove me around, walked me through the vineyards, and gave me a price list. I found out where the vineyards were and who was making wine from them. Then I went to the wineries and tasted the wines." He's excited about the results. "The berries were really tight and really small, and the seeds were completely brown," promising signs of grape health, concentration, and physiological ripeness. "For being as young as it is," he says, siphoning out a taste of the new, purple wine, "it's very drinkable. I'm very happy with it."

Instead of the Temecula appellation, the two chose the more general designation of South Coast. One reason is that the Cabernet contains 15 percent of Escondido Merlot, from Mike Dunlap's home vineyard. Another is "a marketing thing. I think some people down here, when they see 'Temecula,' they think, 'I can go to Temecula to get Temecula wine.' South Coast is more general, and that can be kind of our theme." The Dunlap Merlot also figures into the Cab/Merlot meritage blend and gets a stand-alone bottling.



Fred Papouban, Kevin Kozak

"And I'm working on getting some Syrah from Eagle Gap Vineyards," situated just this side of the Riverside County line. "If we could get all local fruit, I'd prefer to go that way."

While he waits for the reds to come of age in the barrel, Kozak is toying with label design. "I like our current label enough, but it doesn't jump out at you. The hardest part about starting a winery is having a really good wine sitting on the shelf that nobody knows about." If you don't have brand recognition, you've got to find another way to attract attention. Kozak has won awards for his amateur labels from both *Wine-Maker* magazine and the San Diego County Fair. "I have three daughters. I take their fingerpaints and stuff, scan them, and play around with the colors and the crazy shapes they draw. We really need to develop a kind of symbol." Right now he's working on a black label adorned with a small square of bright color — "something bold."

And he's working on getting the wine into the marketplace. His successes have come through

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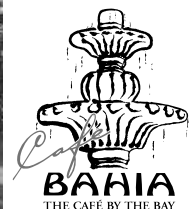
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If things work out, notes Kozak, "As a bonded winery, we're allowed to have a tasting room. I think that's the key to really good sales. In our dream plans, we'd do something in combination with Fred's catering — he makes high-end hors d'oeuvres. But first we have to make some good wine." ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Bistro Soleil 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. The fare here is French but not too "Frenchy," in the sunny Provençal style that seems closer to Italy than Paris, with more olive oil than butter, more tomatoes than truffles. Owned by Claude Barrare, a surfing fanatic transplanted from the Atlantic beach town of Biarritz, the bistro recreates the laid-back atmosphere of its cousins overseas. Naturally, the Gallic comfort food here is more free-form and California-fied than you'd find in southern France. Highlights of the seasonally changing menu include classic poached foie gras, an unconventional but tasty bouillabaisse, and, when available, a luscious mushroom cream soup. Save room for the ethereal fruit desserts. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; reserve on summer weekends. Upper moderate. — N.W. (8/03)

Bubby's Gelato 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

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Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofuf/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and

syrrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Johnny Manana's 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

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gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry *sfogliatelle*, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sandwiches. Open daily. — *N.W.* (8/03)

NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket *ve-r-ry* slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

Ashoka The Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido, 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to high. — *N.W.* (10/04)

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are

rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

GOLD COAST

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spectacular, e.g., the airy, bitter-sweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his *tortellini al gorgonzola* is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests en-

joy soft-hued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — *S.M.* (4/04)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — *S.M.* (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are

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LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the-oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème friche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger—big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirt cheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Cafe Japengo 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. This hopping "meet market" literally overflows with the area's beautiful go-getters on Thursday and Friday nights, and is almost as busy the rest of the week, too. What draws the crowd, besides the crowd itself, is the smashing decor, breezy patio, and beautiful-looking plates of Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best (if you can get to it through the mob). Keep an eye on the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Valet parking (or free validated parking in lower-level garage). Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

La Jolla Cantina 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. Huevos rancheros (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each

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P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambience carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Sushi On The Rock 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. No reservations,

long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 858-456-1138. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/02)*

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummerners' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero — its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muf-

fulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packed foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nostalgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Todai 2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-299-8996. You'll find no dish "to die" for at this So-Cal-

based chain restaurant. It calls itself "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets" and has spawned branches in suburban malls all over the country. Our branch looks like a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. There's a huge array of seafood, sushi, *teppanyaki*, and assorted Asian nibbles — some pretty good, some pretty awful (e.g., "Dungeon" crab cooked to mush). They do rotate the dishes regularly until a half hour before closing, keeping most items reasonably fresh. Two vast, drab dining rooms (seating 500) feature strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the crowded masses. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake available. Reservations for large groups only. Family atmosphere, very noisy. Arrive early to cover the territory. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate, with kiddie and senior discounts. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eye-catching decor and a longer and more serious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to reserve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par *taramasalata*), outstanding

moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious omelets, huge sandwiches, and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Go Greek Cafe and Grill 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven

and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey moussaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs — they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (soft-shelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

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Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky waterside pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking; more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Island Spice 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)



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Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties—including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day—you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Flo-

rentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-8636. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sautéed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version—it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, *spanakopita*, moussaka, *dolmades*. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent *dolmades* (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mario's De La Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro*

(seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A.—very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menu*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Monty Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Sala Thai 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint—except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, la-

beled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottest curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/04)*

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego"—meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked—Chalav Yisroel—from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felaful, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers—local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud—aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts—white or sweetly robust whole wheat—are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own

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The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate diners—and they are full—include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN


The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands

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Alex's Brown Bag 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in *Moonstruck* retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalacchi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dangereuses*, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like *torta di melanzana*, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemon, capers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs, and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with *spaghetti della casa*. Lunches Tuesday through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-



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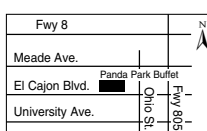
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Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessarattu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vin-daloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Prado House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana *tres leches* cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and

simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a well-priced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquets are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

Saffron Noodles And Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is — and Su-Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast — it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes — like Su-Mei Yu herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Taste Of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town. 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those somethings are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconut-shrimp kebabs emerging from a pineapple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

DOWNTOWN

A La Carte On Sixth Avenue 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Assaggio 835 Fourth Avenue (near F Street, between the two Bandars), Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Sit on the sidewalk patio and you'll feel like you're in Italy at this authentic Italian trattoria, which started out as a bakery and evolved into a full-scale eatery. Soups and pastas are usually wonderful (try the *penne ubriache*); however, entrées are more pedestrian and seafood isn't a strong suit. Every meal here has a happy ending: the delightful desserts are made in-house and baked fresh daily. Match them with some of the

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Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisiana-style sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad. Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily, low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. And they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine." Would you settle for decent Brooklyn- or Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch. But don't look for fresh-picked veggies, too — it's Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen's menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional "Chef's Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Saturdays) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigon in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suey, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Downtown Johnny Brown's 1220 Third Avenue (in the Community Concourse at Third and B), downtown, 619-232-8414. Walk up through the Community Concourse past the ship fountain and bingo! — downtown's answer to a European sidewalk café. Place has a generous patio of chairs and umbrellas. All green and white. You get two types here: sport-minded types (a dozen TV screens, Chargers, Padres, Aztecs banners inside), and city government workers. Burgers are good, but try the breast of chicken burger with soup of the day. Chicken's grilled, edge-burnt, spicy. Soup's bobbing with fresh-cut vegetables. Also, salads: taco or Southwest Chicken. What's best: sitting outside and watching people — not traffic — bustle by. — *E.B. (4/03)*

Greystone 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are

mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

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Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. At this branch, the chef is Brian Johnston (formerly of Star of the Sea), but most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties — which are pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily, in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India 729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy," with a few tropical additions vaguely inspired by Southern flavors. Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disappointingly soft-surfaced. A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers, full bar specializing in sweet cocktails. Open daily. Inexpensive buffet lunches; moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "islander" cuisine featuring greasy Cantonese-American fried classics, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly

umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly until 11 p.m.; weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Osetra 904 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-239-1800. Possibly the most expensive restaurant in San Diego. Osetra is named for a precious, near-endangered caviar (which it serves) and attracts patrons who enjoy throwing their money around. The atmosphere is pure Las Vegas, with two floors of loud ambient music, glitzy décor, and a "wine angel" in black tights hoisting herself around a gleaming glass tower to fetch your precious bottle. Celebrities and big spenders get attentive service, others take their chances. The menu is mostly seafood, but it, too, carries the Vegas imprimatur of vulgar bad taste. Too many bold flavors are at war on almost every plate, and even the simplest dishes are overwrought frenzies of fusion. Best bets for satisfying your palate and curiosity: raw oysters, the cold seafood platter, caviar (if your wallet and conscience can afford it). Disabled access to first-floor dining room only. Full bar. Dinner nightly until 11 p.m., to midnight on weekends. Reserve well ahead. Exorbitant. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape), Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi is crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on weekends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The

USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a special oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful — especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins — the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. weeknights and 1 a.m. weekends. Reservations advised. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Tamale Cart Outside Rancho Fresco, 1852 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-338-9140. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to eat as the Aztecs ate, come here and try some of the tamales — classic Aztec food — in all their flavors. Tamales are sort of steamed cornmeal dumplings wrapped in corn husks, served with sauce. The choice of goodies stuffed in the middle can include strips of pork, beef, chicken, or cheese, as well as pineapple, strawberries, or coconut. While you're at it, try the traditional accompaniment, the *champurrado* drink: milk mixed with *masa* — ground corn meal — chocolate, and cinnamon. In this mainly Spanish-speaking market you can sit, watch, and pick up a few bargains too. Tamales make a great breakfast. Three should do you. These are made by the Restaurant Chianapaneco up at 25th and Market. Open breakfast through late lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the ziestest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa relleno* is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. *Seco de cabrito* features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious dinner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

The Family House of Pancakes 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista. 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Karihan Restaurant 2220 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center,

National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Mary J's Cafe 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645 or 619-477-5306. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised

patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

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El Nido Boulevard Benito Juárez #67 (1-1/2 blocks north of Hotel Festival Plaza), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-1430. Head south if you're looking for a great dry-aged, mesquite-broiled steak at a bargain price — but don't stop there. Try the house specialty, quail with garlic sauce (*codorniz al mojo de ajo*), or venison, especially the savory *machaca de venado* (strips of meat with peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer *machaca*. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable

prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

La Espadana Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Borrego*. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic, and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef — steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame-and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their *espadañas* (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree — whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (11/04)*

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an egg-covered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterey cheese, all swimming in a chocolate mole sauce. You haul the *huazontle* branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: *Dedos Mon-*

tezuma ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; *torta de camarón seco* is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; *cecina Oaxaqueña* is cured meat with cactus salad. But there're also steaks, *mole poblano* (chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious *chile en nogada* (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — *E.B. (2/05)*

Los Pelicanos Calle de Cedro 115 #45 (west of Juarez), Rosarito Beach, Baja, 661-612-0445 or 661-612-1737. This hotel dining room is El Nido's little (and less gifted) sister, with a much shorter menu (no venison) and perhaps less careful cooking. It serves good steaks and surf-and-turf in a handsome room and, at lunch, on a pretty ocean-view terrace. To find it, look for large sign on west side of Juarez, north of the tourist hub, directing you to the site. One winding flight up to the restaurant, no elevator. Bilingual staff and menu. Full bar. Open daily, three meals. Moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mercado Sobre Ruedas From the toll road, take first Rosarito exit. At third traffic light, turn left and then take immediate right into Colonia Lucio Blanco. Don't miss this huge flea market that materializes every Sunday (from morning until mid-afternoon) a couple of miles north of the tourist part of town. Its dozens of food-booths offer a vast variety of local treats, ranging from barbecued mutton (*borrego*) to savory Jalisco-style goat stew (*birria de chivo*) to all manner of tacos, made-to-order hotcakes with syrup, "Mexican hamburgers," and Sno-Kones (don't worry about the ice; by law, it has to be made with purified water). The food is totally authentic, cooked to Mexican tastes, and it's a carnival for the mouth. Many vendors speak some English. Rock-bottom prices; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to *milanesa*, steak ranchero, *carne asada*, *chile relleno*, and *pescado* (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (3/04)*

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-

grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "*Il Fornaio*" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisteccina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interest-

ing regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance (with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are American-style, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no *mamma mia* in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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How nice it is, nowadays, to come upon a film directed by someone with whom you go back a ways, and feel some familiarity. Someone for whom you even feel, or have felt, some friendship. Scheduled to open this week, as an example, in fact as two examples, are films directed by Woody Allen and John Boorman, *Melinda and Melinda* and *In My Country*. Both of these men, just this side and just that side of seventy respectively, have been directing films for more or less four decades, although, inasmuch as no director can keep pace with Allen over that span of time, Boorman has not directed half as many. The latter nonetheless had a run of three films in a span of five years — *Deliverance*, *Zardoz*, *Exorcist II: The Heretic* — that ensure my abiding interest, if not my unwavering loyalty, for as long as he can totter on to another project. Meanwhile, Allen's audience, you will have noticed, has abandoned him in droves since the halcyon days of *Love and Death* and *Annie Hall*, and yet, for me, even such

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trifles as *Small Time Crooks* and *Hollywood Ending* are sufficient to fan the flame of hope. I can get up for these movies. And as soon as the Final Four can be distilled to One Shining Moment, I promise I will.

It was right after the start of the new year that I compiled in these pages, as a sort of rhetorical stunt, a list of fifty directors of some renown or past promise (Soderbergh, Spielberg, etc.) whose films in the bygone year had not exactly panned out into gold. This was meant as a word of caution: big names won't guarantee big rewards; beware. But we are now three months into the new year, a quarter of the way through it, and I feel today that I would rather receive silt from any of those fifty directors — pebbles, dirt, dust — than what I have been given instead. Granted, Clint Eastwood's *Million Dollar Baby* opened locally within this calendar year, though I myself first saw it within the previous calendar. Were he included in the passing parade, he would stand out like Gulliver in Lilliput. Without him, or despite



Melinda and Melinda

him, a sort of reverse stunt, a back flip, could be pulled off with a list of the directors of neither renown nor promise who have trooped past us so far in 2005.

Here, weeding out the unrenowned documentarians and foreign-language filmmakers, they come — hut, two, three, four — in alphabetical order: Shona Auerbach, Mike Binder, Uwe Boll, Rob Bowman, Thomas Carter,

Richard Day, Frederik Du Chau, Tim Fywell, Terry George, Darren Grant, F. Gary Gray, Lawrence Guterman, Dan Harris, Stephen Herek, Nicole Kassell, Stephen Kay, Clare Kilner, Brian Levant, Francis Lawrence, John Maybury, Klaus Menzel, Russell Mulcahy, Hideo Nakata, Frank Nissen, Matthew Parkhill, John Pasquin, John Polson, Jean-François Richet, Angela

Robinson, Geoffrey Sax, Adam Shankman, Florent Siri, Kevin Rodney Sullivan, Andy Tennant, and Chris Wedge. That's only thirty-five, but then again, this is only the end of March.

No one but the rarest breed of film buff (someone, I would imagine, a bit like me at age twenty) will be able by the end of the year, or possibly even now, to pick out from that list the cor-

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rect director of, say, *Alone in the Dark* or *Assault on Precinct 13* or *Boogeyman* or *Constantine* or *Elektra* or *The Jacket* or *White Noise*, let alone identify any other work of that director, let alone identify a directorial personality in it. The one name on the list which I personally am disposed to add to my mental Rolodex is that of Terry George, for *Hotel Rwanda*, another late arrival from last year. Which means nothing more than that he would qualify for the next list of directors of promise who failed to deliver. And it is not as if, for the sake of rhetoric, I have ruthlessly suppressed bigger names who might have lent a little cachet to the unreeling year.

I left Paul Weitz off the list because I can actually recall, without recourse to the Internet Movie Database, his entire directorial output, stretching back no farther than 1999, though it's only the latest of his four credits — *In Good Company* — that elevates him to a director of promise. I left off Michael Radford as well — *The Merchant of Venice* — because his *The Postman*, not Kevin Costner's *The Postman*, but *Il Postino*, overpraised though it was, is still pretty well remembered. Danny Boyle — *Millions* — amounts, in the foregoing company, almost to an established, entrenched eminento, with five features released in the U.S., now six, in eleven years, even if it was the very first of them, *Shallow Grave*, that showed the most promise. Wayne Wang — *Because of Winn-Dixie* — has made, in his erratic if not schizophrenic career, a better film than Danny Boyle, *The Joy-Luck Club*, but only that *one*, in ten more years of trying. And Wes Craven — *Cursed* — goes back yet another ten years, as far back as Clint Eastwood, but without one really worthwhile film in all that time. The three months in the rearview mirror constitute an answer, of sorts, to the question of whatever became of the *auteur* theory. Bluntly, the feeding tube got disconnected.

Just under a year ago I was writing about the newest Alain Resnais film, *Not on the Lips*, after trekking to L.A. to see it in the City of Lights/City of Angels festival of recent French cinema. Now the film has come out on DVD without ever having had a theatrical release in America, even in the cultural meccas. I hardly know whether to praise the DVD medium for opening that avenue or to blame it for building such a beckoning bypass. DVDs obviously have increased the traffic flow of cinematic obscurities and oddities, but how many of these, scrimping on marketing costs, have been siphoned off from the standard theatrical route? (And that's to say nothing of the countless classics, or anyway oldies, that have, in effect, been permanently siphoned off from erstwhile repertory houses.) Given the poor commercial prospects of the Resnais film, I would concede that in this case praise must outweigh blame. Americans were not going to see it any other way. What a shame, though. And I do mean *shame*.

