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The Controversialist

"I'm trying to turn your world view upside down, that's a very difficult thing to do."

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Great Cover

I was driving to the Padre game, and the announcer on 1090 AM was mentioning the *Reader* doing a story on Jerry Coleman ("The Man Who Hung the Stars," April 7). Since I'm in Temecula, I only get a Reader once in a while when I'm in San Diego. I made sure to pick one up this time. Great article.

Tammie Fuhrman Temecula

Suicide Contagion

In regards to the article "Why Do They Die?" by Jeannette De Wyze (March 31), who chose the illustrations? Was there any recognition that these graphic depictions could be imitative stimuli for someone struggling with suicidal ideation or depression? UCSD professor David Phillips, profiled in the article, details the role that the press plays in suicide contagion. Too bad his advice wasn't heeded by the Reader. These gratuitous pictures don't do justice to an informative article. There are plenty of guidelines out there for the media to follow — the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website and in The Copycat Effect: How the Media and Popular Culture Trigger the Mayhem in Tomorrow's Headlines (NY: Simon and Schuster, 2004) by Loren Coleman. It is also recommended that all articles about suicide carry a crisis-line phone number as well as warning signs for suicide and depression. We trust that future Reader articles about suicide will include the recommended prevention component.

Carol Skiljan Yellow Ribbon Suicide **Prevention Program**

Disturbing Agreement

I agree with the letter about that cover on March 24

("Commitment"). It was very disturbing!

Name Withheld via e-mail

Slower Diva

Although I love her, Barbarella is getting boring ("Diary of a Diva," April 7). Her first few columns were exciting, bitchy, relatable, and fun. Now it just seems like blah, blah, blah. Slow drivers? Boring. We live in California, happens every day. Is that all you have to say? I know you have more to say, and I will look forward to it.

As far as the recent letters slamming Barbarella and Josh Board ("Crasher"), times they are changin'; give them a chance. I think they love what they do. Krista Bruce La Mesa

Perfect Diva

I see you get a lot of love/hate letters about Barbarella ("Diary of a Diva"), and I wonder why the "cons" can't just turn the page, but I'm glad to see she inspires others as well as me. She is a diva (the perfect self-applied title) with her larger-than-life vocabulary and staccato observations about everything that dares enter her sphere. She has made me feel understood and justified about miserable dates, wonderful love, awkward holiday gatherings, imperfect family relationships, fear and loathing of the dentist, and, most recently, road rage. Yes, her observations are self-centered, but she admits so plainly and doesn't presume to judge others. Her writing is sometimes touching, always amusing, and I go eagerly to pick up the *Reader* each week because of her. Eve

via e-mail

Fun Fluff

I don't understand what all the Josh Board bashing is about (Letters). I find Josh's column ("Crasher") consistently entertaining, and his casual, conversational writing style is charming. The column is fluffy and fun; readers looking for great insights need to dip into a deeper well. The next time I throw a shindig, Josh's name will be first on the invite list.

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CITY LIGHTS

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Instant replay Federal prosecutors in the case against San Diego city councilmen **Ralph**



Inzunza and Michael Zucchet have released a witness list for the upcoming trial, featuring a galaxy of big names from San Diego and Las Vegas. Longtime city hall lobbyists James Milch and Louis Wolfsheimer (misspelled "Wolfscheimer") are

Ralph Inzunza



joined by councilmembers Jim Madaffer, Tony Young, Toni Atkins, Brian Maienschein, and Donna Frye; ex-city councilman George Stevens; ex-mayoral chief of staff John Kern; ex-deputy city attorney Jim Chapin; and city ethics commission staffer Stacey Fulhorst. Union-Tribune reporter Ray

Huard, who broke some of the early stories about strippers' campaign contributions to the council, is also set to be called. Whether the newspaper will fight Huard's appearance has yet to be seen.

Evidence to be introduced at trial, according to a letter to defense lawyers dated March 31, includes two August 2001 stories by Huard; tapes and transcripts of "approximately" 264 conversations; the city vice squad's file on Cheetahs; various e-mails to and from city councilmembers; numerous "surveillance" videos; and photos of the interiors of "Busalacchi's, Hob Nob, Grant Grill, Cheetahs, Mimi's Café, Bull Pen, CW's Gym, and City Hall." Also on the list: "the 4/17/02 Video Inside CW's Gym" and "Campaign checks to Zucchet, Lewis, from Reimbursed FBI Sources," along with "Campaign checks to Inzunza, Zucchet, Lewis, Atkins, Madaffer from Galardi Sources." Bodybuilder and onetime Cheetahs security chief Tony Montagna, who is on the prosecution's witness list, is said to be an undercover agent for the FBI and is expected to testify against the defendants.

Cash and carry Times may be tough for the city, but recent financial disclosures for the year 2004 show that San Diego officials have still been getting plenty of freebies. Embattled mayor **Dick Murphy**, for instance, was the recipient of an "autographed baseball," worth \$150, from San Diego State University. He also picked up a \$90 coffeemaker from Philips/Norelco and a \$122 necktie from local professional fund-raiser James Bowers. Back in July 2001, Murphy voted to spend \$1 million in taxpaver money on an effort to raise \$50 million or so in private contributions for a new downtown library. The money was given to an outfit called the San Diego Public Library Foundation, which hired the 75-yearold Bowers as its fund-raiser. According to a report recently filed by the San Diego Foundation, which managed the library foundation's money. Bowers was paid \$137,500 in 2004. The city claimed last year that it didn't have any records of that expenditure.

Councilman Scott Peters, whose wife is a multimillionaire, also managed to snag his share of perks. Last April, he was hosted by the Padres to an

Opening Day reception at the ballpark worth \$80. He got a parking pass worth \$17. San Diego Gas & Electric gave Peters two tickets to a dinner worth \$150, along with a \$15 box of Christmas candy. His colleague Toni Atkins went to a \$75 Planned Parenthood dinner thanks to Dr. Phil Diamond. In March 2004, councilman

Brian Maienschein was comped into Cirque du Soleil's "Varekai" show, a gift he valued at \$150. Councilman Jim Madaffer went to the Padres Opening Night with a \$60 ticket provided by the "Moores family," pre-

sumably a reference to team

owner John Moores. Councilman Ralph Inzunza, un-

der indictment in the Cheetahs influence-peddling scandal, apparently had more fundamental issues. He reported getting a gift of \$60 in services from SOS Rooter, a drain-cleaning outfit.

Meanwhile, city bureaucrats have been picking up their own share of schwag. Police chief William Lansdowne went to Padres Opening Night, thanks to a \$68 gift from Cox Communications. Fire chief Jeffrey Bowman viewed a Chargers game last Halloween on a \$78 ticket from team owner Dean Spanos, who also gave Bowman a \$100 Chargers jacket to wear for the occasion. Topping the staff list of freebie recipients was deputy city manager Bruce Herring, who went to Street Scene (\$79), the Holiday Bowl (\$100), Cirque du Soleil (\$360), and a golf tournament (\$295), all thanks to a variety of sponsors. On each occasion, Herring said, he was actually working on behalf of the taxpayers. In the case of his golfing excursion, Herring said he "represented the city at a golf event to raise funds for a fire helicopter."

Bonnie's buddies The invitation for last Thursday's big campaign fund-raiser at the Town and Country hotel called it an "All American Reception," featuring "Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and...Bonnie Dumanis for District Attorney!" But Dumanis's well-heeled guests

were careful to leave the First Amendment at the door of the hotel's cavernous California Ballroom. A TV crew and a print photographer who showed up to cover the bash were kicked off the property by beefy hotel secu-

rity men. Timing of the event Dumanis at fund-raiser wasn't opportune for host

Sheriff Bill Kolender, who is aligned with fellow Republican Dumanis in her battle against Democratic San Diego city attorney Michael Aguirre over control of municipal misdemeanor cases. Kolender was joined on the invite by the usual complement of city hall lobbyists and special interests, including Cox Communications' Mary Ball, Padres booster George Mitrovich, and developer and one-time port district boardmember Peter Janopaul.

— Matt Potter

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Bonnie Dumanis Is Their Pawn

By Don Bauder

S an Diegans have just seen what life under a strong mayor system will be like. Thank goodness, an attempted coup last week was establishment to help them. planned so mindlessly and exe-No one should be surprised. The cuted so clumsily that future such attempts will probably city's red ink results from an unholy alliance between the fail. The battle is between prinbusiness establishment and city hall. The overlords get their

ciple and principal. City attor-



Michael Aguirre

ney Michael Aguirre and those around him are facing reality: the city is broke. As a matter of principle, city employees' excessive retirement benefits must be cut. The employees are standing on principal: their own. They want the manna to continue flowing.

They have enlisted the city's

and multifarious other goodies — and the councilmembers and bureaucrats make it happen. So the business community looks the other way when city employees get overly generous wages and retirement

corporate welfare — subsi-

dized stadiums, shopping cen-

ters, housing developments,

benefits. What the hell: it's the taxpavers' money.

But paradoxically, much good will come of last week's ham-handed coup attempt. "It was an attempt to kill off the pension investigation. They are looking out for their own economic interests and trying to save their behinds from prosecution. It backfired," says Aguirre. On Friday, he released an interim report indicating that the worst of the pension abuses - the deferred retirement option plan, retroactive benefit boosts, and employees' ability to purchase years



of service at a discount — are illegal and therefore void. If employees don't cooperate in slicing ill-gained benefits, continued on page 6

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CITY LIGHTS

They Kill People Everywhere

By Ernie Grimm

he governor of Baja California, Eugenio Elorduy, has a warning for his constituents: be very careful when visiting the crime-ridden

metropolises of the border region...of the United States. During a recent press conference in Mexicali, Governor Elorduy urged Baja Californians to take precautions when traveling in the United States. "We are making a precautionary announcement, for [Mexican citizens] to take care when crossing into the United States, particularly California, because we have a report that crime has constantly grown there."

Elorduy advised Mexicans "to take safety measures when they cross, such as not walking alone at night, locking the car when they leave purchases inside, and when going to their cars never to go alone with their merchandise because there have been attacks in the parking lots." war with each other. Though most of the killing was along the eastern half of the 1989-mile border, Baja California hosted its share of the carnage. Thirtysix people were killed in the state by the end of January. The tally included two high-level state police officials, Hugo Gabriel Coronel Vargas and José de Jesús Bedolla Garibaldi, who were killed in their cars during ambushes in which multiple gunmen fired dozens of bullets. The ambushes, which took place on January 17 and January 12, respectively, happened in populated areas of Tijuana.

The violence prompted the United States Department of State to issue, on January 26, a "Public Announcement...to alert U.S. citizens to the current tions have been arrested, creating a power vacuum. This has resulted in a wave of violence aimed primarily at members of those trafficking organizations and criminal justice officials. However, foreign visitors, including Americans,



Though he gave no specific anecdotes or statistics and did not name the report he was using, Elorduy singled out Los Angeles and San Diego as the cities where the greatest numbers of such attacks have taken place.

The governor's March 13 press conference had its root in January, when the drug lords of northern Mexico went to security situation along the Mexican side of the U.S.-Mexico border in the wake of increased violence among drug traffickers."

The announcement went on to give a brief synopsis of the power struggles taking place within and between drugsmuggling cartels in the border region. "The leaders of several major criminal organizahave been among the victims of homicides and kidnappings in the border region in recent months.

"Mexico's police forces," the announcement continued, "suffer from lack of funds and training, and the judicial system is weak, overworked, and inefficient. Criminals, armed with an impressive array of weapons, know there is little

chance they will be caught."

Despite the bleak picture of northern Mexico's "deteriorating security situation" painted in its announcement, the State Department also showed circumspection. The announcement's second sentence stated, "The majority of travelers in the region visit without mishap."

Elsewhere, the four-paragraph announcement said, "The overwhelming majority of the victims of violent crimes have been Mexican citizens," and, "The majority of the thousands of U.S. citizens who cross the border each day do so safely...."

But the State Department's circumspection wasn't enough to avert angry reaction to the announcement south of the border. Santiago Creel, Mexico's interior minister, responded, "In Mexico, we decide what to do and how to respond to organized crime."

Foreign relations secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez called the announcement "exaggerated and outside the scope of reality."

President Vicente Fox said, "Mexico laments the tendency to alarm that the public announcement to U.S. citizens could release."

And, on March 13, Governor Elorduy held his press conference warning Mexicans crossing into the U.S. to be wary. Elorduy's focus on the high risk of personal assault or robbery in U.S. border cities appears to have been a calculated effort to put the discussion on ground favoring Tijuana. Statistics compiled by the FBI for 1999 show that while Tijuana had 408 murders and San Diego 57, the former had only 1185 "assaults and/or robberies" while the latter suffered 6999.

Local politicians also weighed in. Tijuana mayor Jorge Hank Rhon predicted a drop in tourism. "Without a doubt," he said, "it will affect us."

Francisco Panduro is a *Tijuanense* who, for 15 years, has made his living coordinating group excursions to northern Baja California. His clientele consists mainly of American

conventioneers who are stay-

ing in San Diego and want to

spend a day shopping and din-

ing in Mexico. Since falling to

absolute zero after September

11, 2001, Panduro's business

San Diego police at biotech convention

had been slowly climbing back up until the State Department's January 26 announcement. "For someone like me," Panduro complains, "who is in the tourism business, a warning like this is very damaging. It has cost me already. Several groups have canceled. One, for example, was one of these major insurance companies in the United States that were doing a convention in May, and they had some group activity planned for Tijuana. Now they canceled everything. A couple hundred of them were going to come down. They are not stopping them from coming individually, but the company is not sponsoring or endors-



ing any group trips down here." Panduro believes the strong reaction from officials in northern Mexico is an indication of the region's dependence on *continued on page 8* EVERYTHING \$

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bankruptcy lurks. Taxpayers may have to carry part of the burden. Thanks in part to the Keystone Kops coup attempt that strengthened Aguirre's hand, the report may well resonate with the public.

On April 5, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, clearly fronting for those overcompensated employees, tried to set a trap for Aguirre. She went to city council, along with Sheriff Bill Kolender and police chief William Lansdowne, and made an elaborate PowerPoint presentation, saying that her office could handle misdemeanor prosecutions that are now the responsibility of the city attorney. She claimed it would save the city money.

But the timing gave the whole scheme away. "It's a power play," says Ed Miller, who was district attorney for 24 years, leaving in 1995. "They are trying to shut off Mike Aguirre's criminal jurisdiction; it would limit what he could do" in his pension investigation. "They could not have found CITY LIGHTS

a better way to make themselves look corrupt and make people sympathize with Mike Aguirre," says Jim Mills, former president pro tem of the California senate. "Their timing was terrible — arousing everyone's suspicions. Nobody would believe it was just a coincidence that they would bring this topic up at this time. By making herself a tool of these rascals, Bonnie Dumanis has made herself vulnerable. She has committed ceremonial hara-kiri for their benefit. They

comedy into a farce." In a recent speech, Dumanis referred to Kolender as her mentor. Mills formerly thought Kolender was savvy politically. Last week's cloddish coup attempt has caused him to change his mind.

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"Mike Aguirre is a threat to [Mayor Dick] Murphy," says Dave Stutz, retired deputy district attorney. "So Kolender orchestrates this dog-and-pony show without Bonnie even giving a courtesy call to Mike beforehand. Bonnie is their pawn."

One reason Mills suspects that the business establishment

is behind the attempted coup is that the San Diego County Taxpayers Association wrote Dumanis on April 4 to tubthump for it. She included the letter in her promotional packet. The taxpayers association only represents a handful of the wealthiest taxpayers. Historically, its actions have been antithetical to the interests of average taxpayers. It backed the Chargers' 60,000-seat guarantee and the ballpark.

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Another reason that the establishment's fingerprints are all over the attempt to thwart reform is that two days after the oafish coup attempt, Kolender hosted a fundraiser for Dumanis at the Town and Country. The invitation revealed that among her backers are establishment stalwarts Larry and Steve Cushman, Dominic Alessio, Murray Galinson, Jack McGrory, Ben Haddad, and John Witt, along with courtiers George Mitrovich, Charlie Bird, and Jessie Knight. (See Matt Potter's column for more information on the shindig.)

"This city is going back to the days of C. Arnholt Smith, with power bosses," says one of San Diego's most prominent citizens, asking for anonymity. The Dumanis/Kolender caper is just one example of the establishment "getting control of the mayor under this strongmayor thing."

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"The top law-enforcement officials are sending an unambiguous message that they want to stop Mike Aguirre from investigating crime," says former councilmember Bruce Henderson, who also sees the downtown overlords pulling the strings. "They want to destroy Mike Aguirre by devastating his budget."

Agrees councilmember Donna Frye, "It was a very blatant attempt to make sure the city attorney's budget is reduced; [Dumanis] is at the least trying to gut the investigation."

The report released Friday, written by Deputy District Attorney Don McGrath, concludes that the city council and pension board, in underfunding the pension plan beginning in 1996, violated state conflictof-interest laws, the state constitution, and both the city charter and municipal code. It cites certain abuses that

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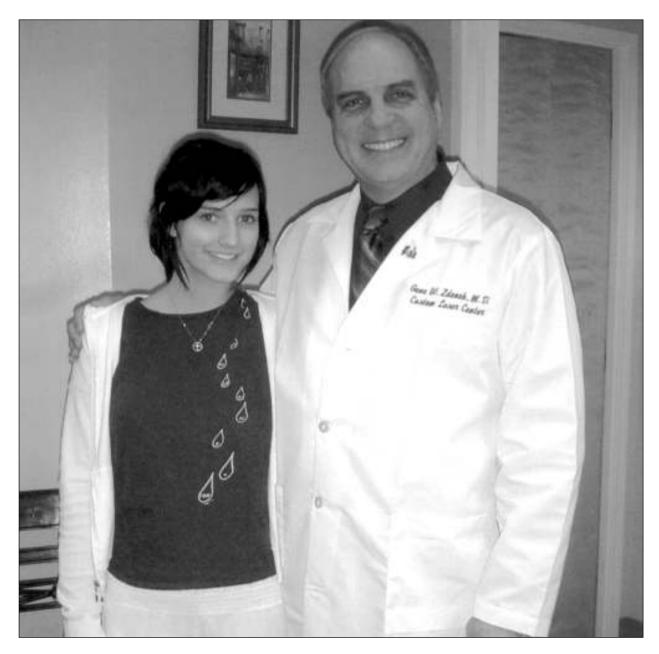


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tion." First is the deferred retirement option plan, by which employees get roughly double their salary for their last five years, then retire with both a lump sum and monthly benefit. Here's how abusive it is: some city officials are getting lump sums under this program of more than \$1 million, in addition to \$150,000 or more annual retirement benefits.

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The city spends \$16 million a year just paying interest on the \$200 million now deposited in this program. But the city spends a mere \$800,000 a year repairing potholes.

The report also slaps the practice of granting fatter

employee benefits retroactively and permitting employees to purchase years of service at a steep discount.

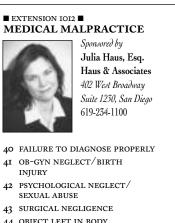
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The retirement fund is \$1.5 billion in the hole. The city could slash services even more so that it can plunk in more

funds. If the plan is to be 90 percent funded, the city would have to put in \$1.06 billion in one year or \$529 million in each of two years. That's not practical, says the report. Employees and taxpayers may have to share the pain equally.

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If that can't be accomplished politically, bankruptcy may be the only option. One critical step is get the city's labor unions to select among various benefit reduction options.

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This won't be easy. There will be more coup attempts. "The pension underfunding deals have always been nothing more than a fraud — a fraud on the employees and a fraud on the taxpayers," says Diann Shipione, the former pension board member who blew the whistle on the whole mess. "At some point, someone winds up holding an empty bag. Aguirre's report confirms the bag's really empty. The whole thing is just disgusting."

Meanwhile, Aguirre's enemies are taking potshots at him for being so bold and sometimes overreacting to public criticism. Says Mills: "People say Mike Aguirre is a loose cannon. But he is shooting at all the right targets."

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American tourist dollars. "The state department is messing with our livelihoods here," he says, adding that if Mexicans stopped spending money north of the border, Americans would have a greater understanding of Mexican anger over this issue. "People here always say, 'Let's all not cross for a week, and then we'll see who is really hurting.' Because San Ysidro, Chula Vista, and other parts of San Diego survive because of Mexican money. I went to the Wal-Mart on Palm the other day because they had a 32-inch Sanyo television that was on special for \$247. But a lady there told me, 'We ran out of them. You know, we have all these Mexicans coming in, and they sold out very quickly."

Average Mexicans, Panduro says, do not fear the violence because it's generally confined to the drug trafficking and lawenforcement worlds. He understands how it might appear looking south from the states, but he says the view north isn't much different."They kill people everywhere," he says. "I mean, look at the shooting last week at the school in Minnesota. And what about the guy at the courthouse in Atlanta? That's why, to us, this announcement looks like the U.S. is saying, 'Sure, there are killings in our town, but don't go to Mexico."

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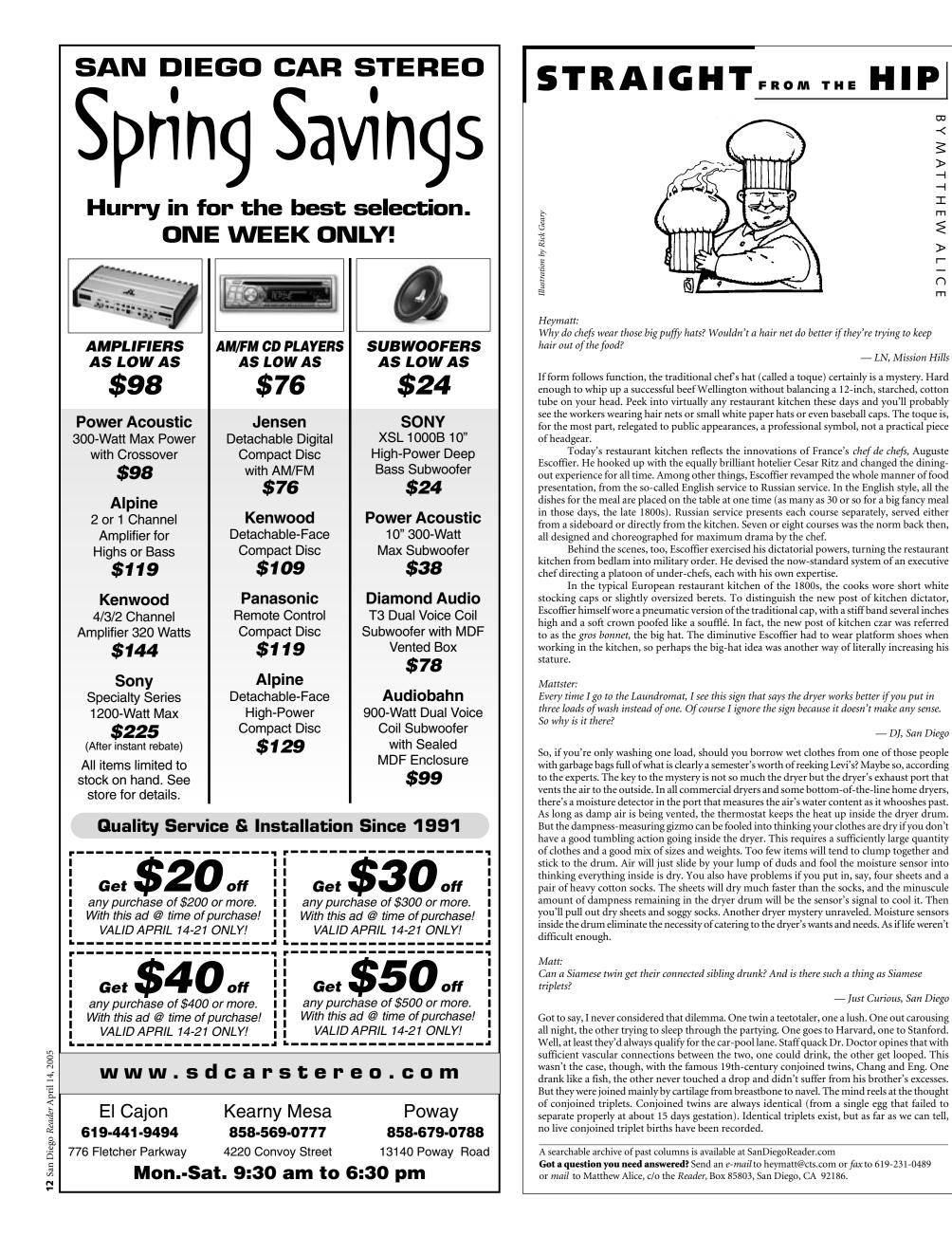
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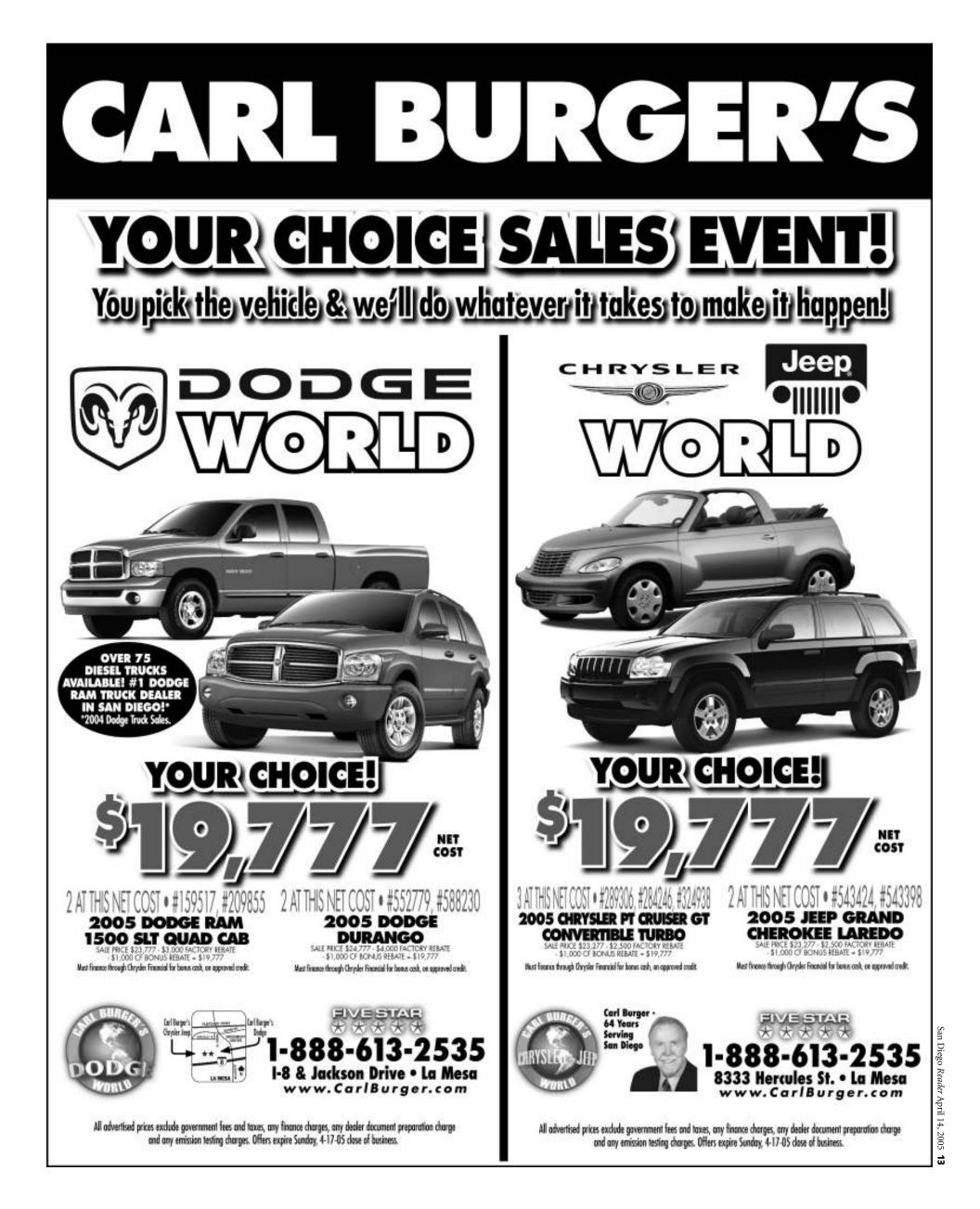


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In Memoriam of Dodge Pioneer

on't think they'd let you do that anymore." I take a moment and silently replay what I've just said, add, "I think they'd track you down and arrest your ass." The foregoing is spoken halfway through an odd conversation having to do with an activity few people experience, like collecting wooden ball bearings or memorizing the post-World War II poetry of Robert Service.

This conversation is taking place in the aft cockpit of a 36-foot Chris Craft Constellation that is parked in a Chula Vista marina. My host is a Southern California assistant district attorney. Since we live in puritanical, vengeful times, it serves no good purpose to go into more detail about him, except to say he's a son of Ireland and therefore a gifted storyteller. I'll call him Colin.

We were talking about the sport of acquiring and abandoning used cars. I have bought, for \$175 or less, and driven, and abandoned, at least six automobiles. My clunker burial mounds can be found in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Georgia, British Columbia, and Nevada. Ownership ranged from six days for the one-door Mustang left in Hawaii to two years for the no-front-seat Toyota last seen in a snowbank near Fairbanks.

How about Colin? I ask, "What make was vour first castoff?"

"Well, I guess you could say the Pioneer was my first, although I didn't actually own it. I'm not sure who did," Colin says as he passes over a bottle of Guinness. "I was living in Flagstaff, going to Northern Arizona University. I had an apartment close to campus with a guy named David and woman named Karen. She was an English major. We decided to take a trip. It was early February, snow on the ground, and we wanted some sun. David drove a lumbering, elephantine, 1960 Dodge Pioneer station wagon. So, we headed down the mountain planning to find a beach by sunset. It was cold; a north wind was blowing hard.

"A California highway patrolman pulled us over a few miles south of Needles. No taillight, he said, which seemed strange since it was 11 o'clock in the morning and no one else was on the road. David was driving, Karen sat in the middle, and I was shotgun. We were still a bit loaded from the night before. The cop tapped on David's window. Cop wanted to see registration and insurance. David had neither. Another cop drove up and took a position at the rear of the Pioneer wagon. "The first cop demanded to see David's

driver's license. David's Oregon license was three years out of date. Karen had no I.D. I had a student I.D. This is 1969," Colin says, "we have three hippies and an unregulated station wagon. Humans and machine are already guilty of a half-dozen crimes and nothing had been searched yet. I see where this is going.

"Slowly, slowly, carefully, carefully I retrieved a lid of marijuana from my jacket pocket. Slowly, slowly, carefully, carefully, I pushed the bag of marijuana out the wing window and watched in stupefaction as the bag slowly, elegantly, exactly, flopped across the length of windshield, turning over and over and over into the waiting hands of Cop 1. I would have said, 'Nice catch,' except the cop put no effort into the catch, the baggie of 1969 eightyears-in-prison marijuana flopped straight to him as if on a string. He merely cupped his hands.

There's only one question to ask. "What happened?"

Colin says, "Maybe the cop was a stoner, maybe the cop knew he didn't have probable cause to stop us in the first place, maybe he was an unusually good person, but in a burst of inexplicable kindness, Cop 1 turned the baggie over, emptied the pot, and watched as the windstorm sent it to Baja. He told us to get our paperwork straight and sent us on our way.'

Nice. "Not even a ticket?" "No." Colin happily shakes his head, beaming, decades later, at the remembrance. "Fifty miles further on, the engine seized. At least there was an abrupt lurch followed by a loud metal-on-metal scraping racket followed by a World War II bombs-over-Berlin sound, as the Pioneer took a direct hit; or, if you insist on a literal rendition, Pioneer station wagon pistons melded to Pioneer station wagon cylinder walls. Death grip.

"End of ride. I opened the hood and looked at car guts. It's not like anyone of us knew what we were staring at, or that gathering round and viewing unknown auto parts would bring the Pioneer back to life. It was just something you're supposed to do," Colin laughs. "We saw that in the movies.

"I closed the hood, climbed inside, retrieved our gear, found a notepad in the glove compartment, wrote, 'It's yours' on it, and placed the note under the driver's side windshield wiper.

I laugh, grunt, and chortle in the manner of a co-conspirator, motion for another beer, "That's how you do it."

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Dear Saffron,

I have a coworker who drives me crazy. She's a sweet gal, but loves to talk. Her talking interrupts me and in turn affects my work. Mondays are the worst, since we've had the weekend between us. She relays everything and anything about her weekend. On a typical Monday I don't get started with my paperwork until an hour or so after I come in. I've timed her and she cannot go more than five minutes without saying something. If I attempt to concentrate on my work she'll get up from her desk, come over, and lean on mine while she shoots the breeze. She's a sensitive person so I've tried different and polite ways of letting her know that I need to get my work done. This will have the desired effect on her for a few minutes and then she starts talking again. If she's not talking to me she's on the phone with family, friends, or other coworkers who like to chat. I guess it wouldn't bother me so much if she didn't complain of being behind on her work. Sometimes I just want to go back home, since it feels pointless to come to work to be someone's venting post. We work across from each other so I can't move my workstation away from her. What should I do? Be direct and risk her feeling hurt? Talk to my supervisor?

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Dear Saffron,

I read last week's letter from Down-and-Out in Banker's Hill, the woman who found herself jobless and her savings dwindling fast. San Diego County's career centers have job listings, counseling, assessment tests, computers for making résumés and doing online searching, and more. It's all free, and the locations are available at www.workforce.org. Monster.com and craigslist.com both have job listings updated daily. Many college grads don't know that they have a "life membership" to use their college's career center. Those who did not go to college in San Diego can contact their alma mater's career center and request reciprocity with San Diego colleges such as UCSD, USD, and SDSU. They will then be able (usually for a nominal fee) to access job listings that employers have posted at those schools. Colleges sometimes get listings that are not otherwise publicly available. Hope this helps!

G.G. IN POINT LOMA

Dear Saffron,

Here's advice for Up to My Elbows, who couldn't get her husband to help with household chores and maintenance. You can't be wishy-washy, like saying you'd like him to do 50 percent of the house upkeep. These things are never 50/50, and after five years he is not going to take any such weak stand seriously. How long can you wait for the hot-water heater to be replaced? Let's hope they both enjoy cold showers. And are you going to be happy with the choices this consumer-uninformed man is going to make? He's a salesman's dream: Husband wants to get this over quick and make the little woman happy. My advice is to make, not ask, him do things that will cost you an arm and a leg to undo [as a result of the financial and wrong choices that he's made. You think you've got home-repair stress now, just wait till he makes a mess of "helping you out." He can take out the trash. Be sure to put big signs all over the house reminding him of which day it goes out, and make sure he understands that taking the trash cans out also means bringing them in after the trash collectors empty them. If he doesn't understand this, he better understand that he doesn't live there anymore.

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"If you have A.D.D., this is the church for you," read San Diego Church's advertisement. "People have commented that they do have A.D.D. and love that we do service under an hour," said Pastor Chad Furlong. "We strive to create a relaxed environment. We all sit at round tables, dress in casual clothes, and offer food in the middle of ser-

vice. Often, in the middle of service, we take a five- to eight-minute break to eat, grab coffee, and talk."

San Diego Church meets in the Mission Valley Branch of the Public Library. Rock music played over the stereo system prior to service. Congregants sipped coffee, ate donuts, and spoke to one another as they sat at round tables.

Service began with a young man who played the guitar and sang. After the song, a video welcomed everyone to the service. On the video, an energetic young woman named Candis encouraged people to "feel free to get up and grab coffee and donuts anytime during the service." The fiveminute video ended with several edited clips of Candis laughing, unable to deliver her lines."

Pastor Furlong wrote a drama for the service. The drama, titled "24." asked what you would do if you only had one day to live. The young

man who narrated the story began, "The most frightening and fascinating thing we face in life is mortality. The idea that we all will die. With Jesus, death becomes a lot less intimidating than it is. It is a grizzly bear that has lost its teeth and claws," said the narrator. The drama showed vignettes of people's lives from Billy Graham and Mother Teresa, to people in the San Diego Church community. Each vignette illustrated a point, but the central theme was that God expects us to be the best person we can be in the time He gives us.

After the drama, a song was played and Pastor Furlong got up to close the service. "We all have a story," said Furlong. "It's not about doing something great in this life in other people's eyes, but doing what is big in God's eyes.

After service I spoke to Rob about the drama. "The drama allows us to be interactive and it involves more people than just a pastor. It lets life point us to the Lord through real-life stories," said Rob. Rob said he has seen San Diego Church effectively reach non-Christians through their approach. "We're a young church that people relate to. How

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many churches talk about mai tais and zombies or have poker night," Rob asked, referring to comments made in the service. Rob then invited me to play poker. "It only costs five dollars to buy in."

"We want to tell people about Jesus, not about religious stuff," said Mat Miller who co-pastors the church. The church is scheduled to move to Dave & Busters the first week of May. "Dave & Busters fits the crowd we are going after," added Pastor Chad Furlong. "We are going after the 85 percent of people in San Diego who don't go to church. We are trying to create a venue for people who aren't familiar with church traditions. We typically sing three songs on a Sunday. It isn't long enough to make anyone uncomfortable.

"We want to be relevant," said Furlong. "Our service on weekends is more entry-level. It's people coming together who are super-stoked on God. We have small groups during the week; this is where we go into more depth of the Bible. This is really where the San Diego Church is."