The latest film festival in our local constellation is the inaugural San Diego International Children's Film Festival, April 8 through 10 at the Museum of Photographic Arts in Balboa Park. The programs, targeted at different age groups, take place mostly during the daylight hours on the weekend: short films from around the world, with an aim to start widening horizons at an early age. Additionally, a feature-length Christmas fantasy, LeVar

Burton's *Blizzard*, will be screened at noon on the Sunday, with the director present. Go to www.sdchildrensfilm.org for more.

And Midnight Madness, the third edition, gets underway at Landmark's La Jolla Village this Saturday night, with *The Goonies*. That wouldn't merit a mention, but the following Saturday, with *The Big Lebowski*, would. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of 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, gossip 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.

★★ (LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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Because of Winn-Dixie — A homeless mutt fills the void in the life of a motherless girl, and knits together the townsfolk of Naomi, Florida. The maker of *The Center of the World* and *Slam Dance* might not be the man whom you'd choose to entrust with the care of your children. Then again, Wayne Wang is also the maker of *Maid in Manhattan* and *Anywhere but Here*. (Will the real Wayne Wang please stand up?) In any event, there's nothing to worry about here beyond an overflow of sap. The first-person narrator, trying to give the one in *To Kill a Mockingbird* a run for her money, assures you "It's a good story," but apart from some atmospheric mundanities (the girl's father, a Baptist minister, holds Sunday services in the former Pick-It-Quick Food Mart), it's mostly a sententious story. Based on the novel by Kate DiCamillo. With AnnaSophia Robb, Jeff Daniels, Cicely Tyson, Dave Matthews, and Eva Marie Saint. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

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 full-blooded black man rather than a half-and-half as in *Walking Tall*, tries to have some fun as a homosexual bodyguard and would-be actor; and Vince Vaughn tries to do likewise as a talent agent and would-be African-American. None of this spirit is contagious, though some of it is noxious. Based on the novel by Elmore Leonard; with Christina Milian, Cedric the Entertainer, Harvey Keitel, and, as himself, Steven Tyler of Aerosmith. 2005.

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Bride and Prejudice — A Jane Austen-pattern fairy tale cut out of the gaudy fabric of a Bollywood musical. After pointlessly altering the first word of the familiar title, filmmaker Gurinder Chadha (*Bhaji on the Beach*, *Bend It Like Beckham*) aggressively pushes the third word into the realm of

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race relations, as an Ugly American hotel king, retaining the family name of Darcy, and idly looking to acquire a property in what he views as “Hicksville, India,” butts heads with a marriageable but modern-minded native (“I thought we got rid of imperialists like you”), quite impervious to the advice of her conventional mother: “Don’t say anything too intelligent.” (It is still a fairy tale, for all that, a long way shy of a Kipling-pattern miscegenation tale along the lines of *Without Benefit of Clergy* or *Beyond the Pale*.) The American, played or merely represented by the callow, wooden, male-modelly Martin Henderson, is so unappealing that the viewer is apt to root against détente, and is apt to think less of the immensely appealing Aishwarya Rai when she inevitably relents. The song-and-dance number of the four unmarried sisters in their pj’s, “No Life without Wife,” is the tipsy highpoint, though there are long dry spells during which you can almost forget that the movie is a musical. 2005. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4)

Constantine — Soporific supernaturalism, notwithstanding some startling special effects, with Keanu Reeves as a cool-dude demonologist in a long coat, doomed to Hell for a momentarily successful suicide attempt, and ticketed to an early grave, even now, for a pack-a-day smoking habit. Tilda Swinton, of all people, is cast as the angel Gabriel, and seems to take the job seriously; Peter Stormare is Lucifer, and seems not to. With Rachel Weisz, Shia LaBeouf, Pruitt Taylor Vince,

Djimon Hounsou; directed by Francis Lawrence. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Cursed — Werewolf update: Internet research, teen lingo (“This is pretty freaky shit”), computer-generated beasts, and self-mocking, 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)

Dear Frankie — First-time director and cinematographer (rare combination) Shona Auerbach builds a façade of realism over an interior of mush. The title figure (Jack McElhone) is a nine-year-old deaf boy who never speaks, yet narrates the action (in an all but unintelligible Scots accent) in the form of letters to his absent Da, ostensibly away at sea. The punctual replies to these letters are actually penned by Ma (Emily Mortimer), who, in a creaky contrivance, is obliged to hire a perfect stranger (Gerard Butler, more perfect than you could dream) to impersonate Da on leave. Add this to the list of films — *Gerry*, *Heaven*, *Swept Away*, *Since Otter Left*, *La Petite Lili* — that procure poignance through the use of the same Arvo Pärt piece, “Spiegel im Spiegel.” It’s gotten a little ridiculous. Not even Pachelbel’s *Canon* has had a heavier workout in a shorter time. 2004.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

D.E.B.S. — A low-tech, low-budget, low-profile *Charlie’s Angels*, with an uncloseted lesbian agenda. The top student at an all-

girl spy school is writing her thesis on the elusive criminal mastermind, Lucy Diamond, when she gets to meet her subject face to face: “You’re *so* not what I expected.” The feeling is reciprocated: “Being bad doesn’t feel good anymore.” Sara Foster kissing Jordana Brewster is not, however, Cameron Diaz kissing Demi Moore, and is not apt to turn any heads. Writer-director Angela Robinson, who moved on from here to the Disney automotive fantasy, *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, appeals not so much to your sense of humor as to your political sympathies. A shaky leg for a spy spoof to stand on. 2005.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/31)

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 gun-toting granny. With Kimberly Elise, Shemar Moore, Steve Harris, and Cicely Tyson; directed by Darren Grant. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Dot the I — Nothing-is-as-it-seems love triangle, composed of a Brit, a Brazilian, and a Spaniard, in London. Writer-director Matthew Parkhill, in his feature debut, conceals the complete illogicality until the “sucker-punch” twist. In the meantime, he reveals the charms of Gael García Bernal and Natalia Verbeke. With James D’Arcy, Tom Hardy, Charlie Cox. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/1; KEN, THROUGH 3/31)

Downfall — Two-and-a-half-hour countdown to the end of the Third Reich. Bruno Ganz, digging into his meatiest role in years, looks and sounds fine as the Führer; and filmmaker Oliver Hirschbiegel’s strict adherence to documented history, and to the precise design and décor of the infamous bunker, give the film some educational value, although the drab-to-dismal cinematography equates to a professorial drone. Entertainment value, meantime, rises no higher than sadistic pleasure at seeing Hitler have a bad fifty-sixth birthday and bad rest of his life: “No one understands me....” With Alexandra Maria Lara, Julianne Köhler, Corinna Harfouch, Ulrich Matthes. 2004.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Finding Neverland — Academic exercise, adapted from an unrenowned theater piece entitled *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*, that purports to show how the playwright J.M. Barrie sculpted the glazed statue of *Peter Pan* from the soft clay of his real-life relationship with a widow and her four boys. (Albeit a platonic relationship, both with the widow and — titillating though it may be to believe otherwise — with the boys: “There have also been questions of how you spend time with those boys, *and why?*”) The usefulness of this exercise is rather diminished by the insistence, for Dramatic Purposes, that Barrie’s stroke of inspiration was somehow a bolt from the blue: thus the concealment of the playwright’s prior successes on the stage, the indifference to such outside literary influences as R.L. Stevenson (*Treasure Island*) and W.S. Gilbert (*The Pirates of Penzance*), the obliviousness to the prevailing child-worship afoot in England at the time, the denial of the

pandering, undaring fashionability of the theme, and the preposterous pretense that it would constitute some sort of insight or revelation, as opposed to self-evident truism, that the play’s subtitle, “The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up,” applies equally to its author as to its hero. (In real life, what’s more, the widow was not even a widow.) Johnny Depp summons up a decent Scottish accent to accompany an indecent smirk. And Kate Winslet is her usual tower of strength and intelligence in spite of a role so narrow in conception that she’s not going to be allowed to cough unless she’s going to die of it. With Julie Christie, Radha Mitchell, Dustin Hoffman; directed by Marc Forster. 2004.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Goonies — “A Richard Donner Film,” but “a Steven Spielberg Presentation.” The second fellow wrote the original story and was one-third of the team of executive producers, and the finished product is chock-full of Spielbergian ingredients: skeletons, bugs, bats, boulders. There is even (in the duplicitous spirit of E.T.’s resurrection) a moment of sentimental self-sacrifice so that there can later be a moment of joyful reunion when the self-sacrificer is spared anyway. There are also lots of jokes — of the sort, for example, wherein the penis will be broken off Mom’s miniature reproduction of Michelangelo’s David, and will be glued back on upside-down. The story tells of a gang of seven kids (these are The Goonies, modern counterpart of The Little Rascals) in search of the legendary buried treasure of One-Eyed Willie, who has protected his riches with an elaborate complex of booby traps that would put the Egyptian pyramid-builders to shame. All of the kids take turns getting hysterical, and the movie is consequently unpleasantly shrill. It would be a blessing if some of the kids could be killed off, but it isn’t that kind of movie. It would not want to alienate anybody. And indeed its closest kinship to childhood is probably its desperate desire to be popular, though it ultimately takes this desire beyond desperation and into depravity. Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen, Kerri Green, Martha Plimpton. 1985.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/2 MIDNIGHT)

Guess Who — From the original studio — Columbia — comes a new spin on *Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner*. Now — nearly forty years later — it’s a black girl bringing home a white fiancé, rather than the other way around, and meeting more open hostility than back then. What was once a purposeful gathering of Hollywood liberals (Tracy and Hepburn, together again for the last time, Poitier, Stanley Kramer) at a critical juncture in history — a “special” occasion — is now just another lowbrow Laff Riot, skirting the issue and trafficking instead in sitcommy meet-the-parents clichés, marital clichés, homosexual (or homophobic) clichés: not just a step backward in social progress but even more in cinematic progress. Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher, who get most of the chances on the way to some male-bonding clichés, give it their best effort, but it never resembles a team effort. With Zoë Saldana and Judith Scott; directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan. 2005.

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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

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intuitively fear they will, react to this newfangled advisor to the lovelorn, this better-dressed Cupid, as if he were the satanic spawn of Valmont and Mme. de Merteuil from *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. What, or where, is the beef? Will Smith tries to apologize for his insufferable air of overconfidence by way of a cartoonish depiction of a shellfish allergy (his face swelling like a battered boxer's), a flashback to his days as a collegiate nerd, and a genuinely funny bout of inarticulacy when pleading his case to his steamed girlfriend. Director Andy Tennant sees to it that the star gets his accustomed surplus of closeups. In fact he sees to it that the subservient support team — Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Julie Ann Emery — get more than their share of closeups, too. In fact he sees to little else. 2005.

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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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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



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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.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

In My Country — Post-apartheid tale of South Africa, with Juliette Binoche and Samuel L. Jackson, directed by John Boorman.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/1)

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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Kinsey — Heavy-footed biopic on the controversial American sexologist Alfred Kinsey (Liam Neeson, suppressing his Irish accent into something not quite American and not quite British, but adrift somewhere in the ocean between). Writer-director Bill Condon apparently felt it was vital to establish his subject's upbringing under a puritanical father ("Electricity has made possible the degrading picture show"), yet it's unapparent why he needed four actors — three younger incarnations who are poor matches for the mature adult — to establish it: the father (a typecast John Lithgow) doesn't change his tune with any of them. The storyline eventually catches up to the lead actors, or vice versa, in middle age, but not before Neeson and Laura Linney have had to play at being virgins on their wedding night: it would be hard to sort out the strands of embarrassment in that scene. There's an efficient framing device — right at the outset and at intervals throughout — of Kinsey submitting to the same sexual-history interview he administered to thousands of others, but even with that, it takes a long time to get him from the study of gall wasps to the study of human sexuality. (The lesson learned from the

insects — the individuality of every creature in the species — carries over to humans as well, with striking rhetorical effect, particularly in a checkerboard montage of talking heads dotting the U.S. map.) A great deal of chronological ground is gone over, in mostly cursory fashion, and without many signposts as to where exactly we are and what's going on in the world at large. It's clear enough, all the same, that we're in a sexual Dark Age and that Kinsey, notwithstanding his unprepossessing bow tie and crew cut, is our Prometheus. His experimentation on himself ("I punctured my foreskin.... It didn't give me any pleasure"), including a go at homosexuality with one of his assistants (Peter Sarsgaard, dropping his drawers for art), takes him near to mad-scientist territory; and even Kinsey squirms a bit in his interview of a sexual omnivore to whom age presents no barrier. Might he be, after all, more a Pandora than a Prometheus? But the balance of the evidence, most tellingly a momentary crack in the façade of the flinty father and a final testimonial from Lynn Redgrave (a holdover from Condon's *Gods and Monsters*), amounts to a clarion endorsement. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/31)

Melinda and Melinda — Woody Allen comedy starring Radha Mitchell, Will Ferrell, Jonny Lee Miller, Chloë Sevigny, and no Allen.



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been understandable if, after the exertions of *Mystic River*, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of *Blood Work*, *Space Cowboys*, *True Crime*, *Absolute Power*. For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fight-film conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character — a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager, and cut man —

taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a late-starter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as *Mystic River*, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road; been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional *Mystic River*, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become — in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense — the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman. 2004. ★★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION



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Millions — The lighter side of Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting*, *28 Days Later*, et al.), lighter even than *A Life Less Ordinary*, embracing not mere angels, but full-fledged saints. Two little Liverpudlian brothers happen to have a duffel of cash fall in their laps off a passing train. The younger boy, the "clever" one, conversant with all the Catholic saints and visited by a select few (Francis, a cigarette-smoking Clare, Peter, Joseph), takes this as his commission to dispense charity to the needy ("I thought it was from God"), with the added urgency of the looming conversion to the Euro. Once

you swallow the premise, or spit it discreetly into your Kleenex, and once you resign yourself to the inevitable arrival, trackside, of a sinister figure in search of a lost duffel (a far cry, even so, from Robert Mitchum in *Night of the Hunter*), you can have some fun with the older, more practical brother's attempts to rein in and cover up the younger's open-handed philanthropy. With Alex Etel, Lewis McGibbon, James Nesbitt. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12)

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous — Sandra Bullock goes back undercover, with Regina King, William Shatner, and Treat Williams, directed by John Pasquin. (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;

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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

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our fondness for this lugubrious wailer (otherwise known as the Genius of Soul); and the fact that he passed away in the same year in which the movie was released only tightens the emotional screws. The routine re-enactments of financial exploitation, marital infidelities, drug abuse, backstage discord among band members, etc., hope to be ennobled by the brand name of Ray Charles — or more broadly, by the customary blackmail of True Story. Foxx does a commendable job of mimicking the trademark mannerisms — the rocking motion whether walking or singing, the self-hug, the twenty-four-tooth grin — but it’s a performance condemned to stay on the surface, like a leaf on a pond. With Kerry Washington, Regina King, Clifton Powell; directed by Taylor Hackford. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Ring Two — For the sequel, director Gore Verbinski has handed over the franchise to the man who made the Japanese originals, Hideo Nakata. He, perhaps a bit too close to the material for too long, seems to presume that the spectator will have committed the previous chapter to memory, or, if not, will be satisfied with an incoherent series of crisply photographed creep-outs. The spectator should indeed be satisfied with at least a couple of highlights: a herd of aggressive computer-generated stags (same software, it would appear, used by The Hartford in its TV ads) and the herky-jerky climbing technique of the Ghost-in-the-Well. Naomi Watts, back in the ring for Round Two, maintains her intensity; and Elizabeth Perkins, Sissy Spacek, and Gary Cole make the most of their evanescent roles as, respectively, a hospital psychologist, a mental patient, and a dementedly upbeat realtor. With David Dorfman and Simon Baker. 2005. ★ (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 JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Robots — A follow-that-dream fairy tale set in a world of robots, anthropomorphized and sentimentalized to such extent that an assembly-required baby-bot will grow organically into a tot-bot and a teen-bot and ultimately 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 vacuum-sealed sterility, the machine-tooled smoothness, the showroom sheen of computer animation. Or by the two-faced disparagement of money (“Profit schmoft!”) and the pretense of higher principles. Those exclusions should whittle down “everyone” to a mere majority. With the voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Greg Kinnear, Jim Broadbent; directed by Chris Wedge. 2005. ● (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)

Schultze Gets the Blues — The titular Schultze, no first name, gets more than the blues. He gets a muse. A retired German salt miner and an amateur polka accordionist, he stumbles upon a piece of errant zydeco on late-night radio, the answer to a question he never knew to ask. After a bad reception at a meeting of the local music club (“Bloody jungle music!”), he pursues his bliss on a solo odyssey to

Texas and Louisiana. The static camera and Kaurismaki-like deadpan seem a perfect fit for the swollen, water-balloon physique of the stolid hero. (Delightful shots of him squeezed into a pair of swimming trunks for a motel hot tub or doing deep knee bends in T-shirt and suspenders.) And the path charted out for him by first-time writer and director Michael Schorr unfolds as a touching affirmation — a very gently, lightly touching affirmation — of the universal Rebel Within. A man raised among garden gnomes may nonetheless discover a taste for jambalaya. Horst Krause, Harald Warmbrunn, Karl Fred Müller. 2004. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Sea Inside — Factual story of a Spanish quadriplegic who, after twenty-some years of paralysis, took his fight to the courts for the right to die. Given its intrinsic limitations, the film is well directed (by Alejandro Amenábar), well photographed (by Javier Aguirresarobe, who collaborated with this director on *The Others*), and well acted (by Javier Bardem, Belén Rueda, Lola Dueñas, Mabel Rivera, Clara Segura). The protagonist, acting as a spokesman for the artist rather than for euthanasians, says a good thing: “Who said anything about quadriplegics? I’m talking about me!” And his relationships with, primarily, four very different women are sharply defined: the empathetic lawyer who herself suffers from a degenerative disease (and with whom our hero explores the boundaries of untactile sexuality), the simple factory worker who insinuates herself at first as a pro-life advocate, the pregnant representative from Death With Dignity, and the silently devoted sister-in-law who, together with a moody nephew, cares for the invalid round the clock. And the out-and-out debate of the issue with a quadriplegic priest is cleverly staged: the priest’s wheelchair won’t fit up the staircase, and our hero won’t come down, so a messenger must shuttle upstairs and down with the points and counterpoints, until the debate degenerates into a shouting match, with no more need of an intermediary. There are further attempts to cinematize the material through flashback and fantasy. Still, for all its valiant struggle, the film is almost as confined as its protagonist: not so much by restriction of movement as by narrowness of scope. 2004. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Short Cut to Nirvana — Maurizio Benazzo’s and Nick Day’s scattered coverage of the immense Kumbh Mela, an every-twelve-years religious festival 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

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AFTER LIFE (Japan) 1998, New Yorker Video
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thing to being there. Or for the less devoted, a better thing. 2004. ★★ (LA PALOMA, 4/2 AND 3)

Sideways — The bare outline would look like a hundred other buddy comedies: two old friends from college, an ex-soap opera actor and a would-be novelist, take off for an ostensible round of golfing and wine-tasting a week before the former’s wedding. They present a classic study in contrasts: the slob and the snob; the free-wheeler and the fuddy-duddy; the fun-seeker and the aesthete; the hack and the artiste. The film itself not only illustrates the split; it incarnates it. Events unfold straight down the middle of the commercial road: the bridegroom, determined to sow as many

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and Ben Stiller in the parts. Nor would it be difficult to imagine the film as yet another Hollywood remake of a French farce (pick your winemaking region), originally starring Gerard Depardieu and Michel Blanc. But director and co-writer Alexander Payne, apparently drifting contentedly into the mainstream with his *Election* and *About Schmidt*, has clearly chosen now to paddle against the current. The choice — to do what’s best for the film

rather than best for the box-office — is clear enough in the casting: Thomas Haden Church and Paul Giamatti as the buddies, Sandra Oh (the filmmaker’s wife) and Virginia Madsen as their respective romantic interests. In other areas, too, the film asserts its (in all senses) independence. Not, however, in every area: not in its whip-crackingly chipper music or its negligently washed-out color. But within the commonplace plot outline, the details are vibrant and venturesome, not flyblown and formulaic: Giamatti filling in the *New York Times* crossword puzzle atop his steering wheel to pass the time on the freeway, or hastily signing his mother’s birthday card as he walks from his car to

her front door. (And no mainstream movie would allow an aspiring novelist to cite, as an influence, Robbe-Grillet, much less allow his listener to know what he means.) And the depiction of masculine deceit — self-deception, congenital mendacity — extends as far and as wide as a whole way of life, a fundamental condition of existence, a subject for a film of substance. 2004. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 3/31; LA PALOMA)

Sin City — Comic-book *noir* with Jessica Alba, Brittany Murphy, Clive Owen, and Bruce Willis, directed by Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/1)

Steamboy — Japanese anime, set in Victorian England, where for a change the Japanese animators are relieved of their onerous duty to draw ethnic-unspecific

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

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 4:35, 7:35, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 6:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:25, 10:10; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:15, 7:55, 10:20; Sat. (1:10) 4:40, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (1:10) 4:40, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:55, 10:15; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 5:00, 7:30, 10:05; Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:10) 7:35, 10:05; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:45) 7:10, 9:45; Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (1:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 7:05, 9:40; **Hostage** (R) Fri. (2:05) 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:20) 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05) 6:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:25) 6:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05) 6:50; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 3:55) 5:15, 8:00, 9:40, 10:40; Sat. (12:25, 3:10) 4:20, 7:05, 9:40, 10:15; Sun. (12:25, 3:15) 4:20, 7:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:55, 5:05) 7:50, 9:45; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 4:45, 7:25, 9:35; Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 2:15, 3:40) 5:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:50, 10:35; Sat. (12:20, 1:30, 3:00) 4:25, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30) 7:10, 8:00, 9:50; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:35) 6:45, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:35, 6:50, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45) 6:45, 9:15; **Sin City** (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 3:50) 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:55, 10:45; Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 3:15) 4:15, 7:00, 7:40, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 3:15) 4:15, 7:00, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50) 7:00, 7:40, 10:00; **The Upside of Anger** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat. (1:15) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. (1:15) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:15, 9:55

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)

Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 1:40, 2:35) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:15, 9:25, 10:40; Sun. (12:05, 1:40, 2:35) 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:35, 4:20, 5:20) 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:10; **Born into Brothels** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:50) 6:05, 8:20, 10:25; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:30) 8:10; **Diary of a Mad Black Woman** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:25, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55; **Finding Neverland** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **Gunner Palace** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:45) 4:50, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 4:50) 7:40, 9:50; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (2:10) 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:30, 10:00; **Ice Princess** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:45) 7:05, 9:15; **The Jacket** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 5:00, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (2:05) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 7:35; **The Passion Re-Cut** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:30) 7:20, 10:05; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:50) 8:05, 10:15; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 1:25, 2:20) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; Sun. (11:30, 1:25, 2:20) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15,

8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 8:00, 10:30

Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) 6:35, 9:25; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:45, 1:20, 2:40, 3:20, 4:10, 5:15) 6:05, 7:10, 7:50, 9:05, 9:55, 10:25; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 6:55, 9:50; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:15) 6:20, 9:30; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 1:10, 3:25, 4:05) 6:15, 7:05, 9:10, 9:45; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:15; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00) 6:10, 7:00, 7:35, 9:00, 9:40, 10:10; **The Upside of Anger** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 1:30, 3:35, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, 9:40, 10:20

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)

Sin City: Beauty School; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; Guess Who; Millions; The Ring Two; The Upside of Anger; Robots; Be Cool; The Pacifier; Hitch; The Aviator

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236)

Dear Frankie (PG-13) Fri. (2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:05, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Downfall** (R) Fri. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30; **The Goonies** (PG) Sat. 12:00; **Melinda and Melinda** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **Schultze Gets the Blues** (PG) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Tue. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Wed. (1:50, 4:25) 9:35; Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)

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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Sin City: Beauty School; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; Guess Who; The Ring Two; Ice Princess; The Upside of Anger; Robots; Hostage; Be Cool; The Pacifier; Hitch; Million Dollar Baby

Mann Hazard 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849)

Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40; **Bride & Prejudice** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:30, 10:20; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:40, 10:30; Thu. 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:30, 11:00; **Hotel Rwanda** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:10) 6:50; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20) 9:50; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:20, 10:10; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00) 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

Sin City: Beauty School; Melinda and Melinda; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; The Ring Two; Ice Princess; Robots; Hostage; Be Cool; The Pacifier; Hitch; Million Dollar Baby; Constantine

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)

Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Sat. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:35,

5:50) 8:05; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri. (3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 7:55; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:25) 7:45; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:15; Sat. (12:25, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:15; Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:20) 7:30; **Sin City** (R) Fri. (3:55) 7:15, 9:55; Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:10

Ken

4061 Adams Ave (619-819-0236)

The Animation Show 2005 Fri. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 7:30, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)

The Ballad of Jack and Rose (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **dot the i** (R) Fri. (2:35, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:10) 2:35, 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Mon. (2:35, 5:00) 10:00; Tue.-Wed. (2:35, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; Thu. (2:35, 5:00) 10:00; **In My Country** (R) Fri. (2:25, 4:35) 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:25, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:35) 7:10, 9:55; **Millions** (PG) Fri. (2:05, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45; Mon. (2:05, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; Tue. (2:05, 4:45) 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (2:05, 4:45) 7:20, 9:45; **The Sea Inside** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40, 5:25) 8:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:40, 5:25, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:25) 8:10

Museum of Photographic Arts

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The Human Body (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Wed.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Rhythms of the World** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 8:00; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Roar: Lions of the Kalahari** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00; **Sky Tonight** Wed.-Thu. 7:00; **Volcanoes of the Deep Sea** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 1:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)

Be Cool (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:00) 10:20; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:20, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20; **Constantine** (R) Fri. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:30; **The Golden Blaze** (G) Sat.-Sun. (12:00); **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:05, 2:35, 4:40, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:50, 4:40) 7:30, 10:20; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Ice Princess** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Million Dollar Baby** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50) 7:10; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50) 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:10; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30;

The Ring Two (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:50, 2:20, 4:40, 5:10) 7:30, 8:00, 10:20, 10:50; **The Upside of Anger** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)

Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:35, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (11:15, 1:45) 4:35, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 9:35; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:35, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (11:35, 2:10) 4:55, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 7:35, 9:55; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:10, 1:40) 4:15, 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (11:10, 1:40) 4:15, 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:45) 7:05, 9:50; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:20, 1:50) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (11:20, 1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:25) 7:10, 9:45; **Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:40, 2:30) 5:05, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (11:40, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 10:20; Mon. (12:30, 4:20) 7:40, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:40, 10:20; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:20) 5:10, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:25, 9:40; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:45, 10:10; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:25) 4:40, 7:05, 9:25; Sun. (11:30, 2:25) 4:40, 7:15, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40) 7:15, 9:25; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:45, 10:40; Sun. (11:00, 2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Mon. (1:00, 4:00) 7:30, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35) 7:30, 10:15; **The Upside of Anger** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:05, 1:55) 4:50, 7:55, 10:45; Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 7:20, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road

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JOB FAIR at Four Seasons Aviara (named Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Employers to Work For in North America" 7 years in a row), Tuesday, April 5, 11am-3pm. All positions are available. All shifts are available. 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, CA, 92009. EOE. Drug free workplace. Call for a complete listing of job opportunities, 760-603-6949.

JOB FAIR! Tuesday, May 3, 2:30-6pm: Campland On the Bay, Terra Vista Management, 2211 Pacific Beach Drive, San Diego 92109. Fun in the sun on Mission Bay! EOE. Our seasonal positions for the 2005 Summer Season include: Market Clerks, Ice Cream Attendants, Food Service/Cashiers, Marina Attendants, Recreation Leaders, Registration Clerks, Reservations Clerks, Janitorial and Site Maintenance. See you there!

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PART TIME. Make sandwiches for deli in La Jolla, \$8 per hour. Apply: Delicious, 1237 Prospect Street. 858-456-6235.

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RESTAURANT, CHILI'S Grill & Bar, Mira Mesa, now accepting applications for Bussers, To-Go, and Host/Hostess. Apply in person any day, 2-4pm: Chili's, 5969 Lusk Boulevard.

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SERVER for unique coffee shop in La Jolla. Minimum wage plus tips. Hours of operation, 6am-3pm daily. Apply: Harry's Coffee Shop, 7545 Girard Avenue. 858-454-7381.

SERVERS, COOKS, BUSSERS needed for fast-paced North County beach cafe. Must be reliable and energetic. Part-time / full-time shifts available. Nathan, 858-259-7866; 760-685-3678.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE. Postal Annex+ located in La Jolla Village is hiring! Sales, customer service and/or retail experience is a plus! Immediate start. Full-time position. Apply in person: La Jolla-7514 Girard Avenue (Vons Shopping Center).

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Doug Sheppard
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Country-western music gets on my nerves. A lot of the rap and hip-hop that the kids are listening to also gets on my nerves. I'm more of a jazzy kind of guy, myself. When I was younger, I was into what we considered to be hard rock; now, you might call what I thought of as hard rock "oldies." My tastes in music have changed as I've gotten older; I was about 30 when I started to appreciate jazz. As much as it is anything, I think it depends on what you're exposed to at an early age. One way or another, I was never exposed to country and never developed a taste for it.




Carmela Jones
Cocktail Server
Pacific Beach

I'm not really into country music or hard-core, ghetto rap music. All the boys who I dated that listened to country music weren't tough-cowboy types. All of the [rap music]...I don't know names because I don't listen to it; it bothers me. My friends say that I always complain about it, but I still end up liking it. I guess it grows on me because it's good to dance to.




Colman Taylor
Blood Bank Employee
Lemon Grove

Country, I guess. Music where the lead singer is screaming and not making any sense bugs me. I'm more of a rock, punk, and heavy-metal music fan. It's hard to describe because there are just certain songs that click in my head and I like them without having to think about it. I find country music to be too tedious, singing about "losing my wife, my car, my cat, my dog." There are very few country songs that I like. My friends know better than trying to turn me on to country; I wouldn't be having any of that. That 50 Cent kind of hip-hop is bullshit; 50 Cent is a bitch, trying to play hard like he's Tupac, but he doesn't tell stories in his music the way Tupac did. The fact that some rapper has rings and cars doesn't do anything for me. Screw that.




Derrick Tam
Student
Linda Vista

Hard-core rock or hard-core pop music, where you can't understand the lyrics. I like country a lot; it's my favorite kind of music. Country is good stuff because it's one of the few kinds of music that doesn't have much swearing or bad stuff going on. It's good music because you can understand what's going on and they're actually singing about something. I wouldn't say that country music is whiny; I think country musicians are telling a story. Not everything in life is great, so they're not always singing about happy things. I like a good hip-hop beat, too, but obviously I don't understand what those guys are saying. I'm multicultural, but I have more hick than hood in me.



Erin Lawrence
Waitress
Pacific Beach

Really whiny country music and really hard-core rap bothers me. I can't stand the twang that you hear in country music. I guess I still like that song "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks, but besides that I'm not that big a fan of country music. Predominately, I listen to a lot of classics, like Pink Floyd and bands like Pearl Jam or the Doors. My problem with country is that I don't think I relate to it; I haven't lost my dog and I don't drive a pickup, so I have no reason to sympathize with country songs.



Ed Lee
Accountant
Banker's Hill

What I don't like is when bands get popular and change their style of music. Green Day changed their style since their first album, but I think they've grown and evolved as musicians. Their songwriting got a lot better, and I like a lot of their newer stuff a lot more than their older stuff. I like hard-core punk music. I don't believe you should hate a band because they get popular, so pop-punk doesn't really bother me. The band Limp Bizkit really bothers me; I don't even know if they make music anymore, but they're terrible. I never really listened to any New Kids on the Block, but I thought it was pretty lame of them to go by "NKOTB" in order to try and become popular again.

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1. Host, as a party
6. Cutlass or Delta 88
10. They're checked at airports
14. "You look like you've _____ ghost!"
15. "_____ cannot be!"
16. "C'mon, be _____!"
17. Butler's request
18. Uncomplicate
19. Chaplin prop
20. Video renter's decision between a 1988 Oscar winner and a 1996 Oscar winner?
23. Fleur-de-_____
24. It was launched 2/19/86
25. Minuscule
26. Head of the flock: Abbr.
27. Choice given to an English lord who must select one of two residences?
30. Suffix with Capri
31. Tony winner Judith
32. Electric _____
33. Fissures
35. People often try to eliminate him (although he's been added to this puzzle's themed answers)
39. Edmund of "Miracle on 34th Street"
42. Hitching words
43. Oohs' partners
47. Multivolume ref.
48. Prod a famous 20th-century photographer with a Taser?
52. _____ City (popular computer game)
53. Archaeological find
54. Ambulance driver, for short
55. _____ Paul's seafood
56. Casting possibility if one wanted actor Morgan in a big yellow costume on PBS?
60. Keats feats
61. Opponent of Caesar
62. Alamagordo event
64. Sabbath activity
65. "____, Brute?"
66. Out of port
67. Scott in an 1857 Supreme Court case
68. Bad impression?
69. _____ voice

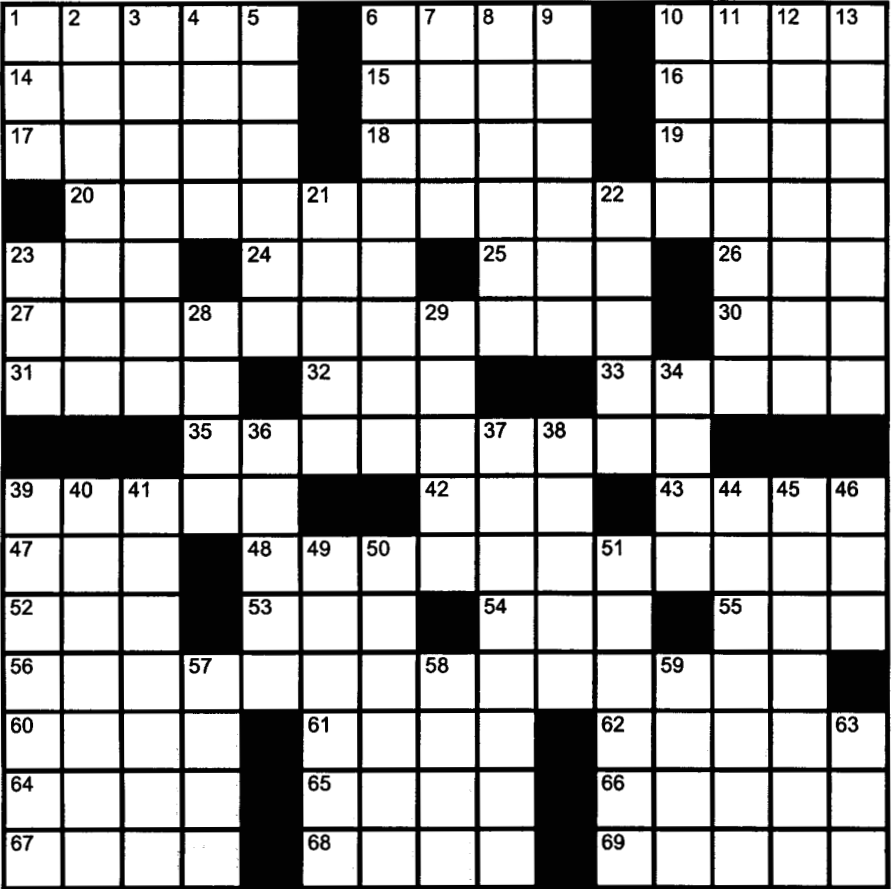
Down

1. "The Waste Land" monogram
2. Shakespearean play in two parts
3. Sample after seasoning
4. "That's _____ haven't heard"
5. "No surprises, please"

6. Like some bandits
7. Item of interest?
8. Repudiate
9. Sound investment?
10. "Brandenburg Concertos" composer
11. Two
12. Company that owns USA Today
13. LP covers
21. Stuck
22. "Tilted Arc" sculptor Richard
23. Oahu souvenir
28. "Amazing Grace," e.g.
29. Having no chips left to bet
34. "_____ emergency ..."
36. Altogether
37. Barely beats
38. Title woman in a 1987 Crystal/DeVito comedy
39. "_____ Park" (2001 movie)
40. More peculiar
41. "With Reagan: The Inside Story" author
44. It may go up in an airplane
45. Firmly fixed
46. Method: Abbr.
49. Found a phone call's origin
50. There from the start
51. Baseball stat
57. Cornerstone abbr.
58. Fax abbr.
59. "Am _____ late?"
63. Confucian ideal

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1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
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Of the 82 entrants, 75 were correct. The winners are:

1. Karen Davies, San Diego
2. Ron Akers, San Diego
3. Dave Drummond, San Diego
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HGS: Reuniting with you after being out of this world is really a life experience. TY! Michale. IRDLY 24/7.