Vick has attended the church for two months. Vick said he was attracted to the laid-back attitude. He told me he came from a more traditional church on the East Coast.

"They'd be shocked to see what this church is doing because it's more like a coffeehouse than a church. I don't know if God likes that this is the way it is done," replied Vick. Vick said he liked the open atmosphere compared to his traditional upbringing. "In traditional churches, the pastor speaks high up in a podium like he represents God. Here we are all on the same level."

Justin said he attended the church after seeing their advertising. "Previously, I had not stepped into a church for ten vears. I like that you can come as you are here," said Justin. Liz said she sees a lot of traditional churches split between the older and younger crowd. "The older crowd is more afraid of change." Liz believes that unless traditional churches change, they will lose the interest of their children. "We invite people

that do not have the

same set of belief systems to come and hang out with us. I don't feel any pressure to save them," replied Pastor Furlong. "Whether or not they come to Christ at all is up to them. It's eternity for them; it's their choice. I feel responsible to present the truth in a loving way and not bend on this truth.

I asked Pastor Furlong the question I ask every week: What happens to a person after they die? "After life, people go to heaven or hell depending on their position with Christ. They will face either connectedness with God or be separated from Him. The Bible describes hell as fire and gnashing of teeth. I don't know if these descriptions are to be taken literal or not. The lake of fire may be an analogy to present heavenly torment," replied Furlong. "For the believer there is a second judgment, where their works will be tested and either be burned in a fire or be counted worthy. Most Christians don't believe this part. People believe God is a big loving teddy bear, but His holiness cannot be compromised."

– Drew E. Goodmanson



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-EVE KELLY

Patrick, my husband of 15 years, is more of a man than when I met him. At the very least, this means that there is simply more to him, and it makes him sad. When he decided to get rid of his spare tire, he bought a \$500 bike and took up riding through our hilly neighborhood. But when the

bike went out of tune gears skipping, brakes loosening, etc. — he quit riding. He blamed a couple of near misses with cars. After that, we had tire trouble his spare tire came back, and we had three

flats in two weeks on the kids' bikes. I went looking for biker help.

The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition (858-487-6063, *www.sdcbc.org*) looked like a good place to start. They're offering free safety and maintenance classes throughout the summer (call or check online to register). I met with Executive Director Kathy Keehan and instructor Jim Baross to learn more.

"We're a nonprofit advocacy

group," explained Baross. "We like to think of ourselves as the voice for bicyclists in San Diego." The classes, normally \$50, are free because the Coalition received a grant from the city this year. Keehan says education is important to the Coalition because "people think that if they know how to pedal, steer, and balance a bike, they know how to ride. That's not the case.

The curriculum, put together by the League of American Bicyclists, offers two different levels, Road 1 and Road 2, with each class consisting of three-hour classes on three Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Four hours in the classroom, five on the bike. "One of the first things we go over is the bike itself. We start with how to handle the bike. Most cyclist crashes happen because they fall over, hit something, shift incorrectly, or use the brakes incorrectly." Added Keehan, "We show them how to use the front brake, how to use the rear brake. How to do a quick stop or quick turn — basic hazard-avoidance maneuvers."

In the classroom, said Baross, "we go into what the laws are, and teach bicyclists that they have equal rights and responsi-

bilities for use of the road. Vehicle Code 21202 says that bicyclists are supposed to ride as far right as practicable on the roadway. People — including some police interpret that to mean as far right as possible. But there's a big difference. If you're coming to an

intersection with a right-turn-only

lane, and the bicyclist wants to go straight, then if he rides next to the curb and heads into the intersection, he's going to either get hit or impede traffic. The cyclist should be in the rightmost lane that offers his destination. If you need to make a left turn, you merge over to the center and make your lane change. Of, if that's too scary, get off your bike and cross the intersection as a pedestrian. We stress that, because there are intersections in this town — Pacific Highway and Barnett, for instance — where traffic moves like a freeway. It's a little scary to get into that left"People think that if they know how to pedal, steer, and balance a bike, they know how to ride."

turn lane."

But the very first part of Road 1, said Baross, is talking about "choosing the right bike for what you want to use it for. Sometimes, people buy mountain bikes because they have an upright seating position, but you don't need those knobby tires on pavement." After that, "we show how to set the bike up mechanically. Many people try to ride with the seat so low that they can touch the ground with their feet, but that makes for very inefficient pedaling, because their legs are so bent up. We show people how to shift those darn gears, when to be in a low or high gear — some bikes have 30 gears now, and it can be confusing." Then it's on to maintenance. "We teach

Then it's on to maintenance. "We teach people how to change a flat tire. You need to have a pump with you, tire irons to separate the tire from the wheel, tools for getting the wheel off if the bike doesn't have a quickrelease, a spare inner tube, and maybe

a patch kit. And we teach them to remove whatever is in the tire that caused the flat, so that they don't

get another one." Continued Baross, "We also show how to make basic minor adjustments. There are adjustments you can make to tighten things up even while riding, using just your fingers. We show how to keep your

chain clean, how to adjust the cables on the brakes when they get loose, and how to fix squeaky brakes. And we tell you when you need to take your bike to the shop, because after a while, adjustments you can do with household tools aren't going to work."

After Road 1, said Keehan, students could take Road 2. "There," said Baross, "we cover more difficult traffic situations, like double-lane on- and off-ramps. The maintenance gets more exciting. We show you how to 'true' your wheel, to make it round so that it doesn't wobble, by replacing or adjusting spokes. We're going to show you how to measure your chain, so you can tell when it's worn out, and how to change worn-out tires and brake pads."

The two left me with a few essential basics; no class required. Baross recommended the ABC Quick Check before every ride. "A is for air — check the air pressure on your tires. B is for brakes — squeeze the brake handles to make sure the brakes aren't loose. C is for cranks or crank set, which is the drivetrain. Look at the connection of the pedals and the chain link to the drivetrain, and understand what's there and what gear you're in. Quick is for making sure your quick release is set to hold your wheel in place, and Check means take it for a super-short ride, maybe just in a circle."

Concluded Keehan, "If you learn nothing else, learn the big five: use the right equipment, wear a helmet, follow the rules of the road, be visible, and don't ride impaired." The next Road 1 class begins April 16. Call for more details and schedules.

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Thirty Years Ago

One of the first guys we meet is a "popcorn" (small time) pimp lounging in a doorway north of Fifth and Market. He wants to know if Mike knows any white girls who want a job. No, not now. As it turns out, the pimp hasn't seen the guy we're looking for. We cruise down Sixth and back up Fifth, and Bill explains that the small guy we're looking for is probably here at night, except on welfare check days. We head down Market, then down to National, and at a gas station near 38th and National we meet an older guy who's a friend of Mike's. He says he got busted for possession of heroin. "Man, I didn't have any heroin."

— "BOUNTY HUNTERS," Robert Louis, April 17, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Don't ask how I got into this situation. I'm driving an old VW bus owned by a man who calls himself C.R. Gregory - the C.R. standing for "Credit Risk."

"The nicest thing about driving from Phoenix to Yuma is that you get to go through Gila Bend," C.R. said about 11 miles east of the Gila Bend city limits as he tried to find a radio station that wasn't playing Pink Floyd.

"What we need is a driving song, like 'Lyin' Eyes' by the Eagles."

- "A SENSE OF YUMA," Jeff Smith, April 17, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

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Fifteen Years Ago

One would not need to be an expert on the Soviet KGB's Directorate A...the disinformation specialists...in order to recognize Neal Matthews's piece for what it is. As a lieutenant in Nicaragua's Sandinista Interior Ministry during the 1980s, Michelle Najlis was too familiar with attempts to place the



blame for cocaine trafficking on the contras, when in fact, the Sandinistas trafficked more cocaine weekly than the contras did during the seven-year civil war.

As late as 1989, two California members of Congress (Ron Dellums of Oakland and Jim Bates of San Diego) were working for the Sandinista government. Bates even sent an aide to compose a political propaganda slide show for the Sandinistas in 1987.

- LETTERS: "DISCREDITED OR DEAD." Bianca Ramirez, April 19, 1990

Ten Years Ago

When we had finished our appetizers, we were presented with a tray of fresh sushi. A man appeared at my side and said, "This is for your wonderful singing." He added, "My mother and I are still talking about the evening at Maitre D' when you sang 'Orchichorniya' and other songs." He paused, "I hope you don't give up your singing.'

At Maitre D's annual Russian Festival, I sing "Dark Eyes" at my table. This year after a kir royale, I went up to the piano for a rendition of "I'm in the Mood for Love." - RESTAURANTS: "ENDLESS ROUNDS OF

'DARK EYES,' " Eleanor Widmer, April 13, 1995

Five Years Ago

Walk into 99 Ranch Market and you're transported into California's future. Asians and Hispanics crowd the store's long aisles. Over in the produce section, El Salvadorans and Cambodians stand side by side squeezing mangoes and papayas. Over in seafood, Vietnamese women improvise a frantic international sign language to explain to Mexican clerks how they want their fish filleted. Voices bicker, whisper, and laugh in Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Cambodian, Lao, Tagalog, Thai, Hindi, and, every now and then, English.

— RESTAURANTS: **"TASTE THE FUTURE,"** Max Nash, April 13, 2000



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Crasher

THE FOURTH ONE'S THE CHARM

by Josh Board

was invited to four parties one weekend. And I had problems trying to attend three of them.

The first one was thrown by the UCSD alumni association. They had author Rex Pickett who wrote the novel Sideways and is a former UCSD student (although it's SDSU, not UCSD, that's mentioned in the movie). It cost \$65 to attend, but since Sideways was my favorite movie of last year, I was thrilled about going. I wouldn't tell Rex I liked the film much more than his book. I'm one of the few people who like the movies better than the books. I think book snobs just want to impress you with the fact that they've read the book when they say, "The book was better." But I enjoyed The World According to Garp, One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. The Cider House Rules. and Catch-22 more than the books. I often joke to my friends, "Those books don't have any pictures. And the best thing a story told onscreen has over the written page — no words you have to read! You can enjoy popcorn and Coke." It made me wonder when I saw The Passion of the Christ if someone was looking down thinking, "My story is being told while people are munching on Goobers and Red Vines!"

A former UCSD student named Lynn alerted me to this party, but the alumni association



said the event was sold out. Even though they would have good food and fancy wines, I told them I wouldn't eat or drink (although I had visions of sneaking wine, the way Miles did in the story). I was repeatedly told I couldn't go, even if I didn't plan to eat or sit at one of the tables. I wondered if it had to do with the recent story of a UCSD student making a sex film. That story was all over the news, so maybe they didn't want to risk having any media at this event.

"You are the 'party crasher,' so crash this thing!"

Lynn sent me an e-mail with an elaborate set of instructions on how I could sneak in, where I could park, and which side doors to use. She ended by writing, "You are the 'party crasher,' so crash this thing!"

their Robb Field soiree. I figured: two outs, one to go.

I had two other parties to go

to instead. One was for a women's

rugby team called the San Diego

Surfers. Jamie invited me to this,

but then found out that some of

her teammates weren't thrilled

with the idea of my showing up at

The last party I had lined up for this night was in Hillcrest. The lady who invited me told me that I shouldn't wear any clothes I was attached to, because one of the

things that would happen is that if someone likes your shirt (or outfit) you have to exchange with them. I thought this sounded interesting. I wondered if, after people got a few drinks in them, they'd start changing clothes without going into another room. I also wondered whether, if someone foraot, or showed up not knowing this, they would still have to give up their favorite shirt. I grabbed an old Jane's Addiction shirt I didn't care about and headed out.

Then I realized I didn't have the directions. When I had gotten this invite, I knew I had two other parties so I just deleted the info on my voice mail, but I still had

the cell phone number of the gal who invited me. I called and she never answered. She returned my call the next day to tell me the party was great. And I wondered if I could write about a party I didn't actually attend.

I had one party that I could go to the following night. I had the address and all the info. It was a costume party, but I didn't dress up. I got to the place on Sunset Cliffs around 10:00 p.m. Matt Wendell, who invited me, introduced himself. He gave me a great Macanudo cigar that I promptly lit up. He pointed out a few people on the front porch in superhero outfits. One was this crazy homemade thing that I thought he said was a character from South Park. It wasn't until I walked in later and saw a few Spider-Man and Superman costumes that I found out it was a superhero theme. So I'm glad I didn't dress up.

Matt told me he was moving to Kansas City to start a new job and this would be his last party at the house. He worked in marketing at Sea World, but said, "They don't pay shit and I can't move up." I asked how he could afford a huge house on the beach. He said, "We moved in here five years ago and got a good deal on the rent. The owner lives in the guesthouse behind us."

I asked what the owner



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thought of these parties. "Sometimes he comes out and stares at us. Or he'll clean up in the morning making noise, so we get the idea that he's mad. This time we have an area of the back yard taped off so nobody goes over there. You hate to see people just standing around peeing near his house. One of our neighbors was an old lady who died. So nobody is living over there and the other neighbor doesn't complain."

About 15 minutes later, when someone complained about the line for the bathroom being too long, one person said, "Go across the street to the beach. That's what I did."

Matt pointed out how they black out the front windows on the nights they have parties. "We don't need cops driving by and telling us to wrap it up. And when someone comes outside, we make them shut the door. It keeps the noise down and nobody driving by will see all the lights over the dance floor." Inside the living room, there were two DJs and four turntables going. They did a great mix of current dance tunes and stuff from the '80s.

Matt introduced me to Jill, a tall blonde. She's the one who threw this party to raise money for cancer. She's a triathlete and every three months throws a fundraising party. I asked how else she raises money, and she said, "We have bake sales. And we contact family and friends."

I said, "With all those bake sales and parties — and I see you're drinking now does that ruin your diet?" She said, "Yeah, but it's not like we're partying every day." One guy walked by and said, "I am! And sometimes the day before a race. I've tried running after a heavy night of drinking. It doesn't work so well, but I'm not going to give up the drinking. It's one of the few joys I have in life."

I asked one of Jill's friends what the distances were in a triathlon. She said, "I'm not sure, but I think it's 25 miles on a bike, six miles to run, and one mile to swim." I was thinking how I got a little winded just walking to this party, since I had to park half a mile away. Another girl named Heather told me about an event she is putting on to raise money for breast cancer. It's a three-day, 60-mile walk that costs \$2,100 to participate. Heather is a student teacher in National City and I told her that I'd mention the event. The website is *www.3day.org.*

There were 10 Spider-Man masks sitting on a table in case anyone came without a costume. One guy had a Spider-Man costume with fake muscles inside. Another guy came as the Hulk with muscles and green paint.

I was about to ask Matt why he didn't have a costume when I noticed he had a Superman shirt underneath his dress shirt. I said, "With those glasses, you really do look like Christopher Reeve when he played Clark Kent." He said that he hears that a lot, so he went with that as a costume.

As we were talking, a woman said to him, "I thought you were moving." He said. "Not until next week. That's when I head to Kansas City." She said, "I thought you were moving to Missouri." He looked at me and smiled and said, "Buy a map." She then said, "So which is it? Where are you moving to?" We both started laughing. I don't think it's that bad if someone gets confused as to which cities are in which states. but I would think when the person mentions something about a map, that would be a cue to realize you may have messed up.

I talked to one young guy who looked like a typical skateboarder. I was surprised to hear that he taught kids with A.D.D. He seemed to enjoy his job, too. When I mentioned this to an older teacher at the party, he said, "Give the kid time. He'll hate his iob within a few years. Teaching can be very rewarding and many aspects of it are good. But when you teach special ed kids and deal with a lot of problems and angry parents, you question why you ever chose this as a profession."

I talked with one lady who mentioned that her fiancé left her three months before their wedding. She



seemed to be in good spirits while talking about it. He was her boyfriend for years, but now he's with a rich woman and he doesn't have to work. As we talked in the back yard for 15 minutes, at least five guys came over to hug and flirt with her.

A cute, short Latino girl came over and hugged me. She looked like a young Paula Abdul. She was talking a mile a minute telling me how much she loved my column. "Meeting you is like meeting Tom Cruise," she said. She spent five minutes stroking my ego and then said something about "going upstairs." I thought, "This is going to be the greatest night of my life." When she repeated herself, I realized that she was saying, "My boyfriend lives here, upstairs. Come inside, I want you to meet him." D'oh!

One guy sat in a chair that broke. His friends laughed. One of them said, "You are supposed to be a superhero and you go and break a chair."

Another person was wearing an angel costume. Everywhere this tall guy walked, his wings were hitting people in the face.

I saw another guy who looked to be a bit buzzed talking to the woman whose fiancé had left her. I heard him say, "I had this Ferrari that I got up to 170 miles per hour. That was in Morocco. When I put it back in the garage, the hood was so damn hot." As I walked away, I heard him say, "You should give me your number so we can keep in touch." I almost wanted to say, "Did I ever tell you about the Maserati I got up to 180 miles per hour?"

One group of guys was talking about what superpowers they would like to have if they were real superheroes. One woman said, "I'd like to read people's minds." I said, "No, you wouldn't. Just think of all the times you've asked your boyfriend if you look fat in your jeans. If you could read minds, you'd know the answer to questions like that. From him and from everyone walking around UTC." Another guy said, "I'd like to be invisible. I'd pay a visit to the SDSU women's volleyball team when they were in the locker room." I said, "Yeah, but if vou're hit by a car, nobody would know. You'd just lay there dying." He said, "Okay, what superpower would you want?" I responded, "Maybe to fly. You'd save a fortune on airline tickets. You could win some gold medals in the Olympics doing the long jump. Have a nice career in the NBA slamdunking all over the place." Someone else said, "Would they let you in the NBA if you could fly?" I said, "I wouldn't tell everyone I could fly. I already get bugged by my friends who need rides to the airport. They'd want me to fly

them everywhere. And I don't need some religious nut shooting me, thinking that I'm a witch."

Every time I ran into Matt, he was telling funny stories about the times he'd had at this house. One of his roommates mentioned a woman he brought home recently who was a screamer. The entire house couldn't sleep that night listening to her yell in the heat of passion.

One of the guys said, "And you want to leave a house like this? Look around here." As he said that, I did. A couple was in the Jacuzzi kicking back. People were dancing in the living room. Others were smoking pot in the back yard. Matt said, "I don't want to leave. I've been here for a long time, and I'm going to miss San Diego."

I started talking to a girl named Malia Schlaefer. She's a waitress at the Prado. When that girl was impressed with meeting me, Malia said, "Why don't you ask for his autograph? Jesus!" But Malia turned out to be really nice and a great photographer. Her photos were on the walls, plus she had photo albums that were fun to look at. Lots of her photos showed people in awkward situations that really captured interesting facial expressions. One couple in bed. Another with a woman looking upset after a possible rape. Malia is going to leave



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the house soon also. She wants to go to San Francisco to finish school.