I DIDN'T KNOW where to begin with you. When you were feeling hurt, know that I cared for you.

NICK K. NICK K. NICK K. Write soon! Important that we hear from you. Don't let time pass you by. WI WI WI

SCIENTISTS long ridiculed "parallel worlds." Now they eagerly research "parallel worlds," gravity evidence. Some claim "parallel worlds," though invisible, are but "millimeter away from us!" (Millimeter: .03937.) Shortcuts to planets?

THANK YOU Holy Spirit and Mother for prayers answered. SP.

MATCHES SHARED INTERESTS

TRAVEL PARTNER. White male, 70, tall, slim, quick, smart. Seeking lady for car trips USA. I pay 70%(4/6) ☎34416

Couples: Nanning Wives

Soon to be married couple with wife from Nanning, China seeks couples with Nanning, China wives for friendship and warm, social, get together activities. (4/6) ☎34425

FRIENDSHIP. Average lady, 52, Pacific Beach, wants to find average friends for movies and coffee. I like Fashion Valley movie theatres. Income/age unimportant. (4/6) ☎34414

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks a few platonic pals for movies and happy hours. Open to suggestions for other activities, too. Age 40. (4/6) ☎34440

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SASSY, INTELLIGENT, attractive black female, 32. Seeking Caucasian, Latino or Asian man, 25-40, for fun times, great memories. Men in uniform always welcome! No games. (4/13) ☎34643

GOOD DRIVER, WHERE ARE YOU? Active, mature, Caucasian female, tired of so much driving. To meet tall, Caucasian male, nonsmoker. 70s, for friendship and companionship. (4/6) ☎34110

WARM, HAPPY, CURVY and passionate, 56, wants friendship of a gentleman, 48-60. Sense of humor a must and honesty only need apply. Hello? (4/6) ☎34105

NORTH COUNTY, SINGLE, curvaceous, romantic, reliable lady. Looking for secure, kind gentleman with good manners and sense of humor. Nonsmoker please. (4/6) ☎34103

RADIANT, ATTRACTIVE, European educated professional lady desires tall, handsome, passionate, sexy, artistic, successful gentleman to share romantic times and enjoy life to the fullest. 45-55. (4/13) ☎34141

PLUS-SIZE WOMAN looking for fun. Brunette, blue/green eyes. Like camping, bowling, nonsmoker, drug/alcohol free. Judge for yourself. (4/6) ☎34097

ONE GOOD MAN, VERY attractive, tall, sexy, muscular, white, military guy, 30-45, financially stable, likes kids. Relationship minded wanting by beautiful, petite, black woman, 30s. (4/6) ☎34114

PETITE FEMALE, 60, 5'2", 115lbs., likes outdoors. Loves animals, mountains, desert, gardening. Works graveyard, quiet person. Seeking friend, companion, with morals, gentleman, smoker. (4/13) ☎34126

LIKE YOUR COFFEE BLACK with a dash of cream? You will like this caring, senior lady of color, from Central America. Let's meet for coffee. (4/13) ☎34123

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BLONDE/BLUE, down to earth, outgoing. You be same, 5'10"+. No drugs/drinker, smoker OK, 56-65 years young. French-German, a Leo, East County. (4/6) **34107**

PRETTY REDHEAD, great smile, curvaceous full figure. Seeking romance, affectionate, sense of humor, established, positive attitude, loves family, friends, baseball and fun. Nice fella, 50+-. (4/6) **34117**

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE MOM, 39. Seeking serious man interested in long-term relationship. I enjoy much, will discuss more if interested. Small, full figured, size 18. (4/13) **34140**

Kissed 50, French, 125lbs. Love cooking, camping, animals, music, walk abouts, hand holding, dancing, skies, all cultures, sounds of laughter. Are you a man who is gentle, passionate about life, and loving? (4/6) **34101**

GREEN EYES, GERMAN-BORN, long blonde hair, very good looking, voluptuous. Looking for an interesting man to melt my heart. You're educated, tall, professional, 40-50. (4/13) **34142**

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SULTRY, nice legs, curvaceous figure, humorous, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, nonsmoker, successful, generous, upscale, compatible, 35+ Caucasian bachelor. (4/13) **34137**

BEAUTIFUL, CLASSY, Asian lady, shy, honest, 38, 5'7", slim, healthcare professional, homeowner. Seeking handsome, educated, romantic, caring, sensitive man, for monogamous, loving relationship. (4/13) **34129**

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 59, sexy, educated, secure homeowner. Enjoys dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (4/6) **34102**

LATINA, SEXY, FUN, 47, seeks gentleman for a serious relationship. Let's enjoy life together and everything else life has to offer. Serious replies only. (4/6) **34109**

SEEKING FUN LOVING GUY. I am 58, 5'6" redhead, passionate, honest and loyal. I live in North County. Are you looking for that someone special? (4/13) **34139**

LET'S HEAD FOR THE HILLS! Athletic, slim, white female, Grossmont Area. Financially secure, loves hiking, movies. Seeking energetic, white guy for fun, companionship, 65-73. (4/13) **34127**

PRETTY AND SWEET, slim, 60s, widow. Looking for partner in life, 65-73, intelligent, educated, financially successful, homeowner, dependable, thoughtful, caring and sharing. Del Mar area. (4/6) **34115**

TRUE LOVE, TRADITIONAL VALUES, kind hearted mature gentleman, over 45, financially secure, ready to have the love of his life by his side? I'm enigmatic, exotic, mystical lady, ready to settle down with the right person. (4/13) **34132**

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, thin female, 40, desires to meet sexy man, down to earth, considerate, movies and dinner, Swedish-German American. (4/13) **34122**

CLASSY, GOOD LOOKING, creative, 5'8", loves movies, ethnic dining, cooking, fine arts, values, family. Seeking intelligent, trustworthy, attractive, humorous, financially secure gentleman, 60-75 years. (4/6) **34096**

ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE LADY, 70, good companion, for theater, movies, conversation, tennis, dining. Educated Democrat, unitarian, nonsmoker. Balboa Park area. (4/6) **34099**

HONEST, PETITE LATINA, 49, warm, fun-loving, romantic; dancing, movies, travel. Seeking financially/emotionally stable gentleman, 50-55, similar interests for relationship. No games, serious calls. (4/6) **34104**

GOT HERPES? IT'S NOT the end of the world. 34, attractive, white, looking for friend for casual dating. Movies, dinner, beaches. You: 30-40, same interests. (4/6) **34106**

VOLUPTUOUS BEAUTY, outgoing, fun loving, on the go, seeks guy, 35-42, for adventure and fun. Suit to jeans. (4/13) **34133**

ARE YOU FOR ME? Time? Place? One in a million possibility. Blonde, slender, nice looking. Seeking intelligent, weight/height proportionate, humorous, honest, 46+ male, integrity. (4/13) **34130**

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PETITE, FIT, ACTIVE, attractive lady seeking fit male, 49+, who loves life! Outdoor walks, hikes, bike rides, concerts, plays. Easygoing, grounded, healthy lifestyle, nonsmoker. (4/13) **34134**

LAST FIRST DATE! 33, 5'4", professional, curvy, happy, fun, affectionate, vivacious, sensual woman seeks nice guy, 29-45, educated, nonsmoking, honest, upbeat, communicative, for sincere relationship. (4/6) **34121**

BLACK FEMALE, 5'10". Looking for someone to share various activities. Any race. Easygoing, good sense of humor and who likes to have fun. (4/6) **34113**

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 48. Seeking gentleman, 50-58, with integrity, sense of humor. Must be emotionally/financially stable with predictable, down-to-earth lifestyle for marriage. (4/6) **34112**

VANILLA LOVES CHOCOLATE. Pretty brown-eyed blonde, curvaceous, adventurous, spontaneous. Seeking tall, educated, quality, black male, kind, sincere, caring, romantic. Enjoy dancing, movies, 40-50. (4/13) **34644**

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, 64, 5'7", intelligent, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, art, nature, dining. You: 57-64, healthy, nonsmoker, life-loving for friendship, romance. San Diego preferred. (4/6) **34116**

PRETTY FACE, NICE FIGURE. Lady seeking passionate, spirited guy who is 57+, tall, fun loving, sexy and carefree with plenty of time to play. (4/6) **34111**

BIG, TALL, BEAUTIFUL, 51-year old, looking for adoring, 65-75 year old man, willing to please. Big, tall, intelligent, successful preferred. (4/13) **34131**

LATINA, PETITE, PROFESSIONAL, seeks passionate, educated, professional, between 35-55, for dating, movies, dancing. Must be fun, humorous, outgoing, uncumbered. (4/13) **34125**

SEXY, BLACK LADY, seeks white or Hispanic cutie who's under 40, healthy, outgoing, fit, passionate, intelligent, beach lover, attentive, fun, sensual, spontaneous, ready for love. (4/13) **34128**

BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size, sensual brunette, nonsmoker. Seeking friendship and companionship relationship. Later will be icing on the cake. Let's go for it! (4/6) **34095**

REAL LOVE WANTED by 46, honest, loving, East County woman. Seeking nonsmoker, 50+, a nice, loving, honest, sincere, for lasting relationship. (4/6) **34098**

SEXY, EXOTIC, VIXEN, energetic, 25, graduate student, cultured, spontaneous. Seeking affluent, generous, adventurous, educated, classy, older gentleman who can spoil me plus share intellectual conversations. (4/6) **34119**

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship (858). (4/6) **34108**

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, early 50s, 5'3", slim, intelligent, seeking fit, attractive, humorous professional, 5'9"+. Enjoy movies, music, theatre, dining. (4/13) **34136**

I'M SERIOUSLY LOOKING for nice, sweet, decent looking, fun male to date and who knows how to enjoy life. Me: attractive, alive, fun female, 45-55. (4/6) **34118**

SHORT, SERIOUS, true, blonde, Pisces. Seeking construction type dude with clean fingernails, honest, considerate, for romance, friendship, fun. Cancers, Scorpios, Capricorns best. Homebodies OK. (4/13) **34138**

EAST COUNTY, SEXY, sassy, curvaceous, 50s redhead, full of life, love adventure, spiritual. Seeking 5'9"+, 45+, nonsmoker, sexy, fun, honest, sensitive, passionate, secure gentleman. (4/13) **34135**

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate, no-baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (4/6) **34120**

MATCHES MEN SEEKING WOMEN

A SAN DIEGO MID-LIFE crisis. So much to do and no lady to share this Spring with. Let's play! Eclectic guy, sense of humor. (4/6) **34422**

FINANCIALLY SECURE, WHITE, blonde, blue-eyed girl, who wants extreme love and loyalty from man. I am extremely passionate guy for lovely girl. (4/13) **34476**

HANDSOME, BLACK MALE, now available, 38, 5'11", 170lbs., athletic, funny, romantic. Looking for single, honest female, race not important, honesty is. Your prayers are answered. (4/13) **34471**

COASTAL PROFESSIONAL, attractive, wholesome, white, 6', 200lbs, vegetarianish, financially independent, Ph.D, seeks slender, emotionally mature, 40s, vegetarianish, romance or commitment. (4/13) **34468**

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intelligent, handsome, charming, and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady, in her 30s. (4/6) **34452**

GREAT LOOKING SINGLE DAD, approximately 6' tall, brown hair/eyes, well grounded, great values. Seeking thin, outgoing, single white female, fun times together. Love, David. (4/6) **34439**

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENTLEMAN, well-educated, well bred, well travelled, intelligent, sensitive, spiritual, sensual. Classy, refined, sincere, caring, seeks real lady for lasting friendship and romance. (4/6) **34433**

YOUTHFUL, 75, SHARING life, movies, theatre, dining, dancing, caring conversations with compassionate, nonsmoking, healthy lady, slim, trim, radius 15 miles around Lakeside. Seeking sincere lady. (4/6) **34421**

APPEALING TO MY BEAUTIFUL black goddess: This attractive white male professional, age 42, fit, and trim-awaits you with romance and respect! (4/6) **34419**

FRIENDSHIP. North County male, 33, seeks female running partner. Other interests include working out, salsa dancing, photography, art and traveling, beach.

Seeks attractive, outgoing female. (4/13) **34465**

LOVE COFFEE AND GOOD listener. Single white male seeks lady, 30-60, for conversation, coffee and walks. I'm 40, 5'10", weigh 160lbs. (4/6) **34449**

GOOD HEART, JOB, AND LOOKS, South Bay, 53ish, Travolta look-alike seeks special lady. Nautical, humorous, blue/brown, sincere, works evenings, neat, musical and magical. (4/6) **34432**

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 35, Christian Scientist, Cox cable, religious, puppet show. Looking for a Christian Science female musician, 29-40, slender, race open, sincere. (4/6) **34446**

EAST COUNTY SEEKS sexy, fit Christian woman, nonsmoker, 47-54. Me: 6', 190lbs., custom motorcycle and homeowner, loving, caring, stable. (4/6) **34456**

LOVING, SINCERE, LOYAL spiritual, healthy, multiracial, 56, widowed. Seeking special lady, for Humphrey's concerts, travel, movies, beach, long-term relationship. (4/13) **34464**

FREE, NO. CHEAP, NO. Cute, sometimes more than others. Confident, charismatic, and fun, most of the time. Respectful and genuine, always. That beautiful face, yours. (4/6) **34426**

6'1", 180lbs., professional male, average looks, good build, creative, unique, very athletic. Seeking fun female for great times indoor/outdoor activities, 25-40, smart, pretty inside. (4/6) **34423**

BLACK MALE, 52, WARM hearted, fun loving, hard working, nonsmoker with sense of humor. Seeking white female who has patience, understanding and loves life. (4/6) **34424**

CAMPING, HIKING, KAYAKING, gardening, cooking, music. 61, 6', 190lbs., red/blue. Seeking someone who's looking for the profound connection that a compatible couple can achieve. (4/6) **34415**

LIGHTNING SEEKING THUNDER, 57, San Diego native, 175lbs., good hair/looks, exercise, walk a lot, MA Psychology, broker. You: educated, slim, like to exercise, drink wine, travel, successful but still seeking right fit. (4/13) **34492**

SENIOR GENTLEMAN, very active, available for all activities that can best be enjoyed by two. Don't be shy. Call for a pleasant change. (4/6) **34441**

BANKER'S HILL. Clean-cut, 50ish, computer tech, 5'10", 200lbs., mixed Afro-Cauc-Indian, lite skin. Seeking open-minded Christian, white female. Longer hair, great legs, nice feet a plus. (4/6) **34454**

SIMPLY ELEGANT, FUN LOVING lady of color wanted for dating. Must enjoy dining out, movies, walks. Laid-back and stress-free man wants you. (4/6) **34435**

FIT, FUN, FREE-SPIRITED, 45, attractive, financially secure, homeowner. Enjoys travel, adventure, music, motorcycles, fine wine, dining. Seeking fun-loving, fit, attractive woman. (4/6) **34451**

PASSIONATE, ADVENTUROUS, intelligent, 50, white male, seeks spirited, fun, 35-45 female to share time with. (4/13) **34459**

TALL, HANDSOME, CHARMING, youthful late 40s, athletic build, financially secure, live in East County. Seeking sincere, romantic lady for dating, travel, more. (4/13) **34458**

WANTED. Female, 45-49, white, nonsmoker, slender, active, smart, playful, caring; loves music, movies, animals, great food; for fun and more, for attorney, 53. (4/13) **34467**

ITALIAN, 46, hard worker, seeking nice simple lady for long-term relationship. Open race/age. Nonsmoker/drinker. En-

joy music, dance, romantic dining. Ciao bella. Call. (4/13) **34484**

LOOKING FOR NORTH COUNTY woman who likes herself, has good sense of humor, nonsmoker, nondrinker, no drugs, likes TV, who wants to meet good man. (4/13) **34461**

DIVORCED WHITE MALE, 60+, healthy, sincere, intelligent, easygoing, financially and emotionally secure, seeking divorced white female, nonsmoker, 53-65, for loving relationship. (4/13) **34472**

HANDSOME, FIT, 50, 6'3", 210lbs., white, degreed. Enjoys movies, music, beach, gym, dining, plays, massage, breakfast, biking, walking, scuba. Seeking 40-early 50s partner, attractive, fit, intelligent, financially responsible, similar interests. North County preferred. (4/13) **34483**

SEEKING A BEST FRIEND to enjoy life with. A nice person, no drugs. (4/13) **34479**

MUSICIAN, TALL, FUN, seeking singer or musician or song writer. I'm 6'2", into a variety of music. 35 or older, positive attitude, peace, nature. (4/13) **34485**

BUDDHIST SEEKS female counterpart, age, race open. Looking for affectionate, kind person. Will return all calls. (4/13) **34488**

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, nature, and just having fun at home. In La Mesa. (4/13) **34493**

SOUTH BAY PROFESSIONAL. I am Hispanic, fit, neat and live in Chula Vista. I am a gentleman, like to have fun. Live alone with pets. (4/13) **34489**

KISSING, HOLDING HANDS, sensuous, romance, touching, massaging, whispering, closeness, giving, taking, sharing, togetherness, soft, tender, loving, nurturing, 47, no baggage, free time for you. (4/13) **34477**

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you! (4/13) **34466**

GREAT LOOKING ITALIAN, 50, looks 40, great shape, secure, easygoing and very affectionate. Seeking fit, secure, easygoing lady who will be first in my life. (4/6) **34428**

MOUNTAINS, CABIN, LOVE, attractive black artist, property owner, seeks large, attractive, passionate white female, 180+lbs. for serious, permanent, one-on-one relationship. (4/13) **34487**

SENIOR GOOD GUY WANTS petite woman, tennis and life partner. Have humor, intelligence, patience, and love. You offer same? I love movies, plays, fun, intimacy. (4/6) **34430**

I'LL STOP TO ASK for directions. Tall, 66, brown hair, professional, homeowner, athletic. Seeking buxom, Caucasian, sense of humor, 55-70. (4/6) **34450**

NORTH COASTAL PLAYMATE and life partner wanted by Oceanside gentleman. 52, 5'9". Let's share honesty, adventure, humor, communication, and spirituality. Life without love lacks meaning. (4/6) **34448**

HERPES, LATIN, 5'7", 170lbs., 51, running, hiking, movies, jazz, concerts, nice guy. You: white, latin, asian, nice legs, for honest friendship, 40-55, nonsmoker, in shape. (4/13) **34470**

LOOKING FOR LOVE, hugs, and kisses. Good hearted man is looking for you. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (4/13) **34460**

TALL, LEAN, HANDSOME, bald, bold, creative, fun loving, centered, single black male, 40s, in search of big, beautiful, Caucasian lady for my lover and more. (4/6) **34420**

OPEN DOOR FOR YOU. My dream is to meet a young, Japanese woman, in 20s, to date and relate with culturally with hope to possibly marry the right one and develop a family. (4/6) **34455**

RESPECTFUL, HISPANIC, attractive, physically fit, 5'8", 53 years. Easygoing, kind, marriage minded, a little shy, homeowner. Seeking petite lady, light complexion, below 51 years. (4/6) **34453**

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MBA, 41, 6'3", 175lbs., slim, fit, well dressed, handsome Spanish descendant with accent, manners, personality. Please be smart, slim and fit. (4/6) **34431**

MUSIC-LOVING, NONSMOKING, world traveling affluent widower, 80s. Seeking retired senior lady, 70s-80s, sincere, loving, sensual, available for friendship, companionship, social activities, travel, cruises together. (4/6) **34437**

SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR, 46, honest, educated, spontaneous and adventurous. Loves: theater, music, art, antiques, convertibles, the outdoors, travel, and entertaining. You're 25-40, beautiful, exciting, and athletic. (4/6) **34436**

37, 6', 265lbs. Seeking beautiful woman. I'm handsome, affectionate, good hearted, creative. You: sexy plus-size brunette who knows how to work it. Let's have fun. (4/6) **34447**

WIDOWER, SUCCESSFUL entrepreneur, affluent, homeowner, likes everything! Has everything! Very handsome, healthy, tall. Seeks attractive, affectionate, sexy, curvy lady, 49-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing, trips. (4/6) **34434**

TORRID LOVER! Strong, handsome, kind, passionate, thoughtful and I'm honest, genuine, fascinating, multi-talented, outdoorsy and athletic. You're 24-43, beautiful, exotic, fun and independent. Let's rock! (4/6) **34442**

CARING, FUN, FIT, ROMANTIC, stable white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (4/13) **34480**

FEMALE TRAVEL PARTNER wanted. Hike, camp, explore national parks for a week or more. Sharing fun and expenses with retired trustworthy, honest, fun, nice guy. (4/13) **34490**

YOUNG MAN LOOKING FOR passionate, nonjudgemental woman of any age. Looks not important. Must like to talk and be outgoing. Must be healthy. (4/6) **34429**

Make The Call

Are you 40ish, healthy, active, witty, balanced, spontaneous, outdoorsy, passionate female, into movies, concerts, dining, hiking, coffee shops, conversation, seeking one in a million male? (4/13) **34475**

HISPANIC MAN, 56, 5'10", nonsmoker, seeks lady for companionship, affection. Enjoy working out, movies, dining, quiet times at home. South County, San Diego area. (4/13) **34463**

SEEKING SANCTUARY OF FRIENDSHIP with lady with heart for taking walks, having interesting conversation, sharing in personal growth, honest, slim very young 51. (4/13) **34473**

FUN GUY SEEKS HAPPY WOMAN. I'm spiritual, successful, and fun. Love the sunshine, like to bike ride, camp under bright stars in motor home. 35-50. (4/13) **34481**

SINGLE GUY, STABLE, SECURE, average, sincere, loyal, seeks average woman, 30s or younger 40 also, for companionship, possible relationship. Enjoy romantic evenings, travel, movies, art. (4/13) **34462**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, caring, physically fit professional, 53, personable, happy, with good sense of humor. Seeking soul mate in woman, 39-50, North County. (4/6) **34443**

NEBULOUS, DREAMER, salt of earth, 48, seeks smart, funny, frivolous woman for romantic friendship. Museum, walks, coffee, conversations, movies, plays. Open to age, prefer unencumbered. (4/13) **34482**

SENSUAL, SPIRITUAL, affectionate, quiet and sound, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking same for mutual attraction, lasting relationship, full of passion, intimacy and growth. (4/6) **34455**

East County

Do you love the desert and live for the river? I'm 39, physically fit, looking for a soulmate, 25-40. Call for details. (4/13) **34469**

RISKFREE MEETING WITH youthful 77, secure homeowner liking RV camping, fishing, homelife. Offering caring, commitment, sincerity, honesty to lady with similar likes, for lifetime togetherness. (4/13) **34494**

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 61, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Seeking pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (4/6) **34418**

OLDER GENTLEMAN, 50, seeks younger, slender lady in search of wisdom, magic, passion, wonder. 5'11", successful, college graduate, business owner, ready when you are. (4/6) **34438**

HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, adventurous gentleman. Enjoys nature, walks, fishing, concerts, casinos and movies. Seeking mature, nonsmoking, Caucasian lady for friendship, romance. Virgo wants Taurus woman, companionship. (4/6) **34417**

NORMAL, ATTRACTIVE, humorous, educated, Latin, 38. Seeking an active woman to date. Let's start as friends and see where it goes. Age and race unimportant. (4/13) **34491**

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HEALTHY ONE LOOKING for healthy one, too. Me: 5'10", 175lbs., Caucasian, 61 years young, looking for same from 50-58. (4/13) ☎34486

BEAUTIFUL PERSONALITY, handsome, loving heart, extremely kind, Berkeley grad, fit, playful, communicative, spiritual, mixed race, look 43, 5'10", 175lbs., race open, all calls returned, 43-56. (4/13) ☎34457

57, AVAILABLE, NO BAGGAGE, em-ployed, have transportation and my own place to live. Should answer some con-cerns. Stable, secure, easygoing. Desire female, friendship, companionship, more? (4/6) ☎34444

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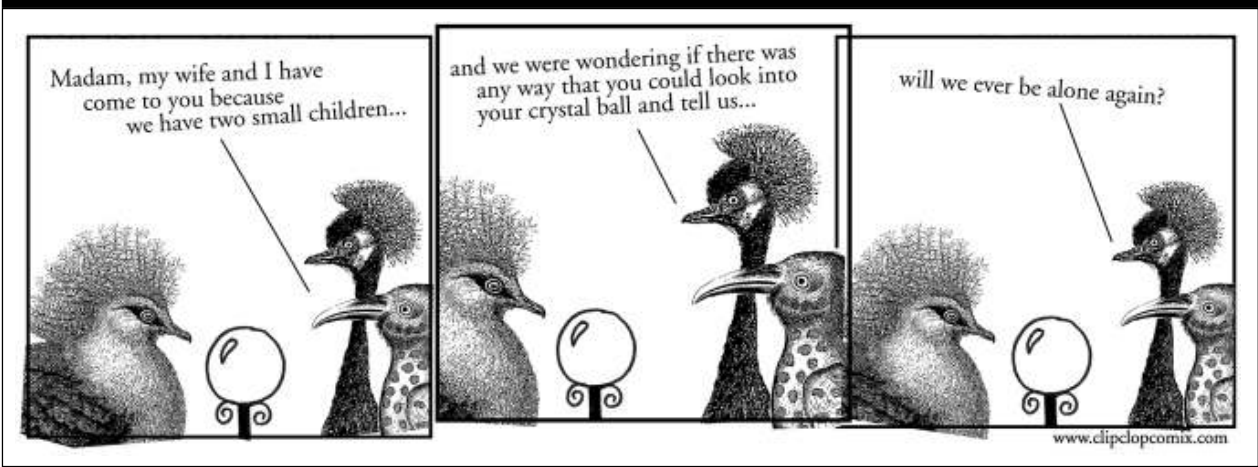
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CHULA VISTA. \$550. Female to share 3 bedroom condo. Utilities included. Washer/dryer, high-speed Internet access, jacuzzi, pool. Nonsmoking. Background check required. Jaime, 619-709-2593; 619-235-2415, x27244.

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CLAIREMONT. \$550, utilities included. Room for rent in large house. Maid, jacuzzi, putting green, basketball. Access to kitchen, washer/dryer, parking. Male preferred. Gary, 858-405-0782.

CLAIREMONT. \$550/month. Available now. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo. New condo conversion. 1 room available to share with owner. 1/2 electric and cable. Near Balboa/Genesee. No pets/drugs. \$550 security deposit. Dennis, 619-200-8681.

CLAIREMONT. \$600. Room for rent. \$500 deposit, 1/2 utilities, pets OK, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookups, storage, fireplace, close to SDSU, 52, 5. 858-752-2620; 858-272-3713.

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CLAIREMONT, NORTHWEST. \$500. Large furnished room. Share bathroom,

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CLAIREMONT. \$575. Large remodeled room with extra office room. House. Private entrance, large fenced yard with shed. No dogs/cats. Female only. Available 4/1. 858-204-8846.

CLAIREMONT. \$475. Room available, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Laundry, cable TV, internet. Near bus stop/shopping. Great location. No smoking/pets. \$300 security. 858-279-5053; 619-235-2415, x19568.

CLAIREMONT, WEST. \$695, includes utilities. Share 3 bedroom house. Large master bedroom, own bath. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave. Close to Clairemont Square. Dirk, 619-993-3454; 858-272-2380; 619-235-2415, x30194.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, 1/5 utilities, deposit. Clean, quiet 5 bedroom, 3 bath home, with pool. Fruit trees, barbecue, 2 fireplaces, digital TV, high-speed Internet. Laundry, pool/maid service, safe neighborhood, near public park and I-805. No drugs, smoking, pets. 858-349-6034.

CLAIREMONT, NORTHWEST. Share 2 bedroom duplex. \$490/month, deposit, 1/2 utilities. Washer/dryer. Great location! Close to freeways, bus, shopping malls. 858-483-8193.

CLAIREMONT. \$550, large room available. Kitchen privileges, washer/dryer, near Clairemont Square, Roadrunner cable. Shared utilities. No pets. Near freeways/buses. 858-274-5234.

CLAIREMONT. \$500. Nice room in 4 bedroom house. Yard. Near shops, bus, downtown. Kitchen privileges, TV in room, utilities included. Female preferred. No pets. 858-715-8221.

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DEL MAR, WEST. \$600/month, plus deposit, includes utilities, cable. Shared bath. Use of laundry and kitchen. No smoking, drugs, pets. Female only. 619-235-2415, x22371.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$750. Master bedroom, private bath. Furnished, 2-story condo. House privileges, Roadrunner, pools, jacuzzi, gym. Freeways/beach. Nonsmoking/drugs. Cat OK. 858-205-3226.

DOWNTOWN. \$575-\$700, \$250 deposit, garden victorian apartment, furnished. Includes: utilities, phone, digital cable with movies/radio, broadband wireless, housekeeping, laundry. Review: www.newportplace.com. Interested? Send e-mail.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Room available in penthouse. \$1075, master bed-

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$800/month. Share 2 bedroom condo. Small bedroom with own bath. View of ballpark. Nonsmoking, available now. Dave, 619-454-2020; 619-235-2415, x19047.

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ENCINITAS/LA COSTA. \$645. Sunny room, beautiful home, safe neighborhood. Great location. Fruit trees, vaulted ceilings, vegetarian kitchen, large closet. No pets. Available now. 760-931-7878.

ESCONDIDO. \$700, \$300 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Private room/bathroom, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath house, golf view. Washer/dryer, garage, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. No pets. 760-484-8441.

ESCONDIDO. \$475, utilities included. Nice home, private entry, wireless Internet, new carpet, poolside room, laundry available, plenty of storage space. No smoking. Call 619-865-5323.

FASHION VALLEY. \$500, includes utilities. Female roommate wanted to share house. Ocean view. Washer/dryer. Private, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Star 82, 858-565-7294.

FASHION HILLS. \$575 plus utilities, cable. Quiet and cozy bedroom in 2-story townhouse. Plenty of storage. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, views. No pets. 858-231-0775.

FASHION VALLEY. \$600. Room for rent in double master suite townhouse, close to USD. Own bathroom, parking spot. \$600 deposit. 1/2 utilities. Female preferred. 619-708-5630.

FASHION VALLEY. Female only, share quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment, underground parking, gated, no pets/smoking, \$575, plus 1/2 utilities. Available 4/1. Lupita, 619-994-0736.

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HILLCREST. \$600, includes utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment to share with

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HILLCREST/UCSD. \$750, all utilities included. Share nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath large home. Nice living space, wooden floors, built-in cabinets. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-437-2653; 619-235-2415, x23405.

KENSINGTON. \$900. Spacious canyon view, 2700+ square feet, 2-story home. Pool, privacy. Gourmet kitchen, fireplaces, access to first floor. Nonsmoking. Extra space available for same tenant. Owner travels. 619-283-9600.

LA JOLLA SHORES. \$750/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, private bath, condo. Furnished except bedroom. Minutes from beach. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis, secured parking. Tim, 858-642-6733.

LA JOLLA. \$840. Large master bedroom/bathroom, close to UCSD, shuttle station, share utilities, parking, pool, fitness center, sauna, Internet, no smoking. Available now. 858-552-0726; 619-235-2415, x24456.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$725. Great bedroom, own bath. Pool, view, water included. Laundry on site. Many extras. Available now. 1855 Diamond and Lamont. 619-279-0079; chrissinsandiegoca@hotmail.com.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$575. 3 bedroom house with den/guest room. Close beach/bay-Ingraham. No smoking, drugs, pets. Two housemates. Available 4/15. airmaildelivery2005@yahoo.com; 619-235-2415, x19011.

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SOLANA BEACH. \$550, includes utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with female and 2 cats. Great location, west of I-5, non-smoking, available now, 619-235-2415, x18000.

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UCSD. \$550. Room in house. Utilities paid, includes cable TV. \$350 deposit. Share bathroom. Close to shopping centers, beach. Kitchen privileges, washer/dryer. 858-546-9059.

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VISTA. \$500, 1/2 utilities. Between Palomar College and Airport. Close to shopping. Furnished room. Quiet neighborhood. Full house privileges. Nonsmoker. No pets. Emily, 626-377-0908.

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WANTED. Pacific Beach. Female seeks room/place to rent with same. Can negotiate. Local references. 619-873-0305.

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KEARNY MESA. Space Wanted, live/work. Need: roll-up door, 1-2 cars inside unit, 1000-1500 square feet. In/near Kearney Mesa area. Darren, 858-243-4090. darren5900@sbcglobal.com.

DOWNTOWN ART WORKSPACES. \$175-\$295. Great area. Associate with other artists. Gallery venue for shows. Uniquely affordable. 114-200 square feet. Hughes Management, 619-239-1639 x103.

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WANTED. Nursing church, 50 membership looking for space within existing church for Sunday services around North Park, Normal Heights, City Heights, Rolando areas. Christian, 760-716-9050.

DOWNTOWN STORAGE units. Various sizes, 100-200 square feet. \$45-\$65/month. New, clean, secure. Dry storage only. Year lease. Sherman Heights. www.innoreventerprises.com. 619-233-5663.