When I went to look for Matt again, he was on the front patio. I lit another cigar and watched the waves on the beach. We started talking. A drunk woman showed up at the party and stumbled over. She was hugging everyone and knocked over a beer. When she saw one guy she started freaking out. Apparently they had a Spanish class together eight years ago. A lady next to me said, "I've lived in San Diego my entire life and go to lots of parties. I never run into any of my old classmates."

We started talking about our high school and college days, and Matt showed me one of his fingers. It's about half an inch shorter than the rest. When he went to USD, one day he was running through the halls chasing a friend who made a comment he didn't like. The friend slammed the door on his finger and he lost the tip of it. As one girl screamed "Gross!" I said. "Gee. and to think I was complaining about this hangnail on my thumb earlier this evening. I guess that's worse."

After I looked at all of Malia's photos, I noticed there weren't many people left at the party and it was almost 4:00 a.m. Matt was cleaning up. I asked why he didn't wait until the morning. He said, "Who wants to wake up to a dirty, messy house?"

My mom would love this guy.

One of his other roommates said, "Some parties have ended and Matt is walking down the street cleaning up. Some of our guests park far away and they leave plastic cups and trash all over the street. Matt cleans all that up. because he thinks the joggers on the beach in the morning shouldn't have to look at all our garbage everywhere. I'm different. At one party, I had on some women's clothing and I was drunk. As the sun was rising, I just stood on the porch heckling the joggers as they went by." ■

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repare to have your life changed!" Kip read from the paper in his hands, his voice cracking with laughter. He was holding the *Rosengarten Report* that David had handed to him during one of our cheese parties. Each report focuses on a specific food — this one was about the perfect ham.

"Seething with juice!" Kip called to the hysterical crowd in our living room.

"Let's get it," said Grace, with a disturbing gleam in her eve.

"Really?" I asked. "I beg to bask "David and I weren't thinking of getting it, we just in the Über's thought it was funny. I mean, it's 180 bucks. For a ham." burgundy brown Grace assured us she would do the cooking and beauty; to savor the said if we split the cost between enough people the sweet succulent price would be reasonable. "All right. Let's do it. scent of this Count us in," I said. Everyone in the room scrumptious swine." wanted to take part in tasting

this supposed "life-altering" ham. Before the end of the

night, Kip and Ollie had named our dinner-to-be the "Über Pig." They sat in the corner and created a backstory for the Kurobuta pig, a Japanese black hog lauded by chefs around the world as the "Kobe beef" of pork. Our ham would come from this super race of pigs.

"There was a religion of super pigs that is no less valid than Scientology," said Ollie. He then described how the pig was once on a cross, then came back to life and mounted a military campaign across Europe.

"Über Pig overtook Europe and then settled in Japan," Kip concluded.

"You guys are silly," I said, receiving an enthusiastic "Hail, Über!" from both of them in response.

Choosing people to join

in the revelry was not difficult for me (I base my decisions on who I think will get along with everyone else). Grace, Ollie, and I came up with a list of invitees, but others were confused as to the extent of this dinner's exclusivity. Stephanie asked if she could invite her coworker and friend Lou. My first instinct when confronted with a random invitation is to say, "Absolutely not." But I had met Lou before, and he was standing in front of us when she asked me. I still said no, but I wasn't happy with my solo decision.

The next day I conferred with the "board of inviters" over what to do with Lou. Everyone agreed with me that, from what they'd seen so far, he seemed like a nice guy. Ollie suggested that if Lou were to be invited, he should write an essay on why he felt he was worthy of the Über and read it to his new friends as we dined on the glorified pig. Lou was a good sport and requested a copy of the newsletter as a guideline.

Rosengarten had promised a ham weighing 17 to 19 pounds, but when we opened the box, we gazed upon 22 pounds of "the greatest ham [Rosengarten has] ever tasted!" The pig had arrived at our place, but Ollie insisted that it be transported to the apartment he shares with Kip and Renee. "*Dief Über Swine* must come to its rightful home. I don't trust it around David and Barb. It'll be wearing a beret and sipping a glass of port by Friday," he said.

By the end of the week we had ten people confirmed for the feast on Easter eve. Everyone

would contribute a dish to go with the ham. David made three kinds of mashed potatoes, Thai stir-fried asparagus, and garlic creamed spinach. I brought Pillsbury crescent rolls and canned corn. There was cornbread (thanks to Lou), a spicy Caesar salad, soup, beets, green bean almondine, and of course, the giant ham.

On the big night, guests bustled about the kitchen, everyone putting the final touches on their respective contributions. People rushed to help me fold the Pillsbury dough into crescent shapes. I felt very domestic as I popped them into the oven (the first time I'd used a kitchen contraption since the Valentine's Day meal I made for David).

Rosengarten had instructed that the ham (already cooked) would reach its optimal temperature of 135 degrees after six hours in the oven. At the sixth hour, to the second, David's digital thermometer clicked to 135. As news of this incredible precision spread throughout the apartment, a hush fell over the gathered guests in silent homage to the man who delivered unto us this offering of porcine perfection.

Once everyone was seated, Lou removed from his pocket a sheet of lined purple paper. We gave him our rapt attention, as he recited: "Ode to the Über. I give thanks for the Über the finest ham ever to grace a holiday table, to the Über, all others pale. I yearn, yearn, yearn for the Über. I beg to bask in the Über's burgundy brown beauty; to savor the sweet, succulent scent of this scrumptious swine. To cut and caress this kind Kurobuta. To mouth this



mystical pork, on which I beg to dine. Long live the great Über, please let it be mine."

Though we were only ten, our applause could have filled the Civic Theatre. Lou met nods of approval with a satisfied grin and took his first bite of the worshipped ham. What sounded like French carnival music played from speakers in the adjacent room — apparently Kip thought a surreal Felliniesque mood would complement our feast.

"That must've been a big pig, to have a 22-pound ass cheek," I said.

"It's actually pretty small, as pigs go," said Kip.

"Yes, maybe," agreed Ollie. "But genetically superior. That's why I'm going to drink the Über grease after working out." Kip agreed that this would make them men. Not wanting to discuss other options for gleaning power from the pig, I turned my attention to the other side of the table.

"Horseradish smells like cocaine," I announced to Stephanie, Lou, David, and Jennifer. I explained how I had encountered fresh horseradish for the first time that morning. David had set the oddly named root on the counter near me before adding it to one of his mashed-potato dishes. Grated in the small dish, the odor was reminiscent of the powdery white stuff of my past. Much to David's disap-



pointment, I refused to taste his horseradish and scallion potatoes.

"What constitutes a coke-whore?" Stephanie asked. "Do you have to offer favors for the drug?" "No, I think you just

have to do it a lot," I answered.

"I never see any of that action," David said, trying to involve himself in a subject drugs.

"Baby," I cooed, "I sleep with you for food." He laughed at my crassness and changed the subject by sharing that as a show of support for his Catholic friends, he had chosen to give up dogsled racing for Lent. I was surprised he knew what Lent was. I was raised a Catholic and educated in such things, but David, a born-again atheist, was raised Lutheran.

Ollie disappeared into the kitchen and returned with an update: after feeding 12 people (Jim and Jen showed up as we were diving into dessert), three-quarters of the ham remained.

"We can feed Tijuana with it," Ollie offered.

David smiled and shook his head as a father might to a child who suggested we paint the sky purple. "They can have a *taste*," he said. ■

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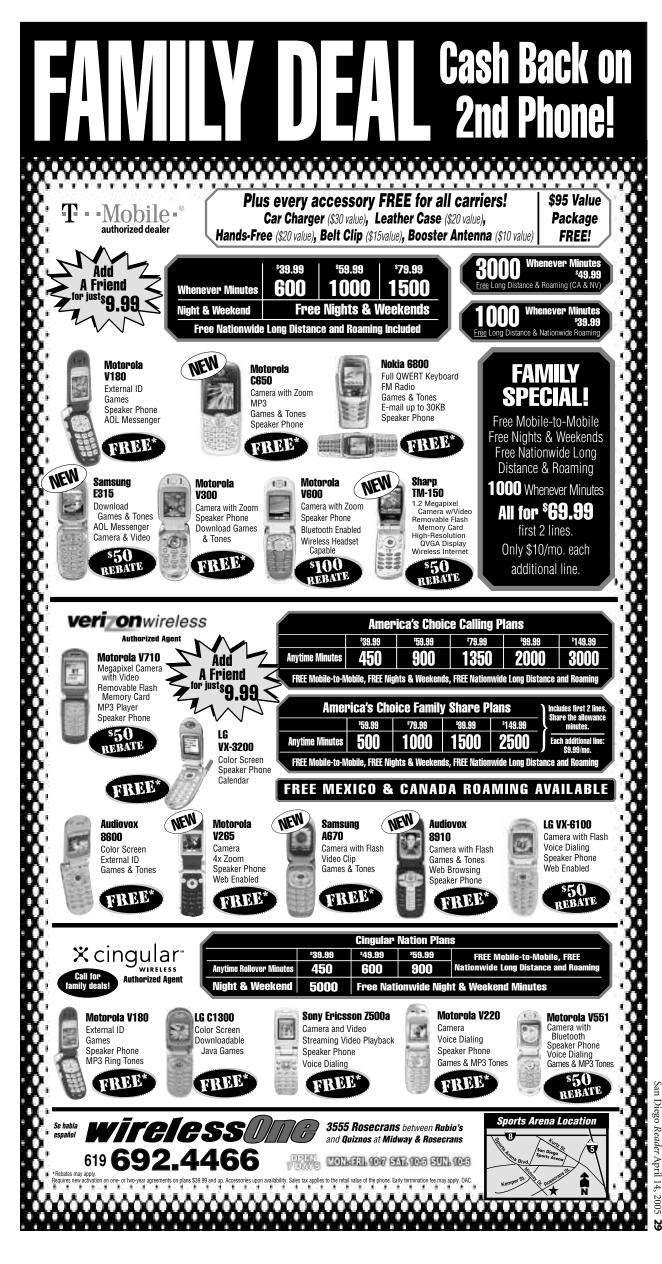
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ot long ago, Dinesh D'Souza, who is an Indian immigrant from Bombay, one of America's prominent conservative authors, and, like William F. Buckley Jr., an enthusiastic and skilled debater, was discussing things political and personal with a group of Indian-American students. One young man tentatively asked, "How will I know when I've become an American?" A quipper in the tradition of his hero Ronald Reagan, the quintessential political quipster, D'Souza replied, "One way you'll know is by voting Republican." What he meant by that, he tells me at his home in Fairbanks Ranch, where he, his wife Dixie, and their ten-year-old daughter live in a very big house, "is that the Republican Party is the party of the insiders, the guys who feel at home. So when the immigrant feels he can vote Republican, he's saying, 'I'm on the inside of the system. I'm not throwing stones from the outside. It benefits me to be on the inside. I believe in the team.' " Given a question about self-discovery, D'Souza opts for a partisan answer. It's the kind of response he's good at — glib, provocative, tendentious.

"I'm trying to turn your worldview upside down...that's a very difficult thing to do."



Dinesh D'Souza with Ronald Reagan, 1988

D'Souza came to America as a high school student in 1978, attended Dartmouth, worked in the Reagan White House, became a citizen in 1991, and has made millions writing and speaking about conservative causes: obviously, there's nothing mainstream about his story. Rarely does an immigrant make it as D'Souza has. Though many immigrants are socially conservative, few identify with the principles of the Republican Party. The Democrat's principle of inclusion for minority and immigrant groups offers a path for the unstable communities who are struggling to belong. In America, however, immigrants often have neither the time nor the self-assurance to align themselves with any political party. At 44, D'Souza is the exception: he has rolled several generations of the assimilating immigrant into one bona fide conservative, individuating at warp speed. In so doing, he may be entirely self-made, more authentically American than any of us, foreignborn or native.

D'Souza is unique because it is highly unusual for Indian or Asian immigrants to join any political movement, let alone the conservative rank and file. In a country with 13 million Asian-Americans (almost 5 percent of the population) — nearly 2 million of them Indian-Americans — are there

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any other Asian-American conservatives than D'Souza? A Google search of "Asian-American conservatives" brings up 15 webpage citations; one online club lists three members. From Hawaii, Japan, Vietnam, China, the Philippines, India, who has a speaking part in the Republican drama? D'Souza is short,

perpetually keyed-up; one eye is half shut, the other wide open. He's a brown-skinned man, who by his admission is "neither white nor black. Typical African-Americans are no different in skin color from me; lightskinned people who are called black, from Whitney Houston to Jesse Jackson, have white ancestry." And though a Hindi accent may trickle in when he's morally animated, he says, "No one can tell on the phone where I'm from," and "My wife tells me, 'I never think of you as an Indian.' "This is his enigma. While his assimilation into our society is almost complete, his immigrant perspective remains primary to how others see him. D'Souza is often praised, unknowingly, for embodying this enigma. Recently, a native-born American who married a Brazilian woman and hears regularly from her about the blessings of liberty wrote him to say, "It takes the eves of someone from another country to make us see the truth about America." In 20 years, D'Souza

has written hundreds of polemical pieces as well as six books. (In 1984, fresh out of college, he wrote a "reporting book" about Jerry Falwell, published by "a very small press, like one out of your basement, only 3000 copies. Some of the book is about whether evangelicals should get involved in politics. It's frozen in time.") Not until after a stint (1987–1988) in the Reagan White House as a domestic policy analyst

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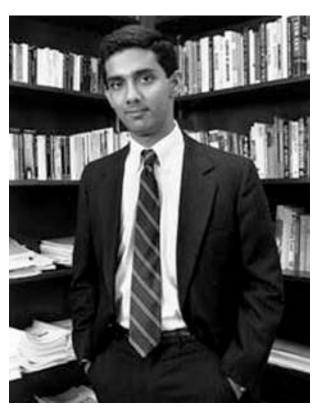


Dr. Angelica Zaid

was D'Souza hired by the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank, to write books. His first was Illiberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus (1991), which made political correctness an everyday term and excoriated affirmative action at American universities. Throughout the 1990s, D'Souza debated Stanley Fish, Walter Mondale, Cornel West, and dozens of others, typically before raucous college crowds who seldom sided with D'Souza. (He's been "seasoned by rhetorical warfare.") Next came The End of Racism: Principles for a Multiracial Society (1995), a book reviled on the Left and sporadically lauded on the Right. In the introduction, D'Souza contends that the book "refutes the widely shared belief that racism is the primary explanation for black failure in the United States

today." Low-income blacks suffer neither from racism nor from genetic inferiority (as the authors of The Bell Curve had argued) but from the "pathologies" of their own culture that purportedly places little value on intact families or academic success. Needless to say, a book criticizing "black culture," written by a nonwhite conservative immigrant, created a swarm of protest that has not entirely subsided. In 1997, D'Souza

about-faced his assault on left-wing positions and began celebrating men and ideas within the conservative cause. He wrote Ronald Reagan: How an Ordinary Man Became an Extraordinary Leader, in which he debunked the idea of Reagan as a confused patriarch, sapped of influence by Iran-Contra ne'er-do-wells. Oh, no, D'Souza argued, Reagan was one of our greatest presidents: his defense



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Dinesh D'Souza, 1991

Reagan had intended it all along. In contrast, the book persuaded Douglas Brinkley; it was a "major accomplishment," the author of John Kerry's biography, *Tour of Duty*, says by phone. Though Brinkley disagrees politically with D'Souza, he says that D'Souza proved "we are living in the shadow of Reagan's presidency in the same way that from 1932 to 1976 we lived in the shadow of FDR." Today, D'Souza is the Rishwain Fellow at the Hoover Institution, another conservative think tank. With Hoover underwriting his work since 2000, D'Souza has turned out more morning-in-America testaments: The Virtue of Prosperity (2000), Letters to a Young Conservative (2002), and What's So Great About America (2002). While the latter book echoes the neoconservative response to Islamic fundamentalism and the war on terror, more intriguingly it muses on D'Souza's immigrant status and on becoming an American. Perhaps the Southern California sun has softened some of his political bluster.

What the writer discloses, the person often keeps close to the vest. During the hours I spent with him, at his home in that gated and guarded warren of mansions called Fairbanks Ranch and on the road in Texas, I was interested less in his bluster and more in his avoidance of autobiography. D'Souza is rarely asked about himself: usually, he's asked about his views on, say, the Reagan revolution or the conservative's place on campus. D'Souza is more comfortable steering queries about his life into explicating his convictions. A request to characterize yourself seems a bit taxing. "Perhaps, you could say," and he repeats "you could say" as though its pungency, like wine, needs to swish around in his mouth first, "you could say I am provocative as a writer, but I am certainly not confrontational in person when I'm debating." This admission is one of the few times I will hear him



say "I am." As opposed to "I believe." And yet the statement characterizes him because his writing and speaking voices both define him in terms of what he does, not who he is. Who he is surfaces in his writing when, on rare occasion, he departs from the catechism of conservative values and tells us why he left India.

"If I had remained in India," he writes in What's So Great About America, "I would probably have lived my entire existence within a onemile radius of where I was born. I would undoubtedly have married a woman of my identical religious, socioeconomic, and cultural background. I would almost certainly have become a medical doctor, an engineer, or a

software programmer. I would have socialized within my ethnic community and had cordial relations, but few friends, outside that group. I would have a whole set of opinions that could be predicted in advance; indeed, they would not be very different from what my father believed, or his father before him. In sum, my destiny would to a large degree have been given to me."

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whom to love, whom to marry, what to believe, what religion to practice — these are all decisions that Americans make for themselves."

Inside of three decades, D'Souza has made good on the immigrant promise, becoming, in his phrase, "the architect of his own destiny." For years he was incurious as to why he was able to make something of himself so readily here when others have not or, more commonly, have been reluctant to. Today, he's pondering it. "One immigrant said to me, 'I'm envious of you, because you really seem at home in America. I'm not at home here, but you are.' I'm sometimes hard-pressed to account for that."

OUT OF INDIA D'Souza's family is from Goa, a port city in southern India, whose Hindu people were colonized by the Portuguese and converted to Catholicism. His father, who eventually worked for Johnson & Johnson, moved the family to Bombay, where Dinesh was born in 1961. Bicultural from birth, the D'Souza name is Portuguese, while Dinesh means "God of the sun." His schooling was Jesuit, he says. "The best schools in India are run by the Catholic Church. It's true of many of the old English colonies." While the Jesuit curriculum featured humanities and science, it was "memorydriven, very competitive" with national exams, "nothing classically liberal about it." As a child he heard about America only through his grandfather, who, with Dinesh on his knee, would recount the fights of Muhammad Ali. D'Souza recalls the provinciality of his Indian youth with fondness. Extended family was nearby; no one traveled or had aspirations beyond Bombay. "It gave me a sturdy, happy, healthy upbringing," if a sheltered one. "I hadn't thought about my place in the universe. I'd also never thought about socialism or capitalism, or whether the Soviet Union was any good." D'Souza's family showed little interest in politics: they were "loving people,""educated but essentially technically oriented."