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BALBOA PARK. \$950. Very charming studio cottage! Completely furnished with pull down Murphy bed! Great location across from Balboa Park! Month-to-month lease. Open house Sunday, 4/3, 1-4pm, 2804 6th Avenue. Call 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

BANKER'S HILL house, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, remodeled. Hardwood floors, central heat/air, claw-foot tub, off-street parking. Available 4/15. \$1500. 619-239-9654.

BANKER'S HILL/LITTLE ITALY. Immaculate, remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Appliances. Washer/dryer. Views. Large sundeck. Sunroom. Fenced yard. Garage. No pets! \$1795. 619-235-8216.

BAY PARK. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Bay view, fireplace, newly remodeled, stainless appliances, hardwoods/tile, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. Available 4/1. \$2800. 858-344-0333.

BURLINGAME. 3 bedroom, 2 bath charming Craftsman. Great location. Hardwood floors. Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom. Formal dining area with French doors. Washer/dryer. Garage. Fenced yard with gardener. 3196 Maple Street. \$1995. 619-683-9274; cell, 619-846-6140.

CARDIFF. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer. Do not disturb tenants. Open house Saturday 4/2, 10am-1pm. 1938 Playa Rivera. Dogs ok. Available 4/17. 858-864-4785.

CARDIFF. \$2500. Beach cottage, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, yard, patio. West of I-5. Pets OK. 858-549-4888.

CARLSBAD. \$2550. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Country view. Utilities included. Cathedral ceilings. On 1/4 acre. Gated. Cul-de-sac. Pets OK. 5403 Foxtail Loop. No smoking. 760-602-9669.

CARLSBAD. \$1995/month. 2842 Unicornio. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage. Backyard with gardener. Call 760-458-7428.

CARLSBAD/OCEANSIDE. One level 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. Includes all appliances plus air. Private yard/covered patio, pool/spa. Clubhouse with activities. Gated, luxury, 55+. Nonsmoking. Pet on approval. \$1495. 760-929-9310.

CARLSBAD/SAN MARCOS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. \$1500. Includes washer/dryer, gardener, large yard, off-street parking, pets OK. Shows like new. 858-382-2877.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH. \$1995. Move-in special! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, washer/dryer, golf course view, back yard, gated. 10332 Rancho Carmel Drive. 858-597-6100 x321.

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John D. Spreckels and children or grandchildren, c.1914. Spreckels’s German immigrant father became wealthy on sugar. With his inheritance of \$10 million, J.D. invested in railroads, utility companies, newspapers, hotels, real estate, and shipping.

J.D. Spreckels III, of the second generation of American Spreckels, exhibited no business acumen: jailed on suspicion of auto theft in

November 1930; arrested the same month while “staggering drunk...on the public highway near Tijuana”; wild spending on racehorses and hunting trips; charged with gun threats by his divorcing wife. At divorce proceedings, Spreckels said, “I’m not equipped to hold a regular job. I guess horse-racing is my business now.”

— by Robert Mizrachi

CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. Wexford Manor. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms in beautiful complex with pool, spa, laundry, air conditioning, dishwasher. Sorry, no pets. \$925-\$1195. www.WexfordLiving.com. 7870 Stalmer Street. 858-277-4843.

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CLAIREMONT. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1-car garage. No pets. Nice. Carpet/paint. Large fenced yard/porch. 4414 Clairemont Drive. Agent, 619-275-3455.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. Coral Bay Canyon, 3309 Cowley Way. Call for specials! 1 bedrooms starting at \$840; 2 bedrooms from \$1000. Renovated units also available: 1 bedrooms from \$935; 2 bedrooms starting \$1110. Pets welcome (size limit), 25 meter lap pool. Spa. Resort-style

sundeck. Toll free: 888-500-0471. www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT/BAY HO. Stonehaven, Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. 2-car garage, hookups. Fireplace, patio, pool, jacuzzi, tennis/racquetball. Non-smoking, no pets. \$1995. 858-483-2450.

CLAIREMONT. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment or 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus garage. Dishwasher, fireplace, laundry. No pets. 1204 Vega Street. kandrproperties.com, 858-490-1600.

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CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. Must see! Large 2 bedroom, 2 full baths apartment. \$1100. Convenient, clean, quiet, assigned off-street parking, on-site laundry facility. No dogs. Cat OK with extra deposit. 619-665-2547.

CLAIREMONT. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2-car tandem garage, 1232 square feet, granite countertops, wood

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DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. \$950-\$1025. 1 bedrooms 1 bath with balconies, secure parking included. Laundry room on site. Some with downtown views. Call Greg, 619-239-7313.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$995+. Two large 1 bedrooms. Historical building, hardwood floors, decorator colors, claw-foot tub, view. Convenient freeway access. Cat OK with deposit. 619-231-8723.

DOWNTOWN/BANKER'S HILL. \$1300. 2270 2nd Avenue. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath with amazing views! Custom paint, all appliances, secured parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Up to 6 weeks free rent! Undeniably stylish apartments and townhomes. 1 bedroom flats from \$1355; Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$2220! Near Gaslamp Quarter, Horton Plaza, more! Heated pool, spa, fitness center, parking. Washer/dryer, central heat/air. The Heritage, 1471 8th Avenue. 1-888-707-3529. www.sdreader.com/rent/2010.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE \$1095. Charming 1 bedroom in Victorian village. Bright and sunny. Lots of storage, hardwood floors. Entire inside new, 3 private decks, secluded and private. Pets OK. Free laundry. Near City College. 1141 19th Street. Norm, 619-295-0742.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. 750 11th Avenue, Neuhaus Ateliers, \$1350 and 1400, 1 bed, 1 bath, unique urban loft on 2 levels! Concrete and bamboo floors, washer/dryer, decks with views to Coronado and Ballpark, high vaulted ceilings, in a new building, includes parking, available 5/1/11 Jaime, 619-921-5838.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$625 and up. Studio, clean nonsmoking building: Hardwood and ceramic floors. Charming built-in storage, Laundry. 1 cat OK. On trolley line. 830 Park Boulevard (12th). 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. 1480 Broadway, Union Square. \$2195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with loft! Huge rooftop deck with views of city and harbor. 2 parking.

Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP QUARTER. \$99 moves you in! Up to 2 months free! Urban loft-style penthouse from \$1700. Lease. Views! Hardwood floors. Skylights. Air conditioning. Cable/high speed Internet. Controlled access. Garage available. Washer/dryer hookups. Near Horton Plaza, Petco Park, more! On Broadway, 1014 Fifth Avenue. 1-866-214-0479. www.sdreader.com/rent/2109.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Best prices downtown! Call for specials! New in Gaslamp! Studios from \$785. 1 bedrooms from \$1135. 2 bedrooms, \$1140-\$1500. Deposits \$300-\$400. Floor-to-ceiling windows. Great city views! Gated community. Water/garbage paid. Laundry. Storage. Underground parking, \$80/month. Pets OK. 900 F Street. 619-233-4787. www.sdreader.com/rent/2020.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Las Flores Hotel. Small, quiet. \$121/week and up. Four-week minimum. Color TV with basic cable. Refrigerator in most rooms. Safe and secure. 619-235-6820.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$1650. New luxury 1 bedroom/bath at Trellis, 530 K Street, #201W. Bright, open, all appliances. Parking, balcony facing courtyard. Year lease. 619-980-6708.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. Large 1 bedroom Craftsman flat, top floor, balcony, gated entry. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookups, pets OK. 2130 E Street. \$1100. 619-702-4135.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. \$2000/month. Walking distance to PETCO Park. Approximately 1200-square-foot loft, top floor, bay windows, Pergo, appliances, washer/dryer. Pets on approval. Available 4/1. 619-235-5606.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP QUARTER. Various new 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 parking spaces, stainless appliances, wood floors, pool, spa, gym, washer/dryer. Pets OK. \$1800-\$2100. 619-804-6840.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Lofts in the heart of the Gaslamp from \$975! 85 lofts, 17 different floor plans, 880-1300 square feet. Move-in specialist! Select pets OK. Roof deck, barbecue. Laundry on every floor. Parking available. Pioneer Lofts leasing office: 315 4th Avenue. 619-231-1505 x12. www.trilogymanagement.com. Also visit www.sdreader.com/rent/2064.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath in La Vita. Granite countertops, parking, pool, spa, fitness, courtyard view, washer/dryer. \$1500. Call 619-885-8003.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Studio and 1 bedroom apartments from \$995. Luxury lofts in Little Italy from \$1600-balconies, Berber carpet, on-site laundry facilities. 619-255-0526. www.sdburbanliving.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Acqua Vista. 2 bedroom condo. Sunny, balcony, bay/city views. New appliances, washer/dryer. 9th floor. Parking. Pool/spa/gym. \$1895. 619-301-5532.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand new, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1000 square feet, washer/dryer, 2 parking, secured building, all amenities. \$1750. 300 West Beech. 619-671-4593.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. New La Vita. Spectacular views! 1 bedroom, \$1595. 2 bedroom, \$2095. New appliances, washer/dryer, security building, subterranean parking, pool, gym. 619-379-0471.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. La Vita. Brand new! \$1550. 1 bedroom. Bay/city views. Granite, wood floors, fireplace, pool, spa, gym, storage, parking. No pets. 619-997-9012.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New high rise. Incredible water views. Pool, spa, gym, 24 hour valet, 2-car parking. Small pet OK. \$2600. Available 4/1. Nancy, 858-692-5802.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move-in special. \$1370-\$1539. 2 bedrooms and 3 bedrooms. Laundry. Parking available. Income qualified property. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-236-9353.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 17th floor La Vita condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car parking. City views. Storage, pool, gym, amenities. Never lived in. \$2150/month. Year lease. No pets. 619-223-0192; 619-224-0652; 619-459-5745.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 1750 Kettner Boulevard, Doma. \$2000. 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath corner loft. 1500 square feet, tile, carpet, cherry cabinets, stainless appliances, huge patio! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$2300. 1750 Kettner Boulevard. 2 bedroom. 2.5 bathroom townhouse. 2 levels, 2 decks, walk-in closets, stainless and granite kitchen. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$2000. 300 West Beech, La Vita. 2 bedroom, 2 bath brand new 11th & 16th floor building. Huge deck, all amenities. Perfect Little Italy location! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Portico. \$1100. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Brand new, all appliances, perfect Little Italy location. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$2200. 1501 India Street, Village Walk. 2 available. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-level townhouse. Hardwood floors, stainless/granite kitchen, secured parking. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 1501 India Street, Village Walk. \$2100. 1 bedroom, 2 bath, loft with den on the top floor! 2 levels, 2 sun decks, security parking, work-out. Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1500. 1608 India Street, Bella Via. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Bright and sunny, large deck, walk-in closets, secure parking! Greg Bernave, Downtown Specialist, 619-696-7031.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move-in special! Corner Ash/Union, great views, 1 bedrooms from \$1195-\$1400. Stainless steel appliances, 17-foot ceilings. Pets OK. 619-501-6731, www.thebillboardlofts.com.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Brand new 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo, top-floor corner unit. Gated community. Vaulted ceilings, granite countertops, upgraded appliances, washer, dryer. Underground parking. Pool, gym. Pets OK. \$1600. 858-531-0727.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$695. Studio. 1 level, stove and refrigerator, will consider small pet. No smoking. Available now. 2233 Brant Street. MTM. 619-464-6444.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 22nd floor. Granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, fireplace, bay views to Balboa Park, pool, spa, fitness. \$2350/month. 619-885-8003.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. Marina Park 1 bedroom. \$1795. Full service building, all amenities. @ Home San Diego, 619-571-9977.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT/City Walk. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath rarely available walk-up townhome, 1488 square feet, custom throughout! Won't last at this rent, \$2350. Call for appointment. @ Home San Diego, 619-571-9977.

EAST SAN DIEGO. Move-in special! \$695. 1 bedroom apartment. Balcony. Fireplace. Underground, gated parking. Dishwasher. Close to shops and bus. 464 47th Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

EL CAJON. Studio. Country living, 3 minutes to freeway. Fabulous view to ocean. 3 acres, pool. Quiet, safe. No smoking/dogs. \$495. Available 4/1. 619-440-1123.

EL CAJON. \$875. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fresh paint, new carpeting. Recreation room. Barbecue area. Sparkling pool, relaxing spa. Laundry on site. Lush landscape. 501 Greenfield Drive. 619-4

EL CAJON. \$995. All new 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo, granite counters, appliances, downstairs, gated, pool, gym, parking. Nonsmoking. No pets. 505 Madison. Agent, 619-921-8518.

EL CAJON. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Just remodeled. Everything new! Granite countertops throughout, gated, pool, spa, gym, new appliances, barbecue, assigned parking space. \$1100. 619-948-3843.

EL CAJON. Move-in specials! Newly refurbished 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, some include backyard. Conveniently located near stores, I-8. Amenities include pool, 2 laundry facilities, dishwashers, assigned parking. 1 bedrooms start at \$750, 2 bedrooms start at \$900. 619-579-5640.

EL CAJON. Gorgeous, remodeled, 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs. Designer kitchen, stainless appliances, laundry hookups, pool, covered parking. 300 Roanoke #10. \$1200. Rentals4U, 760-715-9887; 760-746-7010.

EL CAJON. \$1125. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in the Broadway Timbers complex. 1-car garage plus parking space. All appliances including washer/dryer. Water paid. 1483 Broadway #G. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400. www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, \$750/month. Central air and heat, pool, barbecue area, laundry. Gated community. Wheelchair accessible. Select pets on approval. Move-in special: 1/2 off first month's rent! 346 South Mollison Avenue. 619-312-0606.

EL CAJON. \$835. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in fabulous pool and courtyard complex. Must see to believe. No pets. Call 619-985-3900. www.fourwindsapts.info.

EL CAJON. \$715. Large 1 bedroom in this peaceful, gated community. No pets please. Call 619-818-9939. www.northwindsapts.com.

EL CAJON. Air conditioning and ceiling fans. Peaceful community, conveniently located to I-8 and 67. 1 bedroom at \$695. No pets. Call 619-742-7600. www.palmestates.info.

EL CAJON. \$650. Studio. \$705. 1 bedroom in fabulous pool/courtyard complex. Super clean apartments, a must see. No pets. Call 619-850-9722. www.palmtowers.com.

EL CAJON. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Relax and enjoy the sounds of the fountain or barbecue by the pool. Especially nice complex. No pets. Call 619-990-5900. www.tradewindapts.info.

EL CAJON. Immaculate, large 1 bedroom from \$695. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$850. All new inside! Lovely new carpet, ceiling fans, appliances, dishwasher, walk-in closets, much more. Air conditioning, gated pool, on-site laundry and reserved parking. Excellent location, convenient to major shopping. Easy freeway access. Must see! No pets. Open daily. Call 619-464-5595.

EL CAJON. \$725. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs, off-street assigned parking. 735 South Orange Avenue. See manager in #6 or call 619-440-4607.

EL CAJON. \$740. Spacious 1 bedroom. New paint/carpet/blinds. Clean, quiet, beautiful setting. Pool, laundry, parking. 368 Orlando. Move-in special! 619-749-6502.

EL CAJON. 1 bedroom, \$725. Lower unit with air conditioning. Gated garden com-

munity with pool, on-site laundry and parking. Quiet area. 1019 Peach. 858-200-9408; Sandy, 619-588-4773.

EL CAJON. 1164 Decker Street #B, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gated parking, gated community. \$1300/month. Deposit \$1200. Fireplace. 619-696-7368. www.sandiegobestrentals.com.

EL CAJON. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, fireplace, and more! Come see! Small indoor pets OK. 11438 Via Rancho San Diego, #142. Available 4/16. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

EL CAJON. \$900. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath with private patio. Parking, pool, spa, laundry. Don't miss out! 1059 East Bradley Avenue. Agent, 619-807-0183.

EL CAJON. Immediate tenancy. Luxury for less. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. In-unit washer/dryer, microwave, central air. Indoor cat only. \$950. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

EL CAJON. Short-term tenancy. Special \$795/month. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse, 1000 square feet. Future homeowners welcome. Pets on approval. Sherry, 619-726-7933.

EL CAJON/GRANITE HILLS. Contemporary 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Ideal for roommates! 2-car garage. Laundry hookups. Gated. Lush landscaping. No smoking/pets. \$1250. 619-334-5297.

ENCINITAS. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Garage, large fenced yard with patios/lawn. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, Trash paid. Sorry, no pets. Lease. 760-815-4246.

ENCINITAS. Outstanding Moonlight Beach views across from this fabulous 1 bedroom! Marble/granite, gourmet kitchen with pass through to deck. \$1895 lease. 760-753-4101.

ENCINITAS. \$100 move-in special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment on the bluffs. \$1595 and up. 330 West I Street. 760-635-2668. www.melroyproperties.com.

ENCINITAS. Move-in special, \$500 off! Huge 3 bedroom apartment \$1500. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings, new kitchen appliances, new tile. 585 Melba. Gina, 619-231-2727.

ENCINITAS. \$800. Studio with loft. Light cooking, utilities included, west of 5, walk to beach and village, no pets. Available now. 760-942-9122.

ENCINITAS. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. 1-car garage. Pet OK. 261 Gloxinia Street. "Pacific Serena." Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. 55+ only. \$1300. 2 bedroom plus den, 2 bath condo. 1-car. Small pet OK. High Country Villas. 1610 Forestdale. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. Ocean view 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Fireplace, decks, garage. All appliances. Washer/dryer on premises. Walk to Coaster, beach, Village. Nonsmoking. \$1475/month. 858-481-2604.