In 1978, an exchange program, run by Rotary International, brought him to America and the outpost of Patagonia, Arizona. There, during a year with four families, he finished high school, though academically his senior year was "supereasy," equivalent to his eighth grade in India. In math, he says, "I was at the level of the teacher." A counselor, seeing D'Souza's potential, helped him apply to Dartmouth College. Was he already thinking about a career? Yes, according to the dictates of Indian culture: college men would go into the sciences or commerce, while women would choose the arts. Though D'Souza had an analytical bent toward writing, he still felt it would be his hobby, not his profession. He saw himself majoring in business or math, then, one day, going to graduate school at Oxford, and then returning to India to work at a middle-class job.

But Dartmouth changed everything, in part, because D'Souza was amazed by what he saw his first semester. He recalls that not only was the campus "pristine and luxurious," but it was also a place of "unbelievable tolerance, affluence, and opportunity," where the ideas of foreign students, like himself, "could be circulated. People would listen to what you had to say." But he was shocked at the condemnatory opinions other foreign students at Dartmouth displayed toward this country. His fellow foreigners groused that America was riddled with homophobia, racism, and sexism." 'America is so bad,' they would complain. 'Americans are so ignorant." D'Souza says he was "unprepared for" just how strongly allied the white left-wing students and the foreign students were. And yet, as a newbie, he was still "too polite and nonjudgmental" to attack anyone and too naïve to grasp the political stratification on

campus.

Suddenly, his calling to write was engaged: there was an opening on the campus newspaper, the Daily D. D'Souza volunteered, covering sports, speeches, parking, whatever. Meanwhile, and largely unknown to D'Souza, a political struggle for control of the paper's editorial slant had begun. When the forces of an "overwhelmingly liberal faculty and administration" won out, a few conservative mutineers started their own paper, the Dartmouth Review, in 1980. Its editor, Gregory Fossedal, began to write editorials promoting Ronald Reagan, who was at the time campaigning in the New Hampshire primary. Fossedal recruited D'Souza. But, D'Souza says, he was still politically naïve. He just wanted to keep writing. He lovingly recalls





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Then D'Souza started "eavesdropping" on the conversations of Fossedal and others. "I was intrigued by their intellectual daring, their passion for ideas. They would say things that at first seemed almost outrageous, and then they'd defend them tenaciously." D'Souza's flair for analysis took wing. Like Fossedal, he "got excited by defending my positions, backing them up with learning and wit. My natural interest in ideas was kindled." D'Souza was

fascinated that ideas had practical applications. 'You could have a discussion about Hamlet in English class, but at the end of the day, so what? These guys were debating tax rates and the Soviet Union, and it was all connected, in some ways, to Reagan. I shared the view of Reagan as being a somewhat likable but ridiculous guy." He liked Reagan's iconoclastic view. "He was the first to say, 'Government isn't the solution, it's the problem. That was appealing, even though it never occurred to me that government should be smaller or larger." Though "a spectator and an outsider" (his wallet contained his student visa and \$500 to fall back on), he admits to "being drawn into the conservative fray."

The Dartmouth Review featured conservative opinion and bathroom humor, geared to lampoon liberal orthodoxies. In Letters to a Young Conservative, D'Souza writes that to attack the liberal bias in society or on campus, "The conservative must stop being conservative. More precisely, he must be philosophically conservative but temperamentally radical." At the Review, radicals they

were. The paper quickly became known for its outrageous claims: one, written by Keeney Jones in response to Dartmouth's having gone coed in 1972, is notorious: "The question is not whether women should be educated at Dartmouth. The question is whether women should be educated at all." Today, D'Souza justifies these and other pranks as a "necessary strategy to break the liberal intellectual monopoly of the campus. Which is exactly the way rebels of the '60s and '70s saw their antics - a way of breaking the conservative

monopoly."

Initially, the paper's brashness was "discomforting" to D'Souza; he shied away from confrontation. But by his senior year, D'Souza was the editor. Alongside 40 others, he was, he says, an ardent "rebel conservative." So arch, in fact, that his opponents nicknamed him "Distort D'Newsa." How did it happen that he became an ardent rebel? A series of jolts connected his wiring. The anti-American international students stirred his ire, and the militancy of the paper's advocates fired up his thinking. He began to

realize that his family and his culture in India had embedded in him a set of conservative values he seemed unaware of. "As a product of my upbringing — and I'm not unusual at all — I reflected the social conservatism of Asian-American cultures. This is an issue on which the whole swath of civilization that would begin in the Middle East and go all the way to China agrees on. In behavior, the Asian-American group is the most socially conservative group in America, to the right of evangelical Christians." D'Souza cites the rates of



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Asian-American illegitimacy and divorce as much lower than those of evangelicals. During his time at Dartmouth, he also discovered how unfazed he was by certain American cultural taboos. He recalls that when he spoke against what gays, women, or minorities believed in, his comments made "everyone quiver. To me, it meant nothing. Someone would say to me, 'You're being insensitive.' In India, there's no moral outrage attached" to violating another's sensitivity. D'Souza did not cower before liberal assumptions, the "sacred cows" of the Left — white racism causes black underperformance, for example.

What really got D'Souza's goat was that many at Dartmouth believed the school was "a very racist place." D'Souza remembers hammering back at such opinions. "What are you

talking about? The admissions policy benefits Hispanics and African-Americans and Native Americans. There's a full scholarship program for any Native American Indian who wants to come here. There's a large Native American studies program; there's all kinds of stuff Dartmouth does with local tribes. So if anything, it looks like the native Indians are getting a lot of benefits and attention, while the real Indians" — a self-referential jest — "are on the sidelines. In what way is this a form of oppression?"

By the end of college, D'Souza's values were set — by Indian nature and Dartmouth nurture. Were these two things ever at odds? Not at first, he says; not in the heyday of college, when he was exercising his advocate's voice. (D'Souza's first job was to edit an anthology called the *Catholic Clas*- sics.) For him, the freedom of thought and the exercise of free speech in the American university engendered confidence in his own opinions. He would align himself politically as he saw fit: his choice would come down against the prevailing liberal notions of college students in the 1970s.

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Today, at his desk, D'Souza is comfortably dressed in preppy garb. Plain shirt (with the polo player insignia), plain pants, tasseled loafers. At one point, his wife Dixie breezes in. She is blonde, petite, California-tanned, and effervescent about her husband. She's wearing a stylish pink plasticleather rain jacket. We exchange pleasantries, and she's gone before I can respond to her evident delight in marriage. The D'Souzas met in 1988 at the Reagan White House, where he was a policy advisor and Dixie was an intern. She had read his articles and heard that he, too, worked there, so, D'Souza recalls, "She decided I would be a good contact. She figured I was some 60-year-old guy. She came into my office - I was on the phone — and



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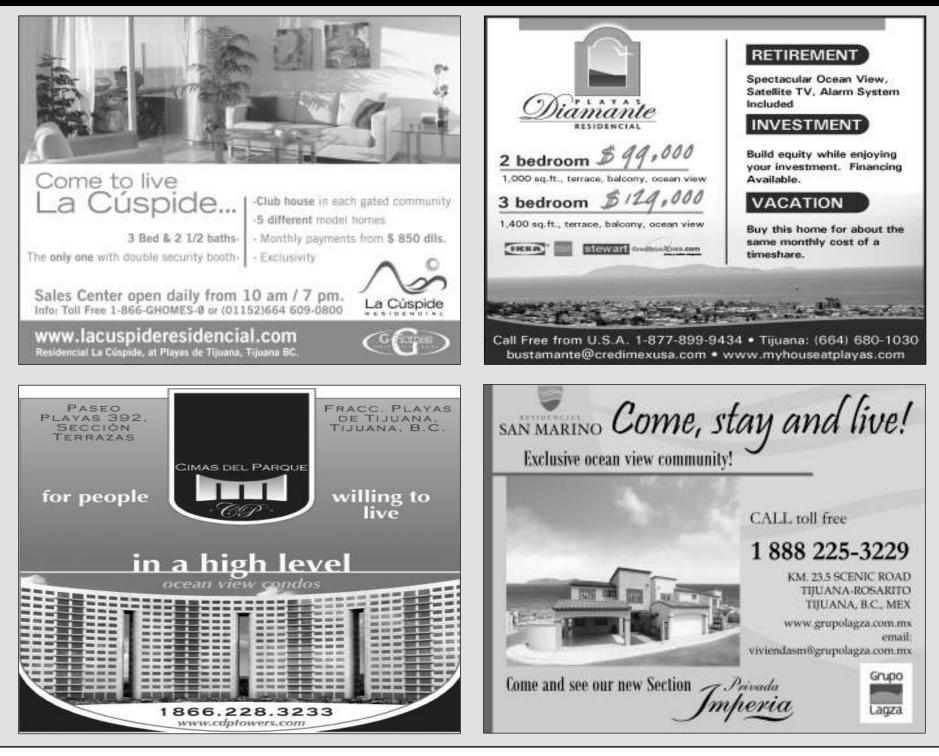
D'Souza speaking to college students

maries of government hearings. She quit after their daughter was born, though now, with more time, she researches news stories, usually on popular culture, for her husband. D'Souza says that moving to San Diego from Washington in 1999 fulfilled their mutual desire to get out of the capital. "In Washington, you are what you do. It's good if you're single, but it's not kind to family life."

Around the time D'Souza and Dixie were married, D'Souza began his career as a debater, arguing against proponents of affirmative action. Thirteen years later, he still goes to colleges to debate that and other issues. Now, as then, he's often harassed, forced to account for his views given his dark skin. He rankles multicultural audiences who turn out in hopes of seeing him trounced by left-wingers,

race scholars, even Libertarians. He's never trounced. In debates, D'Souza speaks off the cuff and, as he gets excited, with a kind of locomotive hurrying. He can be prickly and piercing, at times menacingly logical, at times sophomorically cute. To those who boo him, he may say, "Hey, I remember my first beer"; to heckling socialists, he may reply, "I know you guys have been in an irritable mood ever since the Berlin Wall fell." He can also be brilliant: "What we should judge individuals by in this society is merit. Nobody argues that the NBA

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should be more open to more guys like me. We're not outraged that there's too few Asian-Americans in basketball. The best players play because of their merit. What's the most troubling aspect of affirmative action is the perversion of the rule of

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merit - not that blacks haven't suffered racism." There is a sway in him, an outrage, that is electric and undismissible.

In a debate on affirmative action at Brown University, D'Souza was pitted against Howard University Law School

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professor Frank Wu, who supports affirmative action. D'Souza spoke first (he quipped a few lines), then Wu responded: "I'm not as funny as Dinesh D'Souza, but I'm also not as inflammatory." (Big applause.) Wu charged

that D'Souza was trying to fool people by equating affirmative action with racial discrimination. In addition, because D'Souza favored admissions based on income level, he was a hypocrite: he approves of economic-based preferences but doesn't like those based on race. In his rebuttal, D'Souza responded, "I counted three errors of fact and several errors of logic; for 15 minutes, that's accomplishing quite a lot." He paused and said, "I feel a little bit like the mosquito at a nudist colony. I don't know where to begin." During the next 45 minutes, it wasn't surprising that Frank Wu won over the liberal crowd. (By D'Souza's estimate, most campus audiences are 10 percent conservative students, 50 percent middle-of-the-road liberals, and 40 percent left-

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wingers.) What was surprising was how effective he was at deflecting or explaining away or counterarguing his opponent and those students who, politely or not, went after him. His purpose is calculated: "to introduce seeds of doubt and persuade the middle-of-theroad students," as well as "to flummox and bewilder the radical students. I mean, I know I can't persuade them. Part of my measurement for success is, have I effectively and amusingly and persuasively repelled the javelins that are being hurled at me?" "You're very good at it," I say. "Not so much

that you win. But that you hang in there." "I have to confess, it's

fun," he says, laughing rascally. "It's quite challenging. You don't know what the other guy is going to say. You have to

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In seeking the limelight, D'Souza throws against the Left topics that most Americans have trouble discussing dispassionately: race and race-based preferences in hiring and college admission; political correctness; social engineering of the diversity agenda; the educational relevance of selfesteem (he calls it the "self-esteem hoax"). He knows the risks any political debater knows of being loved or hated personally as the messenger of unpopular ideas. Once, in 1998, while a mob of Leftists at Columbia University "their goal was to keep 'racists' off campus," he says, and he repeats Herbert Marcuse's 1960s tenet, "Tolerance, yes, but no tolerance for intolerant people" — D'Souza cried out, "Mine are legit-



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imate arguments. Are you saying they shouldn't be discussed at all?" Yes, that's exactly what they were saying, and they chanted so loud that he had to quit. Though mad at being censored, he's also bemused. He says that it's difficult for liberals to call him a racist "because of this strange belief on the Left that if you are a person of color you can't be a racist."

Besides speaking on campuses, D'Souza lectures at dozens of business conferences every year; he has debated on PBS's News Hour; and he's been a paid analyst on CNN (the week in June 2004 that TV mourned Reagan's passing featured D'Souza's frequent tributes). I'm curious whether D'Souza feels he's helping to divide the country with his arguments. He agrees that our society has

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become politically polarized, but he thinks that our divisions "have come about because of a lack of debate, not an excess of it. You've seen the emergence of a rebel conservative media: talk radio, Fox News, Rush Limbaugh. That would never have happened if mainstream conservative views had been represented in the mainstream media. For example, the New York Times has had a policy for 25 years of having a dozen columnists and one token conservative. Initially, the New York Times hired Bill Safire when Richard Nixon was reelected. 'We have to

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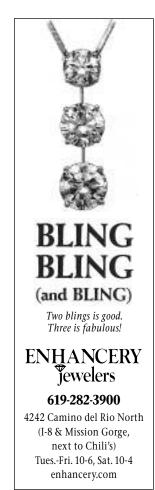
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the time Safire would attack Nixon. Not that Safire wasn't right. But the point is, conservatives of the Bill Buckley stripe have felt that our point of view is not represented in the *New York Times* at all. This was true of the three networks, PBS, and CNN when it first started."

Nowadays, the pendulum of political chat has swung right. "There are conservatives," D'Souza notes, "who are being heard but act as if they're still being perse-



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cuted." Though he makes his living largely via personal appearances, selfpromotion is not D'Souza's bailiwick. He is not one of the right- or left-wing media darlings, nor does he want to be. For such "pundit provocateurs" as Ann Coulter

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on TV or Limbaugh on radio, they draw attention to their cloying personalities and not to the intelligence of their positions. D'Souza says he's "not a partisan. I voted for Bush, not because I agree with everything he says. But on balance,

given the choice, I'm for Bush. I see myself as an intellectual, politically conservative, and not as a Republican Party hack. An independent conservative." That independence has also helped him bridge conservative and liberal. Unlike the

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reproachful Leftist, D'Souza says, the liberal "is analytical, sedate, and open-minded. In other words, he has intellectual tolerance, and that's a marker of liberalism. I'm very liberal in temperament, and I see that as a virtue"

And yet, there's always the chance that what you say, especially on TV, may not be what others want to hear. On September 20, 2001, Bill Maher, for the first post-9/11 broadcast of his ABC show Politically Incorrect, invited D'Souza and Arianna Huffington, both regular guests, to join him. One chair was left open for Barbara



Olson, another regular, who had died when American Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. As D'Souza recalls, the conversation began with Maher asserting that political correctness was dead: since the terrorists looked exactly the way we thought terrorists should look, all this talk about racial profiling is meaningless. From today forward, we'll suspect every Arab. D'Souza paraphrases now what his response was then. "A number of things being said about 9/11 seem to me not right. You're saying political correctness is dead, but we're saying all these things about 9/11, like 'Islam isn't behind this, Islam is a religion of peace, the terrorists are cowardly guys who are betraying the true faith.'

I'm not sure any of this" - referring, he says, to how Bush had been analyzing the plot and demonizing its participants as cowards all week — "is true. I wouldn't call people who pilot and crash airliners into skyscrapers 'cowards.' "Arianna Huffington, he says now, "agreed with me, but nobody paid her much attention." Then Maher, every bit as seasoned a quipper as D'Souza or Reagan, launched his famous retort. Referring to the U.S. bombing of al-Qaeda sites in Afghanistan prior to 9/11, Maher said, "We have been cowards, lobbing cruise missiles from 2000 miles away. That's cowardly."

D'Souza thought little of Maher's comment:



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"He was doing what he always does," cynically reacting to politically correct thought. The following day, Maher was denounced as a traitor by talk show hosts and veterans groups; his sponsors pulled the plug, and when no new ones ponied up, ABC canned him. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer uttered, arguably, the worst line about Maher's statement: "The reminder is to all Americans that they need to watch what they say, watch what they do, and that this is not a time for remarks like that." Because the exchange from Maher's show was "widely aired," D'Souza got dozens of emails blasting him for disagreeing with Bush's labeling of the hijackers. "As Maher got into more and more hot water, he tried to shift the blame onto me. He was on The View with Barbara Walters, and he said, 'I don't know why everyone's getting mad at me; the conservative thinker Dinesh D'Souza said...' "Two weeks later, D'Souza defended Maher in a PBS show about free speech in a time of national crisis. But D'Souza acknowledges that he escaped the bullet Maher took.

The power of live debate and speaking out can wear on D'Souza, returning him to the quietude and rigor of writing. And yet, when he spends too much time on a book or article, the work often ends up lacking the liveliness of debate and speech-making. In writing he can often sound less strung. Some passages in his recent books read like college term papers; not just the scholarly work but the predictable pointcounterpoint, which, when overused, can stifle thought. On occasion, D'Souza will, to awaken the style of his live voice, infuse his writing with some wild rhetoric, as he did at the Dartmouth Review. In 2002, he wrote

a piece for the National *Review* that took aim at the Democrats after their losses during the midterm elections. In it, D'Souza urges Democrats to "improve their political fortunes by unequivocally embracing the three central principles of the political Left: anti-Americanism, economic piracy, and moral degeneracy." Because Democrats support "freedom of choice" as a guiding value, they may as well — to win next time — "become advocates for divorce, illegitimacy, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, and pornography."

As lively as this characterization is, D'Souza abandons the rigor of conservative thought to the licentiousness of party-time rhetoric.

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D'Souza, a Phi Beta Kappa, was accepted to the Wharton School of Finance (Donald Trump's alma mater). The dean, however, thought D'Souza should get away from academia before enrolling, "immerse myself in the culture," and work. D'Souza was thankful to have the dean's authoritative opinion to pass on to his parents, who were still expecting him home. Yes, he reminded them, he was planning on a business degree and, as far as he knew, returning to India. However, he says now, his parents must have begun to realize that the longer he stayed in America, the more likely he might court a non-Indian, resulting in "the

horror of marrying outside the tribe. If they felt they were losing me, they never let on. But it was inevitable that they knew."