ENCINITAS. \$1320. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. 1.5 miles to beach. washer/dryer, 1660 square feet. Available 4/24. 1660 South El Camino Real. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. \$1250, utilities included. Fabulous, large studio. Great ocean views, large deck, brand new kitchen and bathroom, Pergo floors, parking, storage. Available now. 760-943-7179.

ESCONDIDO. Gated, garden-style living! Junior 1 bedrooms, \$795. 1 bedrooms, \$895-\$925. 2 bedrooms, \$1020-\$1050. Washer/dryer included. Central air and heat. Dishwasher. Microwave. Walk-in closet. Large private patio/balcony. Pool. Covered parking. Near bus and shopping! Teton Pines Apartments, 2100 East Grand Avenue. 760-747-5566. www.sdreader.com/rent/2090.

ESCONDIDO. \$900-\$1195. 1/2 off 1st month's rent with approved credit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Appliances. Laundry. Pool. 760-738-2303.

ESCONDIDO. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, fireplace, newer appliances, washer/dryer in unit, balcony overlooks pool area. Agent, 619-741-4378.

ESCONDIDO. New development. Move-in ready! Junior, \$862. 1 bedroom, \$981. 2 bedroom, \$1175. 3 bedroom, \$1351. Please call 760-432-9212 for a private tour or more information.

ESCONDIDO. Enjoy a quick drive home once off the freeway! Spacious 1, 2 bedroom apartment homes with great room-size floor plan. Pool, spa. Covered parking and laundry facilities. Nice clean community. Start at \$760 monthly. 640 West Lincoln Street. 760-489-8989.

ESCONDIDO. 2 bedroom, 1.25 bath. Completely remodeled gated condo with laundry in unit, balcony. New appliances, covered parking, gym, pool, tennis, playground. \$1190. Johnny, 619-846-6557.

ESCONDIDO. \$1250. Upstairs unit in great complex. Newer cabinets, counters, paint, carpet, bathrooms. 1-car garage, balcony, storage. Complex features clubhouse, pools, jacuzzis, laundries. 760-455-9278.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. \$1125. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Spacious with fireplace. Near beach and trolley. Available 4/1. 760-822-9899.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1800. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, approximately 1100 square feet. New appliances. 1 garage/1 parking. Pool, gym. Laundry facilities. 858-220-3363.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1550/lease. Large 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bathroom deluxe townhouse. Parking. View. Loft ceiling. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. No pets. 5610 Millard Street, #C. 858-454-6874.

FASHION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo for \$1700. First month 1/2 off! Pool and gym. Washer/dryer. 7123 Camino DeGrazia #136. Agent, 858-598-1111 x191.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$1200 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse apartment. Underground parking. No pets, at 5550 Mildred Street #17. 619-291-1755.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1100 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Off-street parking. No pets. At 1330 Eureka Street #31 or #29. Agent, 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Appliances, coin laundry. Convenient location. Cat OK with deposit. Available 4/10. 5720 Lauretta. 858-270-2071. Del Sol Properties, Broker. www.delsolpm.com.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$1025. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 units available April 1st. Newer carpet, laundry on site! Pets welcome. 5469 and 5475 Lauretta. 619-997-8614.

FASHION VALLEY. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint. Walk-in closet, pool, jacuzzi, barbecue. Laundry on-site, gated parking. No pets. 619-804-1559.

FASHION VALLEY. \$2000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Attached 2-car garage.

Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Private patio. Pool/spa. 6912 Camino de Grazia. www.sdforrent.com. 619-640-7530.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$795. Studio in private home. Private entry and bath. Utilities paid. Pool. Access to washer/dryer. Parking. View. No smoking. 619-297-1483 x110 or 619-851-7986. www.rasnyder.com.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Unique metropolitan setting offering comfort and convenience. 2 bedroom townhomes with washer/dryer, \$1525. Call for availability. Private balcony! View. Central air and heat. Controlled access. Reserved covered parking. Dishwasher. Microwave. Feline friendly. Freeway access. Golden Pacific, 1015 19th Street. www.pacificliving.com, toll free: 1-866-807-3215. www.sdreader.com/rent/2028.

GOLDEN HILL. \$925. 2 bedroom, lower level, private entry, hardwood floors, crown molding, beautiful turn of the century style with modern plumbing and electric. 619-230-0998.

GOLDEN HILL. \$560. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry and parking on site. Gated. Must see. 619-640-1712.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2nd floor. Balcony. 2-parking. Gated. Behind golf course. Washer/dryer. Fireplace. Dishwasher. \$1350. 2742 A St. 858-774-0762.

GOLDEN HILL. Live in beautiful historic Golden Hills, \$795. 1 bedroom, minutes to Downtown/Gaslamp. Corner condo: patio, tile floors, new appliances, laundry. Parking. 619-549-9587.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1200. Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, tile, laundry, patio/balcony, 2-car underground parking, quiet gated community. No smoking, cat OK. 619-861-0557.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695, studio. \$725, junior 1 bedroom. Quiet, gated, near Downtown, close to bus, no pets. 2528 C Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

GOLDEN HILL. \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great apartment in fun-loving Golden Hill. Stove, refrigerator. No pets. 838 Toyne Street #A. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$743. Income restrictions apply. Controlled access, underground parking, large closet and cabinet space. Close to shopping, dining and freeway access. Call 858-571-1970.

GOLDEN HILL. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Hardwood floors, several upgrades. No smoking/pets. Deposit \$800. Available 4/1. 947 20th Street. 619-865-1556.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$925. 1 bedroom with private garage, tropical setting, lots of tile, gated. Cat OK. 2559 C Street. 619-994-0449.

GOLDEN HILL. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 units. \$775/\$895. Hardwood floors. Great neighborhood, laundry on site. Available now. No dogs. 2427 E Street. 619-857-3706.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Studios from \$675-\$775. Close to Downtown, Interstate 5. On-site laundry. 619-237-1838 or 619-217-2502.

GOLDEN HILL. Remodeled 1 bedroom duplex, gleaming hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, extra den/office area, tons of charm and character. 619-296-2787.

GOLDEN HILL. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage-style duplex. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Large kitchen. Fenced patio. No dogs. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Huge studio with full kitchen and bath. Utilities included.

Shared yard. Private. New carpet. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$925. 1920s classic 1 bedroom, downstairs with gleaming hardwood floors. Large living room. Off-street parking. Dining area. Shared yard. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Huge downstairs studio with full kitchen and bath. Includes utilities. Cats OK. Off-street parking. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. Historic studio, upstairs, with view, secure building. Hardwood floors, private balcony, decorative fireplace, laundry, parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. Big 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$1150. Quiet garden setting, all appliances, laundry. Also, beautiful 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, \$900, garage. Available now. Cats OK. Please call Albena, 619-238-3836.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1250. Newly refurbished 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath duplex. solar-heated water, fenced backyard, refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer. 1347 Grove Avenue. 619-286-9229.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 and 3 bedroom townhomes starting at \$1450. Contemporary setting, wood flooring/carpet. Italian tile/countertops. 1-car garage, private patio, new landscaping, security entry, laundry on site. 619-247-7327.

GOLDEN HILL. All new 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Granite countertops, dishwasher, washer/dryer, hardwoods, parking space. No pets. \$1400/month. 1/2 first month! 2782 Treat. 619-247-0036.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Centrally located, terrific location. 2660 E Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. 1 parking space, laundry. 2658 E Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

GOLDEN HILL. \$710. Quiet, private studio looking out to patio/courtyard. New carpet, tiled kitchen. Extra storage. Utilities included. Secure property with laundry. Free hi-speed wireless Internet. West of 25th. 619-239-2278. www.goldenhillrentals.com.

GOLDEN HILL from \$775, studios and 1 bedrooms in gated community. Underground parking, laundry, dishwasher, no pets. 3013 C Street. 619-595-7823.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. Pet-friendly community! \$750. Charming 1 bedroom with large walk-in closet. Pets under 25 pounds. 619-980-6868.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, \$825. Gated Spanish courtyard. Historic building. New kitchens, wood floors, spacious closets. Laundry. 2503 G Street. 619-805-7100.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. 1 bedroom, lower, walk-in closet, rear fenced patio, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-698-6429.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. \$850 plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in historical building. Newer kitchen with refrigerator. Large bedroom. Near Downtown/Gaslamp. Terry, 619-778-2830.

GOLDEN HILL/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath near Downtown/Gaslamp. \$1450 plus deposit. New stove, refrigerator. Carpeted storage area. Newly landscaped. Gated parking. Terry, 619-778-2830.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700. 1 bedroom. Private. Secluded. One of three units. Call Dan, 619-602-0297.

GOLDEN HILLS/SHERMAN HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath private apartment. Close to Petco Park/revitalization area. New car-

pet and paint. Secured parking. \$1150/month. Section 8 eligible. Available April 1. 619-226-4728.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1380. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Top floor. Quiet. Bright. Gated. Parking. Recently remodeled. All appliances. Balcony. Stackable washer/dryer. Storage closet. Darron, 619-665-6756.

GOLDEN HILL. \$785. 1 bedroom in quiet courtyard. Hardwood floors, tiled kitchen and bathroom. Tall bathroom ceiling with skylight. Free hi-speed wireless Internet. Laundry. Secure complex. West of 25th Street. www.goldenhillrentals.com. 619-239-2278.

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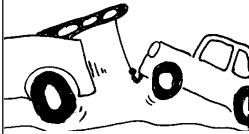
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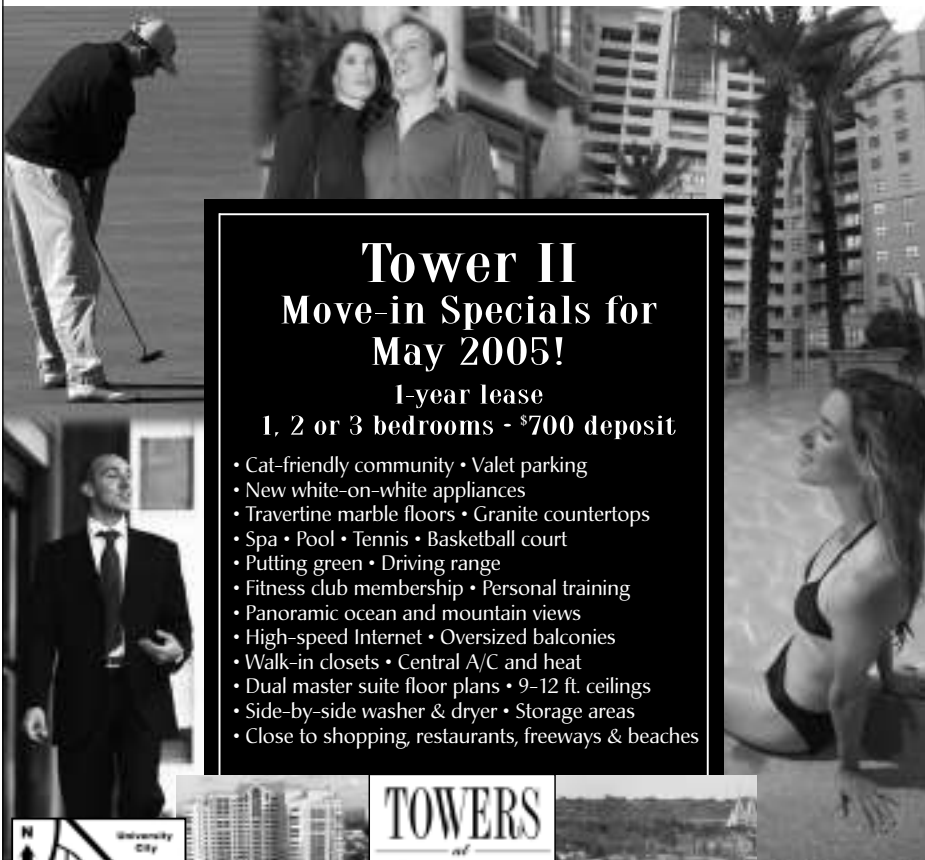
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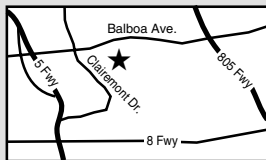
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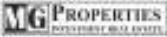


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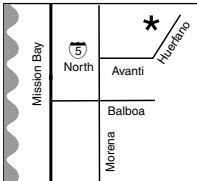
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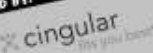
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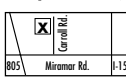
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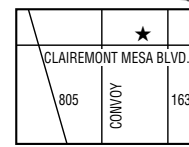
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Names in the News

— From the crime column of Texas’ *Lewisville Leader*, Feb. 14: arrested on charges of drug possession, driving while intoxicated, and driving without a license: Mr. Fred Flintstone, 34. ... Taken into custody in February in Miami to begin serving a one-year sentence on alien-smuggling charges: a Chinese national whose given name is King Kong. ... An obituary from Texas’ *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, Dec. 2: Mr. Dom Perigion Champagne, whose parents were Mr. Jeron Champagne and Ms. Perfect Engelberger.

Chutzpah!

— Porchia Bennett of Philadelphia was last visited by her father, Lester Trapp, when she was one year old, then virtually abandoned by her drug-addicted mother, Tiffany Bennett, at age two. Porchia then fell to the custody of Tiffany’s drug-addicted sister and the sister’s boyfriend, who lived in rat-infested squalor and who are now charged with killing Porchia at age three through starvation and physical abuse. In February, Trapp and his parents filed a lawsuit against the city of Philadelphia for failing to protect Porchia (with Tiffany also entitled to share the proceeds as Porchia’s “beneficiary”).

Least Competent People

— Missing the Point: In January, Richard Graybill, 42, pleaded guilty in Chester County, Pa., to unauthorized use of a vehicle. He had taken a car that had been parked, awaiting repairs, at a shopping center, but he was later discovered by the car’s owner when he pulled up to the drive-thru window at the Wendy’s restaurant where she worked. She confronted him and he sped away, but he returned a few minutes later and tried to persuade her to sign over the title to him; he said he had put a lot of effort into fixing the car up. — (1) Richard Arredondo, 18, and two pals had to be rescued by sheriff’s personnel in California’s San Bernardino National Forest on Feb. 5 after getting lost while mountain-biking. On Feb. 6, they went back in to retrieve their bikes and again got lost and had to be rescued. (2) According to a study released in the *Journal of Advanced Nursing* in February, only 3 percent of people with nipple or genital body piercings sought professional health-care advice despite the fact that two-thirds eventually experience problems ranging from infections to interruptions in urinary flow.

Ironies

— In 2002, 17 U.S. pilots captured and beaten by Saddam Hussein’s forces in the 1991 Gulf War filed a lawsuit asking for nearly \$1 billion from Saddam’s assets frozen by the United States. In 2003, a federal judge ruled in their favor. However, an appeals court tossed out the case, citing a 2003 post-invasion law that removed jurisdiction for the lawsuit at the behest of the Bush administration, which wants to reserve the frozen assets for rebuilding Iraq. An even larger irony is that defense secretary Rumsfeld has publicly conceded that the Iraqi detainees who were abused in 2003 at the Abu Ghraib prison should be compensated, even though the U.S. pilots endured perhaps worse abuse at the same Abu Ghraib facility in 1991. — More Ironies: (1) A large portion of the materials on plagiarism on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh’s Writing Center website was

revealed in February to have been taken verbatim from Purdue University’s Web page on plagiarism. (2) A February report from the White House’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB), grading federal departments and agencies on five administrative performance criteria, concluded that the second-worst-performing agency was OMB. — The Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, in a cost-cutting move in the wake of its sexual-abuse settlement, announced in 2004 that it would close several churches and schools, including Our Lady of the Presentation in the struggling neighborhood of Oak Square. Rather than sell the school to an eager community group at market price, the archdiocese is converting it into offices for processing marriage annulments. (Americans are granted 70 percent of all Catholic annulments, and the total has increased 90-fold since the 1960s.) — In January, a coalition of lawyers, including two from the Legal Aid Society, asked a judge for \$9 million in legal fees after San Francisco’s school system agreed to demands to modify its buildings to increase access for disabled students. The sum included rates of \$552 an hour for Legal Aid lawyers to \$810 an hour for a partner at the top-drawer Skadden Arps firm (which boasts of “pro bono” civic-mindedness). The school system said a \$1 million reduction in fees could pay for 14 new teachers, but the lawyers said the fees could be paid off by selling surplus school property.

What Goes Around, Comes Around

— According to Transportation Security Administration officials, New Jersey psychiatrist Esha Khoshnu, in a stopover in Phoenix en route to a professional meeting in San Diego in February, got “mouthy and snippy” with Mesa Airlines agents who wanted to examine her luggage, reportedly saying, “[Even if] I had a bomb, you wouldn’t find it.” Agents, following TSA protocol, detained her, causing her to miss her flight; her luggage, loaded onto another flight, was detonated on the tarmac

at Lindbergh Field in San Diego. — According to an Agence France-Presse story from Wavrechain-sous-Denain, France, a three-year-old mastiff named Pako lifted his leg next to a lamppost to relieve himself. The dog was electrocuted when his stream hit the metal pole, which (following an act by vandals) had a loose lamp wire touching it.