His first job was as the editor of *Prospect* magazine, at Princeton. Itching to be a part of Washington's conservative milieu during Reagan's presidency, he became a managing editor at Policy Review, a quarterly "owned by but independent of the Heritage Foundation." Since that job was not strenuous, D'Souza's freelance writing began in earnest. "I was prolific. There was a 30 percent chance you could open any major magazine or newspaper and see me in it": New York Times op-ed pieces,

Wall Street Journal articles, the *Washington Post's* Sunday section.

It was a golden age for the redcoat with the conservative musket. A "fast writer," D'Souza calls his style "opinionoriented, with a point of view and with a lot of analysis." One of his pieces, which coupled a "Dartmouth Review tinge with a tingling quality that people liked," was "The Bishops as Pawns." At the time, Catholic bishops were writing "pastoral letters as to why nuclear weapons were dangerous. I got my Dartmouth mind working — wouldn't it be funny to call up these guys, 30 of them, and ask them some rather elementary questions?" He

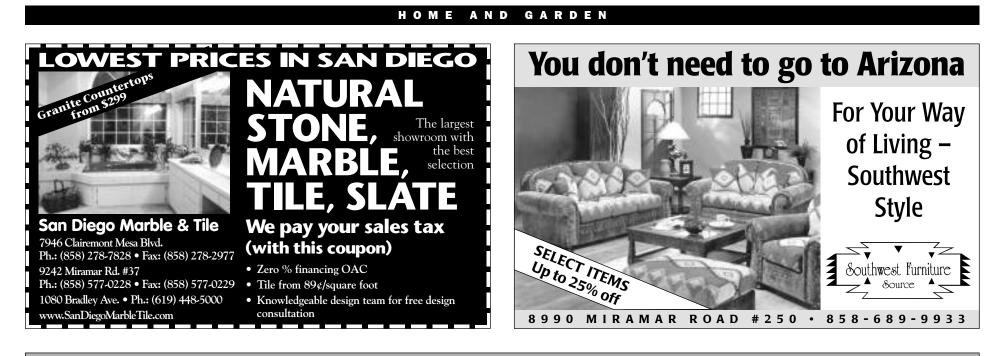
called them directly, quoting from one letter: " 'You write that the cost to make an MX missile is a waste of money. How much do you think it costs?' 'You say the MX missile takes the arms race to a new level. How many warheads are on an MX missile?' I got the most outrageous, wacky, uninformed answers. Obviously what was going on — the bishops had nothing to do with this. They had a left-wing staff, at the U.S. Catholic Conference in D.C., writing all this stuff. Those guys were well-informed. But the bishops didn't have a clue." Adam Meyerson, the

editor of *Policy Review* from 1983 to 1998, recalls with affection hiring

D'Souza. Meyerson noted that D'Souza's letters of recommendation all said, "He is one of the best students I've ever had." Meyerson knew of what he calls D'Souza's "collegiate high jinks, though they weren't sufficient to dissuade me. One of the most influential conservative intellectuals of the day - I won't say his name - said, 'Don't hire him.' He was upset with me when I did. But eventually he came around and said I'd made the right decision." Meyerson particularly liked D'Souza's avidity for tackling a new topic. "He was unself-conscious about showing his early drafts to me and others as a way to clarify his own thought. Whatever the

Indian word is for 'chutzpah,' D'Souza had it."

By 1987, D'Souza's name had been in print so often that, he says, people in Washington were asking, "Who is this guy with the weird name?" When the White House called him to interview for a job as policy advisor, he leapt at the opportunity. D'Souza was thrilled to get hired, even though he realized at once that it was "an inopportune time" — in the midst of Iran-Contra. (That spring Reagan's job rating had plunged overnight from 70 to 35 percent.) With the scandal spreading, "Any new conservative initiative was drowned out." D'Souza began secondguessing his decision: "I





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had given up a very public and prominent public status as a writer. Once I joined, I couldn't write a word. I disappeared into the administration."

D'Souza worked in the East Wing, the policydevelopment side of the White House. There, he was drawn into the daily grind of "the White House culture: memos and meetings. Write a memo; if it goes anywhere, it'll go to a meeting." At Policy Review, he enjoyed going "where the idea takes you" as well as being recognized as "a public intellectual in a company town like Washington." In the Reagan administration, the job was "tedious - task force on this, working group on that. I understood the need for it. That's how policy develops, goes through layers, has to be vetted by lawyers." On the other hand, he loved briefing visitors, Afghan refugees, Fulbright scholars. He would speak for ten minutes and take questions, "essentially defending the administration." He would also brief the White House staff on judicial nominations. Most satisfying was the

"incredible cachet of the place." D'Souza had a huge office (where Dixie found him one day), a staff, a car. "My call to the prime minister of India would result in the prime minister taking the call. You have incredible reach." Noncitizen D'Souza, easily the highest-ranking Indian in the U.S. government, would get requests from fellow countrymen: help, my visa's expired. "In India, that's what you go into government to do — sell favors. In the White House, I couldn't. By and large in America, you have to make money

before you go into government." D'Souza concedes that the revolving door between politics and lobbying exists, and he quotes the old Washington saw, "So-and-So came to government to do good and stayed to do well"

When D'Souza began, Reagan was "limping." When D'Souza left in 1989, Reagan was "strutting," after the late 1987 surprise in which Gorbachev accepted Reagan's terms to eliminate a whole class of nuclear missiles. Did D'Souza meet Reagan? Only once, for a photo. "He had no

idea who I was. He was personally remote as a man. He was very genial. He didn't take an interest in you. I was on the back burner, but those who worked in his office every day felt that too." In keeping with his own low profile, D'Souza was far less interested in "Reagan the man" than in his ideas.

D'Souza points to this as one of the paradoxes of leadership. Reagan, who never served in war, "inspires this tremendous conviction on the part of the military," while Bob Dole, who did serve, "is much less effective as a leader."

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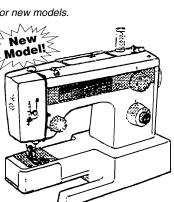
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This played out in the

After Reagan, D'Souza faced two prospects. First he was invited by President-elect George H.W. Bush's chief

of staff John Sununu to interview for a position in the West Wing. That "job would have given me enormous influence: every time the president goes to the bathroom, he goes by your desk." D'Souza was also asked by the head of the American Enterprise Institute, Christopher DeMuth, to take a position he was offering. " 'Come to AEI,' " D'Souza remembers DeMuth telling him, " 'write a couple of books, put your name on the map. I've seen these guys who've served in government. What are they experts in? Writing memos. What do they do all day? Go to meetings. What skill do they have coming out of government? None. You see why they want to become lobbyists. They can't do anything else.'

D'Souza concluded that DeMuth was right: "I took a big pay cut and went to AEI."

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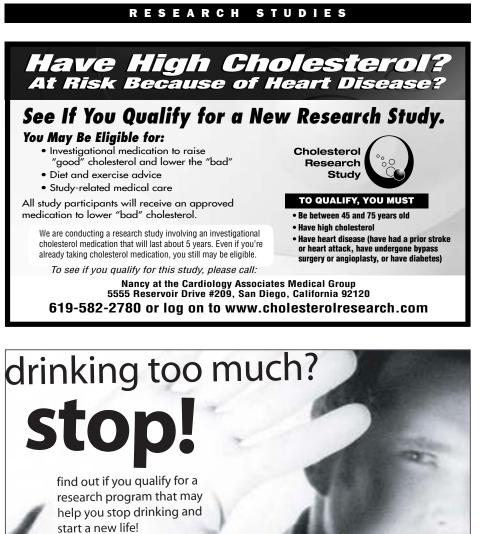
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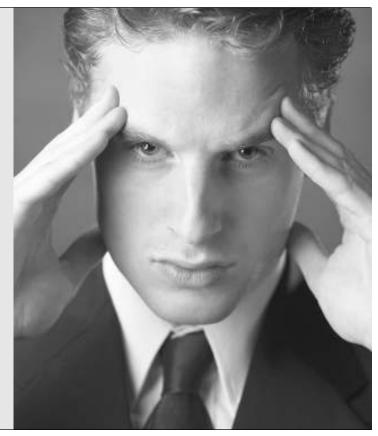
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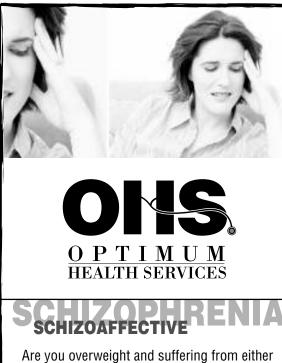
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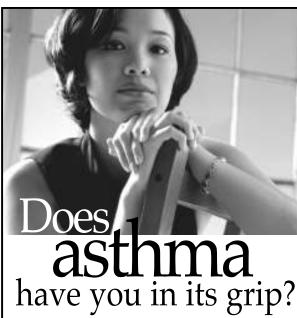
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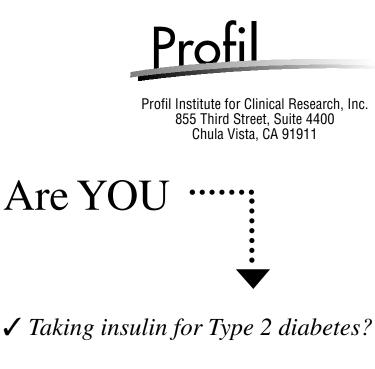


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What he found made him famous. It was, as he catalogued in Illiberal Education, "the idea of political correctness which I didn't invent, but which I helped promulgate. This phenomenon is not just censorship in the pure sense — you're not allowed to say this or that — but the idea that politics and etiquette conspire to narrow the permissible range of debate. This idea the book helped to consolidate in the public mind." D'Souza found that a "liberal education," which he favors, was "being undermined in three ways. Universities talk about equal rights and equal opportunity while they practice race-based and gender-based preferences. They talk about free speech, free discussion, intellectual debate, but they practice, legally and socially, restrictive ways to stop the discussion of taboo issues. In the curriculum, they talk about teaching the best that has been thought and said, but in reality professors have a very narrow-minded approach to other cultures and the West. This was the book's theme. What was interesting about it was it split the liberals from the Left. On the conservative side, I got universal acclaim. The reason why the Left attacked me so hard was because some mainstream liberals agreed with me. One of the leading figures in scholarship about slavery or civil rights was C. Vann Woodward, who wrote The Strange Career of Jim *Crow* and a gigantic piece in the New York Review of Books praising my book. Then Eugene Genovese [a Marxist scholar on slavery] wrote the cover review in the New Repub*lic*, extravagantly praising the book. So the Left became very nervous that



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the liberals were embracing my book; they were worried about mainstream liberalism turning against the diversity movement."

Woodward's essayreview begins warmly: "For a subject so heatedly debated...the investigation seems reasonably thorough, the rhetoric comparatively temperate, and the documentation fairly detailed, if sometimes very selective." He calls Illiberal Education "the most extensive critical study yet" about political correctness, deserving "serious attention." Woodward sides with D'Souza: there's a new McCarthyism on campus that attacks freedom of speech on behalf of minority rights. Such

censorship is bad because it "imposed conformity or silent submission on the campus." For those wronged during American history, justice cannot be administered by diversifying the campus, for it will only resegregate the student body along racial lines. Worst of all, the "essential freedoms" that underlie controversy at a university, Woodward says, are imperiled: "the ancient right of disputation has already vielded to the practice of indoctrination."

By contrast, the New Yorker's Louis Menand wrote in a balanced critique that "D'Souza makes no mention of his own contributions to the campus tensions he now writes about with such

concern." This "lack of personal candor tarnishes his book." What Menand is referring to is how D'Souza, under the guise of researching Illiberal *Education*, kept "turning the tables" or arguing with those he interviewed and then highlighting the nonsensical responses that would fit his polemic. Menand also wrote a line, which D'Souza remembers word for word: "It is not pleasant to see a man who did so much to poison the wells now turning up dressed as the water commissioner." Menand does agree with the book's claim that "the present threat to the new academic culture comes...from the academic Left," He believes

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D'Souza has made the case that "the American university has embarrassed itself" with its emphasis on "a person's race and sex." "Black, white, male, female, homosexual, heterosexual" were once "the least important things" about people but, in the academy, have become "the only important things." "Literature, in particular," Menand writes, "is being taught as though it were only political medicine or political poison — a view that is not only illiberal but illiterate."

D'Souza characterizes Menand's and others' criticisms as "an incredible howl of anguish from the Left. You had a whole host of college presidents, leading intellectuals, people in the media — a firestorm of controversy about it. *MacNeil-Lehrer* did a whole week on the book. I was accused of throwing oil on the fire." Surprised by the "magnitude" but not the emotional friction of its publication, he says it sold a lot of copies. "It put me on the map. I got 300 speaking invitations." But why the

negativity? "Because," he tells me, his eyes momentarily glaring, "when I wrote Illiberal Education, nobody even knew there was a problem. So the book had to outline a rather stinging critique. People were conscious of it on campus, but there was not much consciousness of it on the national level. No public debate. I put it in front of the intelligent general audience and said, 'Here's what these guys are doing, and here's why it's a problem.' "

D'Souza is proud of the book's amendatory success. In the immedi-

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on most campuses were suspended. I pretty much won the speechcode debate. Eventually, the book vindicated its main arguments. A much harder target is the political correctness that is built into the etiquette of campus life. In that sense, the problem of political correctness has gotten worse. But even there, it's fair to say, the public critique of political correctness did a lot to raise the curtain on previously forbidden issues. Even today, you can discuss things on campus that you couldn't discuss then. For example, the question, 'Should only black people be allowed to teach other blacks?' is a topic that was beyond the pale. Today, no. People might disagree with you, but the topics are definitely discussable."

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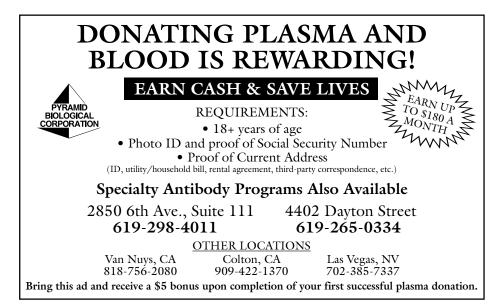
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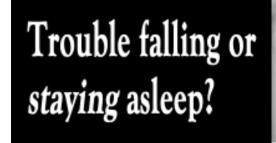


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ON NOT CONSERVING LIBERALISM

D'Souza has, perhaps more so than anyone in the past 15 years, legitimized the conservative perspective at colleges; often, conservative students seek his example as the means to confront the authoritarianism of campus liberalism. To witness this exchange, I accompany him in February to Austin, Texas, where he speaks to the University of Texas Law School and to the 25th-anniversary conference of the Young Conservatives of Texas. Though D'Souza's lecture, "American Empire and International Law," focuses on the Iraq War, many want him to help them with the alienation they feel on a predominantly liberal campus. A pair of right-wing "bomb throwers," as D'Souza calls them, from Austin are making a documentary, Storming the Ivory *Tower*, about conservative students. They ask D'Souza why conservatives are not part of the university debate, why they're always on the defensive.

"There's something in the liberal temperament," D'Souza tells them, the video rolling,

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"that attracts liberals to academia. Intelligent conservatives do other things. If they go to academia at all, they go to economics or the hard sciences; they don't go into education, sociology, literature. Not through conspiracy, but through affinity, the universities tend to be liberal, which means liberalism is also self-perpetuating. Liberalism identifies itself with progress, with the future. People say [of a new idea], 'How can you believe that? This is 2005.' The assumption is things are always getting better. So the conservative is seen not as someone who

reasonably disagrees with you about the economy or foreign policy; the conservative is seen as a retrograde, who's trying to oppose, in a mindless way, the good things. That's why all the attacks on conservatives are on motive. 'You're a warmonger; you're greedy; you're a racist.' The assumption is you're not wrong, you're immoral. This is why conservatives get so irritated; they feel like they're excommunicated from the debate."

Outside the law school auditorium, J.P. Lund, now a law student and vice president of the school's Federalist Society, tells me that in the 1990s he was an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley. "I

was totally a fish out of water. I took a class in socalled American Cultures, which means tearing America down, mouthing the platitudes of your liberal professor. I wrote an essay about" -Lund clears his throat; his black suit, shaved head, and cavernous eyes remind me of an Addams Family member — "I confess. I wrote an essay about all the bad things in America so I could get an A in the class. I realized that to get the grade I needed in that class I'd have to write an essay of lies."

Laurel Boatright agrees. The peppy young woman, second year in law, says that there's hostility toward conservative students who don't tout the leftist line. One reason is, she says, "The vast majority of all professors at UT Law are way left. Like anything, those things about which you feel passionate, you'll do a fair job of representing both sides of an argument, and you'll do an excellent job representing the side you genuinely believe." During the question period after D'Souza's talk, Boatright asks him to help her make arguments for the war in Iraq that she has trouble making. because she thinks Bush is unable to articulate any moral reasoning. Moral pro-war arguments "have not been modeled for me." D'Souza concurs. "Whenever it comes to war, conservatives and





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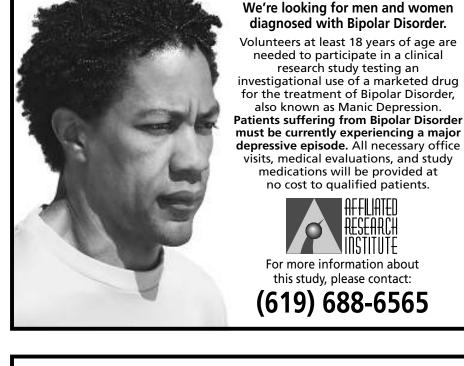
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For more information about this study, please contact: (619) 688-6565 liberals have a gross inability to explain themselves." One argument D'Souza says Bush should have used in moving more swiftly to an invasion of Iraq is this: Though the United Nations typically tries to steer America away from military intervention, its dictates need not be followed by us or anyone. The U.N.'s "credibility as a promoter of democracy," he says, "is compromised by its own heavily undemocratic membership."

The next morning, the Young Conservatives of Texas convene at the Methodist Family Life Center. In a high-windowed room, 150 young and old whites and one black woman sit at circular tables. One couple has brought their baby, whose T-shirt shows two

recognizable political heads perched on a toilet seat with the lines, "We Flushed the Johns. No More Crap From Kerry and Edwards." By no means, however, is this a monolithic group. During lunch, they listen to Ron Paul, a maverick Libertarian congressional representative from south Texas, who says there are two things we need to do in America: one, "Get out of the United Nations!" (the assembled jump to their feet in raucous applause) and two, "Get out of Iraq!" (the assembled sit motionless, a few tidying their lips with linen napkins). Trinity University alumnus David Guenthner tells me that at Trinity "the campus Right was on a much shorter leash than the campus Left. We had a conservative paper, but

we couldn't distribute the paper on campus. We had to register a table in the commons building and hand it out only to people who said they wanted one." Guenthner, the Lone Star flag on his red tie, says that they also faced discrimination when the group registered for an Earth Day celebration and handed out "literature on freemarket solutions that dealt with pollution, essentially debunking the Left's myths about the greenhouse effect and global warming. We brought plastic cups to go with our free lemonade." An Earth Day nono. The following year their application was denied.