Finer Points of Law

— In June 2004, Beth Rice and Stanley Blacker of Florida held a lavish wedding weekend in Las Vegas. Before friends and family and a rabbi, the couple said their vows, and exchanged rings in a traditional Jewish wedding. They came home, moved in together, and opened a joint bank account. However, according to a January report in the *St. Petersburg Times*, the couple purposefully failed to get a marriage license. As a result, a judge ruled in January that under Florida law, Rice had not “re-married” and that her ex-husband must continue to honor the couple’s divorce settlement and pay her \$5000 a month. — Six years ago, during a brief affair in Chicago, Dr. Sharon Irons manually inseminated herself with sperm from Dr. Richard O. Phillips, following oral sex. The result was a daughter, now aged five, for whom Phillips has reluctantly been paying \$800 a month to support while his lawsuit against Irons for deception travels through Illinois courts. A trial judge had dismissed all of his claims, but in February, the Illinois appeals court granted a partial reversal, ordering a trial on whether she inflicted “emotional distress” by a legally “outrageous” act. However, the court dismissed Phillips’s claim that Irons had “stolen” his sperm, stating that “it was a gift, an absolute and irrevocable transfer of title to property from a donor to a donee” and that, without a specific agreement to return it, it was hers to do with as she pleased.

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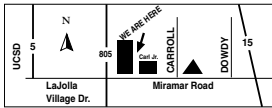
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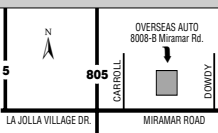
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STALKING

Location: [500] West San Ysidro Boulevard

Time/Date: 12:00-4:30 p.m. on 2/20/05-3/18/05

Synopsis: A Hispanic male known to E.L. only as "Eduardo" had been making repeated and unwanted sexual advances to her in person and by telephone.

Victim's Statement: This guy came in about a month ago. My manager showed him an apartment. I...noticed that he was staring at me. That afternoon he called me on the phone, he said, "I don't know if you



remember me but I was staring at you today." He said he was Eduardo and he lived in Tijuana. He

asked if we had any one or two bedroom apartments. I told him that we didn't. He asked to go out with me; I told him that I was married.

A week later, he called back and said, "I want to date you." Yesterday, he came in at about 4:15 p.m. He shook my hand and tried to kiss me. He said, "C'mon, just one on the cheek." I told him no. He said, "I have a gift for you." He set it on the corner of my desk, saying there was a gift receipt in the box in case the lingerie didn't fit me. I told him that I would have to throw it out. He moved a trash can over to my corner of the desk (for the box) and sat down in a chair. I told him he would have to leave.

About fifteen to twenty minutes later he called on the telephone. He said, "Do you like it? Will you wear it for me?" I told him no. He asked if we could go to a hotel for a couple of hours and that nobody would know. I told him, "No, I'm married and that's not going to happen." I told him to quit calling me. He said, "Everything I want I get." I told him, "Sorry; it's not going to happen." He told me he was going to keep trying and asked what size ring I

wear. I said, "I'm not taking any gifts from you."

Officer's Investigation: I collected a pink Victoria's Secret gift box with a black panty and bra set. Based on the behavior displayed by the suspect, I believe that his continued advances pose a threat to her safety and meet the criteria for stalking. I called the Victoria's Secret store and spoke to the manager. I asked her about the possibility of obtaining surveillance based on the information on the gift receipt that was with the lingerie. I transported the lingerie and the box to Southern Division and processed the box for latent fingerprints.

KIDNAPPING/ CARJACKING

Location: Intersection of Lake Murray Boulevard and Navajo Road, Lake Murray

Time/Date: 2:02 p.m. on 3/17/05



Incident: An 89-year-old female had just withdrawn four \$100 bills from [Union Bank]. As she was getting back into her car, the suspect opened the passenger door of her car and got in. He is described as a white male, 35-40, with short brown hair, a mustache and goatee, wearing a tan button-down shirt and dark-colored overalls. He took her money and then

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ordered her to drive around for a couple of hours. They went to other banks but no other cash was taken from the victim. They arrived in the 10200 block of Lake Jennings Park Road where the suspect ordered her out of the car. Once she got out of the car, he ordered her to go around and open the passenger door for him. He got out of the car and walked away.

EXHIBIT DEADLY WEAPON

Location: 14400 Janal Way, Carmel Mountain

Time/Date: 4:15 p.m. on 3/20/05



Investigation: I responded to a radio call...to investigate an incident of brandishing a knife that occurred earlier. I spoke with S.D. and his father, M.D. M.D. stated he had walked over to an unknown address at the Canyon Rim apartments over the incident. The juveniles would not talk to him and walked away. According to M.D., M.B. and A.A. have been verbally harassing him for the past several months at different locations in the Carmel Mountain/Rancho Peñasquitos area.

Statement of S.D.: I was walking my friend Andrew home. We were about halfway to his house. I saw M.B.,

A.A., and C.M. walking down the hill. They were walking in the middle of the street. I tried to avoid them by walking to the west sidewalk. They all walked over...[and] asked me why I was talking about a girl named Mariah. I told him I hadn't talked about her. They asked why I had called my dad on them earlier for them trying to sneak into a girl's house. I told them my sister had told my dad, not me. M.B. and A.A. pulled knives out of their pants pockets. The knives looked like switchblades. M.B. put the knife point at my stomach. A.A. grabbed my right arm so I couldn't run. He held the knife in the air. They told me not to talk about anyone else anymore. A.A. let go of my arm and I walked Andrew home.

BANK ROBBERY

Location: 201 East San Ysidro Boulevard

Time/Date: 11:05 a.m. on 3/21/05



Synopsis: A Hispanic male entered the Bank of America and began cursing. He jumped on the counter and reached into the cash drawer and took a handful of money. He then began cursing the money and threw it around the bank. He walked out of the bank without any money and into the waiting arms of Sgt. Jesus Cesena. The suspect was taken to CMH for evaluation.

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LIVE FROM THE GENIUS BAR IN MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Fate is cruel. I think we can all agree on this one thing before I move on. Mostly cruel. Especially when one considers withering illnesses, rapid aging, death and taxes — all of which are as unavoidable as Fate, and so are therefore part of Fate.

At this exact moment I, a writer and a mother of a certain age (one son, Pablo, six) am sitting on a barstool at the Genius Bar at my local Mac Store. (The Genius Bar. I wonder how much money someone made to think of that, instead of Customer Service. I'm thinking about a million dollars and a team of six creatives, two of whom were actively disengaged.)

My laptop, a G-3 iBook, is cursed; it is a gypsy curse. It involves a great deal of mystery and importunate timing, is how I know gypsies were involved. Gypsies or witches.

Within the past ten days, I have just had everything replaced; it was physically gone for a week in Memphis, Tennessee. And now it refuses to function, despite the fact that literally every part was replaced except the top cover and the plug.

I didn't intend to begin this way. Story of my life. But this is the deadline, today. And the deadline finds me technologically challenged (read: fucked) and psychically chastened and punished, at the Genius Bar in Marin county. Yes, the Fates have once more intervened to fucketh with me. A brown man with short dreads and a seasoned look is manning the station. He checks his list of appointments and says, "Is there a Bud?"

Buds do own computers. This in itself may well be information worth the trip and the time, which I am beginning to think may be in vain as far as me actually getting my computer fixed before I have to pick up my son at school. More and more people cluster worriedly around the Genius Bar. It's like that scene in *It's a Wonderful Life* when the Bailey Building and Loan family bank is on a run and the whole town becomes an anxious mob grabbing for their money. And Jimmy Stewart is running around telling everyone to calm down. Just calm down. Jimmy Stewart is not at the Genius Bar. He is nowhere

around. He's dead (see: Fate).

Now the man next to me is drumming his fingers. Great, a finger drummer. Next I'll get a whistler. My mother used to attract dwarves with shopping carts. I swear to god.

Bud told me earlier that he had an appointment; he came here and signed on for a 1:15 appointment. People named Bud are known to be practical. He doesn't even have his computer with him, that's how efficient Bud is. He has a list of questions.

I sashay to the row of computers and I make an appointment for 1:55. I am gleeful. It may even be before then, it said.

There is a good feeling of just sitting at the Genius Bar. They have wisely installed wide barstools. People are used to sitting at bars. Bars are safe, bars are good. Squint, and it's a pub. Lots of time can go by inside bars without anything happening. Yes, bars were an excellent choice.

"Why do they make those little CDs if no one can use them?" The man in the black turtleneck is angry. He has a problem they cannot solve. His whole system is out of date, like a dodo bird. He walks the walk of the dejected as he leaves. So it's not really the Genius Bar. It's the Just Okay bar.

Now, if this were a real Genius Bar, I, like Bud, would have come with a list of questions. Let's say there was a limit of ten. Ten questions:

1. Why was I born

2. What happens when you die? Is there a hell or is there nothing. I would prefer a hell. Hell I could understand. Nothingness would frighten me. I want to still exist, even if it means hell. I tell my son that I believe in heaven, but I don't. I feel it's a publicity stunt.

3. Why did my marriage end?



4. Can time be moved backward? I'd like that option.

5. Do the people I hate know it? I want them to.

6. Do the people I love know it? How can I make some of them un-know it? How can I stop them from knowing it?

7. What's the square root of two million?

8. How many holes are there in an average colander?

9. Why did the dinosaurs

become extinct?

10. Will I ever have another really huge death-defying love affair or am I doomed to eternal celibacy and its accompanying sense of being a rutabaga and not a woman.

Meanwhile, back at the Genius Bar, they actually do fix my problem. My Genius Bar man wears a plain black long sleeve shirt that may be Helmut Lang, and two very scientific sleek looking necklaces around his neck; possibly the keys to the entire Mac universe, the key to my deliverance from evil.

Another woman, this one with a short cruel hairdo and big-ass diamonds in her ears, appears to my right. She bears a look of a nurse at an emergency ward, a look of concerned fatigue. I sense she has not a computer glitch but real matters of life and death here; no little keys just slightly loose, everything in her vista crashing into a meteor of destruction. God. I'm so glad to be free. I alone was spared, that's the feeling. As I slip from my barstool, I hear a full-grown man talking in a high quavery voice.

"It's the blinking question mark..." He's practically weeping.

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"Why a Lexus instead of another Toyota?"

"Well, I wanted a car that was as comfortable as the Land Cruiser but much smaller, because the Land Cruiser's so big it's difficult to drive and to park. The Lexus is light, and with the front-wheel drive, it handles well. And it's got zip, whereas the Land Cruiser was a heavy car, and though it was powerful with a V-8, it had a lot of inertia; it was slow to get moving. The Lexus is a V-6. Less power than the Land Cruiser, but the gear ratio is such that it's perfectly adequate.

"Besides, the Lexus has what my wife and I wanted the most, and that was seat warmers. On a chilly morning, there's nothing better than putting

your buns on a nice seat warmer."

As this is the second time in a month I've encountered seat heaters, I wonder if soon even cars I can afford will offer them. Anyway, I'm intrigued. "Do these heaters come on right away?"

"Yeah, right away."

"And they don't take a long time to warm up like a heater that runs off the motor does?"

"They're hot just like that." He snaps his fingers.

"So," I ask, "if you get distracted and forget to turn them down until you start to toast, do they cool down as fast as they warm up, or do you get roasted?"

"You do get a little sweaty," Dave admits, "and especially if you're driving along and the sun comes out. They're designed for people wearing overcoats in cold climates, so they can feel the heat through the overcoat. If they're on high and you sit on them in shorts, look out. But in the Lexus, you can see at a glance if they're on. In the Land

Cruiser, the switch was hard to see. They could be on and you wouldn't know it. On the Lexus, the switch is right by the gearshift lever, and it's got a red light in a place where the sun doesn't shine and make it invisible."

"Does the back seat have heaters?" I ask.

"No, just the front."

"Like some baseball stadiums that have heaters in the home-team dugout but not in the visiting-team dugout. If you take friends out on a cold night, who gets the front seat?"

Dave says, "My wife, of course."

I imagine readers thinking:

Enough with the bun warmer. "Besides the seat heat," I ask, "what other goodies does the Lexus have?"

"Ours has the GPS, and with that comes a backup camera. When you put it in reverse, you look at the screen and you see behind you. Think of how many children will not be killed because of that camera."

"And," I say, "how about the effect on the repair industry and insur-



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ance companies? My kind of accident is backing into another car in a parking lot."

Dave nods. "I backed my Land Cruiser into another car, which destroyed the door on the other car and didn't put a paint scratch on my Land Cruiser."

"Does the GPS come in handy?"

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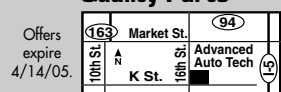
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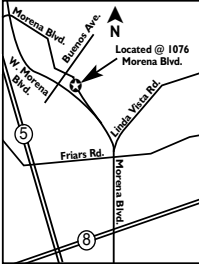
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"Did you make it through Lent without flipping someone off on the road?"

By John Brizzolara

Almost a week ago, Easter was celebrated, preceded by Holy Saturday and Good Friday. Lent is over and you (if you observe these things at all, meaning you are probably Catholic) are back to drinking beer or eating ice cream and cursing or flipping off incompetent motorists on I-5. But I got to thinking about it because I finally decided I would watch Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*.

No, no, this is not another review of that movie. It's about that day of the year in particular of which Christians in particular and in general are aware. And Christians-in-General, I've just been informed, make up a good-sized population of the U.S.A., including San Diego.

I have some stark memories of Good Friday growing up in a family with an Italian Catholic father and an English, Protestant Catholic convert of a mother who became more Catholic than many of the nuns who taught me through grade school.

The first time I heard the story of the Crucifixion I was horrified and six years old. This couldn't be a true story; nobody would ever do that stuff to another human being. Coming home from school that day, shaken, my mother decided my younger brother (four or five) should hear the story as well. She recounted her own somewhat lunatic and gaudy version, then slipped a Harry Belafonte record onto the turntable. The album carried a dirge called, if I remember correctly, "Take my Mother Home," about the Crucifixion. To this day, I remember only one bit of the lyrics.

"I think I heard him crying as they were nailing in the nails..."

Meanwhile, this is accompanied by (maybe) tympani drums representing the hammer blows on "think" and "crying" and "they" and "nailing," etc.: "I think I heard him saying./ Please take

my mother home."

This unnerved me completely, but not like it did my brother. He burst into sobs and tried to climb onto my mother's lap. He was in hysterics. My mother set him back down on the floor, probably gnawing her lower lip with (in those days) legal Dexedrine compulsion and told him to be quiet and listen to "this marvelous Negro."

At exactly three o'clock, the skies clouded over and thunder smote the Chicago skies. Of course, this could happen at any time during a Chicago spring, but in memory, it was exactly three o'clock on the day I learned of The Passion: Good Friday.

Probably as a result of this memory, I came to think of the Catholic Church as a barbarous, bloody, and morbid religion. Of course, that was part of its appeal to me, too.

I would later reinforce that opinion on a sailing trip down the coast of Baja. I was 22 and at all the small fishing villages we anchored or at which we docked, the tallest building in town would be the Catholic Church with the goriest possible representation of Christ imaginable. Sometimes under display glass. I thought of the countless Mexican children whose introduction to religion was this crudely sculpted red spattered spectacle.

Nowadays, my views on these things are much more ambiguous and I wonder about others'.

A 37-year-old man named Kevin with his 4-year-old daughter was coming out of Our Lady of the Rosary Church at around 12:30 p.m. on Good Friday after having observed the Stations of the Cross ritual: a meditation on The Passion.

"Every year I come to Mass on Good Friday. I also meditate a lot on what Christ did for us and how we're supposed to represent Christ's words absolutely. On Easter we're getting together with the grandparents and aunts and uncles, cousins, and other family members to celebrate. We'll go to church again and share a meal."

Does he have associations with the day from childhood?

"Yeah, mine are strong and good. It was a time of family and celebration and excitement."

No doom and gloom and grief?

"Oh, no. It was always an upbeat time."

I asked Brian Basile about his associations with the day.

"I go to church every year on this day and Easter. I'm from Pennsylvania, and I just happened to be out here for a few days, and I knew of this church from before from walking through Little Italy. It's beautiful. I was raised Catholic. I remember being a little kid, and we had to be in the house from 12 to 3 with no music, no TV, no nothin'. Just quiet prayer and meditation. Nobody was allowed to do nothin' from 12 to 3." Basile's household was Italian.

A man named Sergio Muñoz, 45, emerging from the church, told me that the day is a good day to commemorate Christ's death. It puts things into perspective. They say Christ died at exactly three o'clock in the afternoon. But dates aren't relative. We need dates and times to make room in our busy schedules."

Did Muñoz do anything special for Lent? Give up anything?



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"Instead of giving up something, I like to do something positive. For example I do not honk the horn when someone upsets me on the highway; nor do I curse for 40 days."

"Monday you can go back to honking the horn and cursing people out?"

"No; I try to remember today throughout the 300 and whatever days are left of the year."

"Did you make it through Lent without flipping someone off on the road?"

"Yes, I did."

"Wow." Here was a special man.

Parked across the street, I ran into Pat Mitchell and Evelyn André. Mitchell is a Charismatic Catholic and André is a third-order Carmelite, though she is not supposed to refer to herself as a nun. She says, "I go to church every day, but on Good Friday you should especially make an effort to go. You put yourself in the place of Jesus and you give him your own sorrow and pain: what you suffer in your private soul."

André will fast for the rest of the day as another observance. She gave up chocolate and movies for Lent. She made it, except for the sin of one chocolate-flecked biscotti. I suggested she seek out a priest at confession with a reputation for being lenient with penance.

Mitchell didn't observe the custom of self-sacrifice for Lent. But she goes to daily rosary at Saint Vincent De Paul's in Mission Hills.

"As a 25-year Charismatic, did you ever have the occasion to speak in tongues?"

"No. Saint Paul says it is better to speak in a language that people understand."

"I try to do that in my writing," I tell her. "It's damned difficult."

I finally watched about 45 minutes of the Mel Gibson version of Christ's death. It left me with many questions...among them: does the human body really contain that much blood?

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