Introduced by a 20-year-old as "the wicked and the awesome," D'Souza mixes

vehemence and tenderness as he outlines why so many hate and love America. During question time, one Young Conservative of Texas sponsor asks for his opinion of a game, "Capture the Illegal Immigrant," her group recently played at the University of North Texas. A few group members wore bright orange T-shirts with "Illegal Immigrant" on the front and "Catch Me If U Can" on the back. At the end of a press conference, they were chased around campus until caught: the



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D'Souza responds that a conservative who works at a large university cannot "conserve the environment in which he works because then he'll just be conserving liberalism." He must be creative, daring: he gives an example from his Dartmouth days. To protest the

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school's funding of an organization based on sexual orientation, a group of students proposed a Dartmouth Bestiality Society, with "a president, a vice presi-

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dent, a treasurer, and a zookeeper. We went to the deans, with a straight face, and said, 'We demand recognition and funding.' I remember one of the deans who said,

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prejudice?"

The previous day, law student Lund put his finger on why anyone with an unpopular idea should be allowed to speak: "If you don't like the person's opinions, let them demonstrate it."

BLAMING THE MESSENGER

In 1995, D'Souza demonstrated his opinion about the state of black America, especially the black underclass, in his most contentious book, The End of Racism. Not only did critics attack his conclusion — that African-Americans are responsible for their own condition — they attacked, even more strenuously, the narrator for reaching such a conclusion with, what they called, so little sensitivity. D'Souza has said that while his Indian-ness coated him with a racial Teflon, he has, at some personal cost, spent much time dealing with the insensitivity charge. His tack can be summed up in what he said to me about his work: "All criticism should bother you in the sense that it makes you ask whether you are mistaken or misunderstood, and if so, why."

The book's idea came to him while writing Illiberal Education: were blacks right to say that since they still suffered racism in America, affirmative action was necessary? D'Souza looked at the history of racism but, more deeply, at what he called contemporary "black culture" to find out whether blacks were holding themselves back economically. What he found he portrayed as black life in the 1990s: a high illegitimacy rate, a lack of two-parent families, a dependency on welfare, a neglect of entrepreneurship, a hostility toward schoolwork, a view of literacy that said educated blacks were "acting white," and a valorized "gangsta" culture. Where did this culture

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come from, he argued, but that blacks had created it themselves: they were accountable for their condition, and, even though racism existed, it was not the cause of today's underclass. D'Souza says he felt he had to be "somewhat clinical and, in a blunt way, make these points, take the reader by the lapels, because our society has an almost willful evasion" of looking at race-based inequities.

He knew the book, which came in at 724 pages and 2000 footnotes, would be enraging. His rationale for writing it emphatically is this: "Let's say you believe in 90 percent of what I believe but I want to persuade you that the other 10 percent of what you believe is wrong. I can do that relatively easily because I can show you that the 10 percent that I want you to believe is consistent with the other 90 percent you already

believe. On the other hand, if I say to you that 90 percent of what you believe is wrong and I'm going to persuade you that" - and here he shifts to the book's subject — "racism didn't originate in the way you think, and slavery wasn't exactly what you think, and that slavery was abolished for reasons other than what you think, and that the debate over the civil rights movement is different from what you've been led to

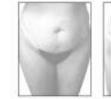
believe — in other words, I'm trying to turn your worldview upside down, then that's a very difficult thing to do." Furthermore, D'Souza was saying to African-Americans, a people who had experienced multigenerational racism, the existence of which he does not deny, that what their families had lived with and known and taught to one another over the ages was wrong.

The most sustained attack came from Glenn Loury, a black economist and a member of the board of advisers at the American Enterprise Institute, from which D'Souza had received funding during the 1990s to write the book. According to D'Souza, Loury wrote about ten reviews of The End of Racism, checking and commenting on the book's sources. One of D'Souza's points was that segregation began "in part as a way to protect



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blacks," while historians, by contrast, have argued that segregation arose only to oppress blacks. "Loury was disbelieving and indignant about this claim. He checked all my quotations, revisited the scholarship; he came up to me at a forum and said, 'You're right on this. When I read it, I couldn't believe it.' "

D'Souza describes Loury as a "brilliant economist. He started out as a liberal and moved into the conservative camp; he was someone who was a mentor. My book came along about a year later after *The Bell Curve*, by Charles Murray and Richard Herrnstein." Murray, who came to the American Enterprise Institute following *The Bell Curve*'s publication, claimed that black underperformance was, D'Souza says, "due to intellectual inferiority, while my book claims that it's due to cultural inferiority. Of course, the predominant word is 'inferiority.' Glenn reacted strongly and bitterly." D'Souza says Loury called another advisory board member, Robert Woodson, a conservative black community activist, and convinced him that they should both resign. D'Souza says Loury tried to enlist other black conservatives, such as Thomas Sowell, to protest D'Souza's book, but "it didn't work." After resigning, Woodson called D'Souza "the Mark Fuhrman of public policy."

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them graciously. Glenn's goal was to excommunicate me from the Right. I maintained my cool, and a year later I realized I had done him no harm." Much of Loury's critique was answered by D'Souza in the preface to the paperback edition of The End of Racism. In it, D'Souza restates statistical gaps that persist between white and black in terms of out-of-wed-

lock births, crime, and academic achievement. Before citing rapper Ice-T's "embrace of some of my positions," D'Souza calls on African-Americans not to "postpone a serious project in cultural rehabilitation." Loury's story is

nearly the opposite. On Booknotes (C-SPAN's nonfiction-author interview show), he said the book's language and its

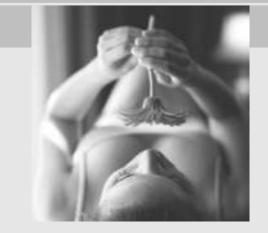
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"characterization of African-American community life" was "contemptuous. It had an air of a smart-alecky sneer about it." "The substantive quality of its argument [was]...full of historical inaccuracy [and] exaggeration." In one review, Loury cites his "central point," namely, that the book's analysis "is below professional standards." "D'Souza has analyzed no survey evidence of black opinion; he undertook no extensive interviews with a broad sample of blacks." Loury writes that D'Souza's evidence is anecdotal, and he presents data contrary to D'Souza's: that whites cut class in high school as much as blacks do, that black parents participate in their kids' education as much as white parents do, that blacks do not drop out any more than white kids do. In Loury's opinion, D'Souza used evidence that would back

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up his claims about "cultural inferiority" and left it at that. The worst effect was that D'Souza fanned "the flames of racial antagonism."

In an e-mail, Loury disputed what D'Souza had told me. Though he and D'Souza were "friendly, our relationship did not approach that of

mentor/protégé --- not close." Concerning D'Souza's story in which Loury told D'Souza he was right about segregation — "that is a complete fiction. I never did any such thing, nor did I ever say anything of the sort to him. I find the entire argument that D'Souza makes in regard to the purportedly benign motives of the segregationist to be historically dubious and morally offensive." Loury also states that he barely knew Thomas Sowell and denies trying to rally black conservatives against D'Souza. Loury doubts that "Dinesh was hurt at all by our resignations (which was never my intent, by the way). And, he may even have helped [himself] with many conservatives (who think that if a guy is being attacked by angry blacks, then he must be doing something right)." Loury writes that by leaving the American Enterprise Institute "I was set free from an alliance with a bunch of social conservatives who did not and do not have the best interests of my people (fellow black Americans) at heart."

D'Souza contends that to suggest his book has set back race relations is "blaming the messenger." He acknowledges that the debate about his book was "quite bitter, and since that's not my temperament, I enjoyed the book less than Illiberal Education. I argued my points, I did a lot of debates, but it was less fun for me because I could see that some of the opponents of the

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book were pained by it." Using the phrase "black culture," D'Souza says, was a mistake. "Some took that to mean that there's something about being black that gives you a certain kind of culture. I was using 'black' for African-American ethnicity, not race. I wasn't arguing that pigment leads to behavior. That misunderstanding I could have avoided. Other phrases I think are accurate but inflammatory. At one point in the book I say that 'the slave in America was treated like property, which is to

say, rather well.' And what I meant to say is that the slaves of the 19th Century were expensive: they cost between \$900 and \$1500, a lot of money in those days. As a result, the slave was an asset. You didn't want your slave to get sick and die. I was making a point, but it hurt people's feelings."

FROM ROUSSEAU TO REAGAN

The immigrant D'Souza has made the most of his opportunities. One estimate, reported by James Warren in the Washington Monthly, says

D'Souza garnered \$1.5 million over ten years from the American Enterprise Institute; another estimate has him receiving \$173,000 from the Intercollegiate Studies Institute to help underwrite Illiberal Education; on hundreds of campuses, he's received, as he told Booknotes, "a few thousand dollars to give the same speech, with minor variations, again and again and again"; and his books remain in print and sell healthily. D'Souza acknowledges that he has banked the benefits of being a conservative person of color in a cause that is often desperate to add hues to its public face.

I wonder how personally responsible he feels for his financial success. A friend recently reminded him that had he gone to the Wharton School of Business he could have made millions in the high-tech boom. "But I rolled the dice and went to Washington in the '80s. I never thought I was going into a field [writing] that would pay well. It's been very gratifying — having set aside a potentially lucrative

business career - to become a journalist, a policy guy, a think-tank guy, and make a good living. While I would say, 'Sure, to some degree I did it,' I have to remember that if I'm a smart guy, I didn't give myself brains. And if I worked hard, my work ethic comes out of a socialization process that I deserve no credit for. Even if it's true that it's hard work and brains that put me here, those are things we derive from the outside. I also feel there's lots of smart guys out there, lots of guys

who work really hard. And I've also learned over the years that being a decent guy is just as important as being a smart guy."

Revelations such as this are rare in D'Souza's writing, although he has begun offering more details about his personal life. In Letters to a Young Conservative, there is some memoir. But it's mostly chatty nostalgia for his Dartmouth days, which alternates with a sort of freshman comp list of right-wing planks such as "More Guns, Less Crime." Letters lacks the





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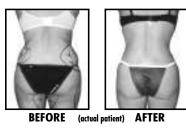
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nuanced critical prose he is capable of. But in What's So Great About America, which may be his best book, D'Souza is neither gamily superficial nor rigidly partisan. In the America book, as he calls it, D'Souza's self has real weight. It's a judicious, softened polemic in which, in addition to chapters on "The Reparations Fallacy" and "Two Cheers for Colonialism," D'Souza tells personal tales to illustrate several of the controversies he brings up. If I want to finally understand him, I need to engage why he

feels it's so great to be an American.

D'Souza, ever the controversialist, cannot just talk about himself. Rather, he must create an argumentative context in which he can oppose so as to debate — the ideas of self and society. It's a debate he knows well, for it's at the heart of conservative thinking. It's a debate between the freedom of the individual and the authority of the society.

In the *America* book, D'Souza centers this debate around human nature and society's regulation of individual freedom. He builds one chapter around Jean-Jacques Rousseau, who believed individuals were "born free" but are "everywhere in chains." Each person's "inner freedom" is inviolable. When we trust our hearts and obey our feelings, we are the closest to our nature as human beings. Societies only corrupt the individual.

As appealing (and liberal) as this view of the individual is, D'Souza cannot accept it. The individual that D'Souza believes in is Immanuel

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Kant's "crooked timber of human nature. I believe human nature is defective, it's warped, and we need institutions and ideas to constantly shape it and rein it in and check our wayward impulses. The liberal impulse" which he identifies with Rousseau, who regarded human beings as good — "is a utopian impulse. It tends to locate defects not in us but in society. Mine

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culture? D'Souza says it's an authoritarian one, which he believes can also be corrupted. When he observes the Bill Bennetts and Robert Borks of the moralizing Right who favor laws based on Christian morality, he draws the line. He says these theological commanders of the Right "are missing something vitally important about America."

That vital thing, D'Souza contends, is authenticity. "The ethic of authenticity - of being true to yourself." In America when we say someone is authentic we mean he is original, real, genuine. It's hard for a person to remain true to himself in a society whose conformity and rules stifle and censor his individuality. Moreover, this Rousseauean notion of being true to oneself is what the Founding Fathers, D'Souza writes in the America book, had in mind when shaping

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One can hear D'Souza ping-ponging between an enthusiasm for and a wariness of Rousseau. On one hand, he can't dismiss this principle of individual freedom because it is the very thing that kept him in America. On the other hand, he feels that it leads to excesses. Conservatives oppose liberals not on the virtue of individual freedom but on the excess of unchecked freedom. Such a fight between freedom and authority leads to ambivalence: how much freedom, how much authority is right? While D'Souza acknowledges this ambivalence, he says it does not bother him. "I have a pretty secure sense of myself. But it's a sense I am reexamining because I'm well aware of my identity having emerged out of the flux of two cultures."

D'Souza illustrates the flux in the America book. He tells a story about the authority of his father and of his expectations for his son. One day, several years after he had graduated and was working in Washington, D'Souza was convinced that he wanted to stay in America but, more important, he wanted to become a writer. He asked his father "to support my decision" to write. His father felt writing was only a hobby, not a profession. His father advised him to drop the idea and pursue an MBA: that lucrative business career. But, D'Souza told him, he felt called to write. "I wanted a life that made me feel true to



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myself." His father then began to chide him. "There is a little being that lives inside of you. Let's call him Little Dinesh. Little Dinesh apparently has the wisdom and authority to run your life. And apparently you communicate and converse with Little Dinesh. You worry that you have lost touch with him, and you are eager to renew contact." Their exchange went nowhere. D'Souza concluded that in terms of his being true to himself, his father "didn't know what the heck I was talking about."

"That instinctual voice," I suggest, "is Rousseau. It's telling you what's authentic in you, your calling. It's the voice individual liberty insists we listen to."

D'Souza agrees that the voice is speaking to us all the time; he concedes, too, that "the idea of authenticity has validity, moral worth." But, he says, this Rousseauean value is "not an unqualified good. I would give two cheers rather than three for authenticity. Authenticity without some independent grounding runs the risk

of drift or nihilism. As John Stuart Mill says, through open-mindedness you debate, you reason, you examine, in order to find out what's true. If you're dogmatically committed to an open-mindedness that never allows you to say, 'This is true,' then the means subverts the end. You're open-minded, but there's never anything in there. So authenticity is a valuable thing as a way of searching for that integrated whole experience of life that is going to make one feel satisfied at its end. It seems to me

we're all searching for that sense of wholeness. Authenticity is the means to achieve that; it's not the end."

I agree: authenticity should be grounded. No one wants a society based on self-interest. But let's consider the self-interest of his hero, Ronald Reagan. D'Souza regards the man with fanatical reverence; his 1997 Ronald Reagan carries the subtitle, "how an ordinary man became an extraordinary leader." After reading this biography, I see D'Souza's main point: Reagan's accomplish-

ments were based far more on his "firm moral conviction" than his adherence to any political agenda or party line. In fact, he became extraordinary by being true to himself. Child of an alcoholic, middling movie star, strong union-supporting Democrat and head of the Screen Actors Guild, self-made millionaire who pushed products for General Electric, one day in the mid-1950s Reagan realized that the leaders of the Democratic Party were not anti-Communist enough for him. He was in no time a

committed Republican, then governor of California, eventually U.S. president. Reagan's life (an act and a reality, as Edmund Morris demonstrates in *Dutch*) was continually reborn from the ashes of family, movie career, political defeat. But in each of his rebirths, Reagan listened primarily to himself to determine his principles.

"Reagan achieved what he achieved," I say, "by following what his inner voice was telling him."

"I agree, but wouldn't you say that

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"Such an absolute may be true," I counter, "but, as you argue in your book, no one but Reagan, who believed as strongly as he did, could have made the Soviets change."

Our exchange continues, but, after a while, it feels like a draw. Today, it's still not clear to me how Reagan's moral conviction fits into D'Souza's belief that with a defective and warped

human nature it is possible for one faded movie star to be an exception. Nor is it clear that conservative anti-Communist principles are what propelled Reagan to greatness or that Reagan embodied those principles and his sticking to them brought about his success. There may be, however, something that unifies Rousseau, Reagan, and D'Souza. And that's a balance between societal opportunity and opportunistic individuals. In America you can change your loyalties and remain true to yourself. In America you can value those groups whose principles will benefit you individually. (Part of D'Souza's reason for telling the Indian immigrant to vote Republican is that "it benefits me to be on the inside.") Forget what F. Scott Fitzgerald said: "There are no second acts in American lives." The authentic American regularly brings about a second, a third, a fourth act. However many he needs. The stage on which these acts take place is opportunity, a stage the reborn native and the reborn immigrant share. The moment he got off the plane, the young D'Souza may have known that this drama suited him perfectly. — Thomas Larson

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AFTER PLAYING GUITAR FOR 35 YEARS and figuring in the old dog factor, I had little more to learn, one would think, and less hope of learning it. This proved to be only half true at my first guitar lesson with Robin Henkel at the Blue Guitar on India Street.

Henkel is well known to local blues practitioners as just about the only guy in town who can do that acoustic Robert Johnson stuff that fuddles most players. (The first time I heard a Robert Johnson

> recording I remember thinking, "Hey, those guys are good!" not realizing it was one musician, live, in an age before overdubbing techniques.)



Before

Robin Henkel

The 48-year-old guitarist/bassist and teacher has been around San Diego since 1958. In the 1970s you might have heard him in bars on east University Avenue like Neutral Ground, or Ledbetter's in Ocean Beach, or playing free concerts at Robb Field on Sundays with hard-rock outfit Jambalaya. Today, he is probably the most sought-out teacher for both bass and guitar in rock, country, pop, and blues among aspiring locals who have had the benefit of a savvy referral.

I had had it in mind for years to seek out a lesson from Henkel. I had heard him play some extraordinary runs and was curious as to how the tricks were done. Recently I decided to take the step, see why his reputation as a teacher was so unanimously enthusiastic and hope to God he didn't expect me to read music. The experience was nothing I could have anticipated.

Henkel is a stocky, bespectacled man with a friendly manner and fingers - I notice when we shake hands - more suited to a blacksmith than guitarist. He shows me into his small, windowless cubicle at the store and offers me a nylon-stringed guitar with the frets marked G, A, B, etc. My first thought is, "Hey, I never play this kind of guitar and thank you, but I know where the notes are on one of these things."

"Just play a little bit and give me an idea of how you approach guitar," he says



and sits back.

"Well, I'm from Chicago," I tell him. "I guess I'm a blues guy. A soul man, you might say, heh heh."

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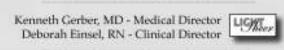
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"Uh-huh," Henkel smiles, his arms folded. I play him a blues progression and throw in a few R&B chord transitions just to let him know he's not dealing with some dilettante.

Henkel listens, nods. "Tell you what," he says. "Play that one figure, dunta dunta dunta dunta, like this." He takes the guitar from me and fingers the old Memphis two-note stroll. You know it. It's the core riff to a million blues songs and another million rockand-roll songs. Think of, say, the riff to Jim Croce's "Leroy Brown" slowed down to a crawl. Henkel slows it and abbreviates it to a staccato, chunk, chunk, chunk, chunk, and he mutes the strings with the heel of his right hand. He is now playing only half of a riff that is about as minimal as you can get in the first place, implying the second strike or strum. It sounds stupid.

I'm thinking, "Yeah, Robin, you're a genius. I was playing more complex stuff at high school dances in 1965."

"Now I want you to tap your foot with it and sing along." He hands the guitar back to me.

"Sing what?" I ask him. "What you're playing." "You mean *dunt, dunt,*

dunt, dunt?"

"Yeah." I do it. "Well?" I ask him after a while.

"Just keep doing it" is all he says.

Maybe he is a genius. What better way to eat up time at \$18 a half hour? "I don't get this," I tell him. "This is boring."

"You know," he says, "if you find yourself bored playing a riff you've played a million times before, that should be a red flag. Maybe you should ask yourself, "What am I not doing that would make this more interesting?""

I start playing some fills, some John Lee Hooker or Lightnin' Hopkins stuff.

"No." He shakes his head from side to side. "Just play the riff."

"Oh, I get it, this is some kind of Zen thing."

"Sure."

Madda

The idea, I figure now, is to do something so lameo and repetitive that you eventually snap. This must be Henkel's filtration system, to separate those who



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are easily discouraged from the true aspirant. Well, two can play this game. I keep at it. Five minutes go by. I start hearing the beats I'm not playing. I'm listening to the groove in between the notes.

"Now count along with it. One and two and three and four and one..."

I do it. In a minute I hear that the rock is on the count and the roll is in the "and."

"See," he grins. "It's already sounding different than it did five minutes ago."

He's right, but I can't put my finger on exactly what it is that's different. It's as if my brain has turned off anything that is *not* the riff. My foot, my throat, my wrists and fingers and heartbeat are the riff. My ears are finding a way to dig the two notes for what they are, not what they might be. It is a



Zen thing.

Henkel was born in Pensacola, Florida, and moved to a trailer park on the flatland marshes that used to be Mission Bay when he was eight years old. He started playing the ukulele at that time.

After performing in three-piece power trios in the early '70s, "Doing ZZ

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Top and Led Zeppelin covers," Henkel heard Chick Corea and Stanley Clarke. "That kind of pulled me off in a different direction," he says. "I couldn't really play [jazz] very well, but I was fascinated by it. Eventually I ended up in a Top 40 band called the Ron Bolton Group. He was a friend from college. That band kicked up some dust." He played with Earl Thomas in the early '90s, "and that kind of brought me back into the blues scene and I stuck with it. Some of my early influences were blues, specifically the Delta blues."

This comment summoned an image of the eight-year-old Henkel, sitting around the trailer park playing blues ukulele for mud hens and marsh hawks. Woke up this morning, my propane tank was gone... I was about to ask him about that when he began talking about his guitar collection and his several Dobro steel guitars. "I do my Robert John-

son primitive blues stuff on

those, but I find myself mixing it up now with funk, jazz, and Latin rhythms. I got totally into western swing at one point, which I still mix in there."

Henkel performs with horn players at his gigs at the Gordon Biersch Brewery on Mission Center Road, material that Henkel himself has arranged for horns. He also plays at the Morena Club every Thursday night and at La Casa del Zorro in Borrego Springs with sidemen Billy Watson, Dave Castel de Oro, Rodney Ratelle, and George Sluppick.

"My CD that came out in October is my sixth record release. Out of 17 songs there are 5 or 6 that are four-part horn orchestrations. It's called Robin Henkel, Highway." The title was inspired by Herman Hesse's Siddhartha and the river scenes and imagery in that book.



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"I used to stare out at route 15 at Pomerado Road just before dawn, and I thought to myself, 'This is the modern, mechanized river."

Henkel took jazz arrangement lessons from Hal Crook, who teaches at the Berklee College of Music. "I've had some wonderful teachers like Howard Roberts and Peter Sprague."

At this point Henkel falls into a chord pattern and stops speaking as if remembering something one of his teachers had taught him. I watch his fingers carefully. He is playing a deceptively simple-sounding blues song, but the punctuating licks are figures that would not only never occur to me but would take me a year, more or less, to parrot. He sings with a surprisingly true voice.

> keep on walkin' just tryin' to drive my blues away. I'm so glad that troubles don't last always. You used to be my sweet gal,

> you soured on me. We won't be together like we used to be. Keep on walkin'...

I got coffee grinds in my coffee and a boll weevil in my meal A tack that's in my shoe that keeps stickin' in my heel.

I keep on walkin', just tryin' to drive my blues away. I'm so glad that trouble don't last always...

The song is Henkel's own arrangement of a Blind Boy Fuller song. It's called "Walkin' My Troubles Away," and it appears on the new CD with Johnny Viau on horns.

Henkel hands me back the guitar and the lesson resumes. Chunk, dunt, chunk, dunt. But I find myself immediately falling back into the pocket, nailing it dead center, and it no longer sounds stupid or boring. It is the heartbeat of a man with a love gone sour, a tack in his shoe, limping along the side of a highway, smiling to himself because hard times don't last.

At the end of the half hour, I find myself with a sense of accomplishment. I learned how to play the two notes. And play them right. – John Brizzolara

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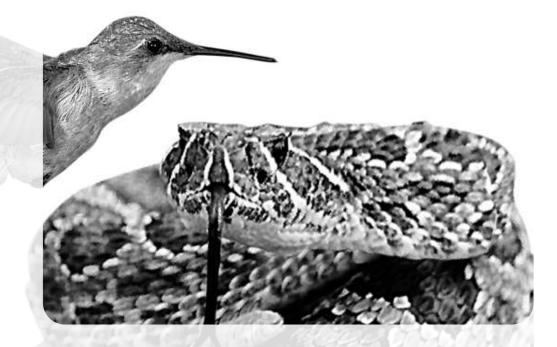
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Why would you prescribe this task; you know that what we take up ourselves seems always lighter than what is imposed on us by others. You insist on my saying something about our snakes; and in relating what I know concerning them, were it not for two singularities, the one of which I saw, and the other I received from an eyewitness, I should have but very little to observe. The southern provinces are the countries where nature has formed the greatest variety of alligators, snakes, serpents; and scorpions, from the smallest size, up to the pine barren, the largest species known here. We have but two, whose stings are mortal, which deserve to be mentioned; as for the black one, it is remarkable for nothing but its industry, agility, beauty, and the art of inticing birds by the power of its eyes. I admire it much, and never kill it, though its formidable length and appearance often get the better of the philosophy of some people, particularly of Europeans.

The most dangerous one is the pilot, or copperhead; for the poison of which no remedy has yet been discovered. It bears the first name because it always precedes the rattlesnake; that is, quits its state of torpidity in the no remedy has yet been discovered. It bears the second name on account of its head being adorned with many coppercoloured spots. It lurks in rocks near the water, and is extremely active and dangerous. Let man beware of it! I have heard only of one person who was stung by a copperhead in this country. The poor wretch instantly swelled in a most dreadful manner; a multitude of spots of different hues alternately appeared and vanished, on different parts of his body; his eyes were

filled with madness and rage, he cast them on all present with the most vindictive looks: he thrust out his tongue as the snakes do; he hissed through his teeth with inconceivable strength, and became an object of terror to all byestanders. To the lividness of a corpse he united the desperate force of a maniac; they hardly were able to fasten him, so as to guard themselves from his attacks; when in the space of two hours death relieved the poor wretch from his struggles, and the spectators from their apprehensions.

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vided. They are extremely inactive, and if not touched, are perfectly inoffensive. I once saw, as I was travelling, a great cliff which was full of them; I handled several, and they appeared to be dead; they were all entwined together, and thus they remain until the return of the sun. I found them out, by following the track of some wild hogs which had fed on them; and even the Indians often regale on them. When they find them asleep, they put a small forked stick over their necks, which they keep immoveably fixed on the ground; giving the snake a piece of leather to bite: and this they pull back several times with great force, until they observe their two poisonous fangs torne out. Then they cut off the head, skin the body,

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and cook it as we do eels; and their flesh is extremely sweet and white. I once saw a tamed one, as gentle as you can possibly conceive a reptile to be; it took to the water and swam whenever it pleased; and when the boys to whom it belonged called it back, their summons was readily obeyed. It had been deprived of its fangs by the preceding method; they often stroked it with a soft brush, and this friction seemed to cause the most pleasing sensations, for it would turn on its back

to enjoy it, as a cat does before the fire.

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isink went to mowing, with his negroes, in his boots, a precaution used to prevent being stung. Inadvertently he trod on a snake, which immediately flew at his legs; and as it drew back in order to renew its blow, one of his negroes cut it in two with his scythe. They prosecuted their work, and returned home; at night the farmer pulled off his boots and went to bed; and was soon after attacked with a strange sickness at his stomach; he swelled, and before a physician could be sent for, died. The sudden death of this man did not cause much inquiry; the

neighbourhood wondered, as is usual in such cases, and without any further examination the corpse was buried. A few days after, the son put on his father's boots, and went to the meadow; at night he pulled them off, went to bed, and was attacked with the same symptoms about the same time, and died in the morning. A little before he expired the doctor came, but was not able to assign what could be the cause of so singular a disorder; however, rather than appear wholly at a loss before the country people, he pronounced both father and son to have been bewitched.

Some weeks after, the widow sold all the moveables for the benefit of the younger children; and the farm was leased. One of the neighbours, who bought the boots, presently put them on, and was attacked in the same manner as the other two had been; but this man's wife being alarmed by what had happened in the former family, dispatched one of her negroes for an eminent physician, who fortunately having heard something of the dreadful affair, guessed at the cause, applied oil, &c. and recovered the





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The boots which had been so fatal, were then carefully examined; and he found that the two fangs of the snake had been left in the leather, after being wrenched out of their sockets by the strength with which the snake had drawn back its head. The bladders which contained the poison, and several of the small nerves were still fresh, and adhered to the boot. The unfortunate father and son had been poisoned by pulling off these boots, in which action they imperceptibly scratched their legs with the points of the fangs, through the hollow of which, some of this astonishing poison was conveyed.

You have no doubt heard of their rattles, if you have not seen them; the only observation I wish to make is, that the rattling is loud and distinct when they are angry; and on the contrary, when pleased, it sounds like a distant trepidation, in which nothing distinct is heard. In the thick settlements, they are now become very scarce; for wherever they are met with, open war is declared against them; so that in a few years there will be none left but on our mountains.

The black snake, on the contrary, always diverts me because it excites no idea of danger. Their swiftness is astonishing; they will sometimes equal that of an horse; at other times they will climb up trees in quest of our tree toads; or glide on the ground at full length. On some occasions they present themselves half in the reptile state, half erect; their eyes and their heads in the erect posture, appear to great advantage: the former display a fire which I have often admired, and it is by these they are enabled to fascinate birds and squirrels.

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When they have fixed their eyes on an animal, they become immoveable; only turning their head sometimes to the right and sometimes to the left, but still with their sight invariably directed to the object. The distracted victim, instead of flying its enemy, seems to be arrested by some invincible power; it screams; now approaches, and then recedes; and after skipping about with unaccountable agitation, finally rushes into the jaws of the snake, and is swallowed, as soon as it is covered with a slime or glue to make it slide easily down the throat of the devourer.

One anecdote I must relate, the circumstances of which are as true as they are singular. One of my constant walks when I am at leisure, is in my lowlands, where I have the pleasure of seeing my cattle, horses, and colts. Exuberant grass replenishes all my fields, the best representative of our wealth; in the middle of that track I have cut a ditch eight feet wide, the banks of which nature adorns every spring with the wild salendine, and other flowering weeds, which on these luxuriant grounds shoot up to a great height. Over this ditch I have erected a bridge, capable of bearing a loaded waggon; on each side I carefully sow every year, some grains of hemp, which rise to the height of 15 feet, so strong and so full of limbs as to

resemble young trees: I once ascended one of them four feet above the ground. These produce natural arbours, rendered often still more compact by the assistance of an annual creeping plant which we call a vine, that never fails to entwine itself among their branches, and always produces a very desirable shade. From this simple grove I have amused myself an hundred times in

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From this retreat I distinctly watch them in all their various attitudes; but their flight is so rapid, that you cannot distinguish the motion of their wings. On this little bird nature has profusely lavished her most splendid colours; the most perfect azure, the most beautiful gold, the most dazzling red, are for ever in contrast, and help to embellish the plumes of his majestic head. The richest pallet of the most luxuriant painter, could never invent any thing to be compared to the variegated tints, with which this insect bird is arrayed. Its bill is as long and as sharp as a coarse sewing needle; like the bee, nature has taught it to find out in the calix of flowers and blossoms, those mellifluous particles that serve it for sufficient food; and yet it seems to leave them untouched, undeprived of

any thing that our eyes can possibly distinguish. When it feeds, it appears as if immoveable, though continually on the wing; and sometimes, from what motives I know not, it will tear and lacerate flowers into a hundred pieces: for, I strange to tell, they are the most irascible of the feathered tribe. Where do passions find room in so diminutive a body? They often fight with the fury of lions, until one of the combatants falls a sacrifice and dies.

When fatigued, it has often perched within a few feet of me, and on such favourable opportunities I have surveyed it with the most minute attention. Its little eyes appear like diamonds, reflecting light on every side: most elegantly finished in all parts it is a miniature work of our great parent - who seems to have formed it the smallest, and at the same time the most beautiful of the winged species.

As I was one day sitting solitary and pensive in

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my primitive arbour, my attention was engaged by a strange sort of rustling noise at some paces distant. I looked all around without distinguishing any thing, until I climbed one of my great hemp stalks; when to my astonishment, I beheld two snakes of considerable length, the one pursuing the other with great celerity through a hemp stubble field. The aggressor was of the black kind, six feet long; the fugitive was a water snake, nearly of equal dimensions. They soon met, and in the fury of their first encounter, they appeared in an instant firmly twisted together; and whilst their united tails beat the ground, they mutually tried with open jaws to lacerate each other.

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posture, and half creeping and half erect, with a majestic mein, overtook and attacked the other again, which placed itself in the same attitude, and prepared to resist. The scene was uncommon and beautiful; for thus opposed they fought with their jaws, biting each other with the utmost rage; but notwithstanding this appearance of mutual courage and fury, the water snake still seemed desirous of retreating toward the ditch, its natural element. This was no sooner perceived by the keen-eyed black one, than twisting its tail twice round a stalk of hemp, and seizing its adversary by the throat, not by means of its jaws, but by twisting its own neck twice round that of the water snake, pulled it back from the ditch. To prevent a defeat the latter took hold likewise of a stalk on the bank, and by the acquisition of that point of resistance became a match for its fierce antagonist.

Strange was this to behold; two great snakes strongly adhering to the ground mutually fastened together by means of the writhings which lashed them to each other, and stretched at their full length, they pulled but pulled in vain; and in the moments of greatest exertions that part of their bodies which was entwined, seemed extremely small, while the rest appeared inflated, and now and then convulsed with strong undulations, rapidly following each other. Their eyes seemed on fire, and ready to start out of their heads; at one time the conflict seemed decided; the water-snake bent itself into two great folds, and by that operation rendered the other more than commonly outstretched; the next minute the new struggles of the black one gained an unexpected superiority, it acquired two great folds likewise, which necessarily extended the body of its adversary in proportion as it had contracted its own. These efforts were alternate; victory seemed doubtful, inclining sometimes to the one side and sometimes to the other; until at last the stalk to which the black snake fastened, suddenly gave way, and in consequence of this accident they both plunged into the ditch.

The water did not extinguish their vindictive rage; for by their agitations I could trace, though not distinguish their mutual attacks. They soon re-appeared on the surface twisted together, as in their first onset; but the black snake seemed to retain its wonted superiority, for its head was exactly fixed above that of the other, which it incessantly pressed down under the water, until it was stifled, and sunk. The victor no sooner perceived its enemy incapable of farther resistance, than abandoning it to the current, it returned on shore and

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ERRY WILSON has won five Emmys for his television directing, producing, and on-camera hosting; he's been a national martial arts champion; and his 1998 article on the Marine dogs of World War II won best-short prize in a national contest held by the Ralston Purina Company. If he has been a big winner, he says, it's because he has learned. Everything in life worth learning, he adds, he learned

from dogs. "My first teacher was my neighbor's dog, Sleepy. He was a scruffy old hound and he taught me courage."

At 51, Wilson, with his brown hair and blue eyes, still retains some of the rugged good looks that as a young man won him an invitation (later declined) to be the Marlboro Man. A little less than average in height, he has a good-natured canine feistiness. So did Sleepy.

"He was part terrier, part shepherd, with a big helping of beagle tossed in for good measure, but he was old." Wilson described him as a Heinz 57 pooch constructed from spare doggie parts. "But he was for me a 100 percent purebred friend."

Wilson grew up in a suburb outside Dayton, Ohio. His was an unremarkable childhood, though his parents would later divorce. By the time he was ten, his ongoing love of chocolate shakes had left him fat, and "fat kids don't

Shamus Nickleson was the neighbor-

"I never did anything to provoke his

hood bully. Three years older than Wilson,

he called him names and liked beating him

because I liked him."

Terry shared his prob-

lems with Sleepy,

shared his lunches, and

nearby oak tree. Sleepy

belonged to his neigh-

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WILSON'S 13-YEAR have many pals. But Sleepy didn't care how

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anger. I was just a fat kid, and fat kids are easy targets for bullies."

Most of the time he was able to hide from him, but one day Nickleson and two buddies found him feeding Sleepy a pork chop.

"What are you doin', fat boy?"

"Nothin'."

"What do ya mean 'nothin',' fat boy?" Shamus and his henchmen circled the pair. The older boy shoved him. His buddies urged Wilson to fight back.

"But I didn't know how. I'd never raised my fist in anger to anyone. I tried to escape, but before I could run he hit me in the stomach and smacked me in the jaw. I fell to the ground in tears."

Sleepy dropped his pork chop and placed himself between the two. He growled, but Shamus was not intimidated. "You old fleabag," he scoffed. According to Wilson,

> Sleepy's wobbly old legs could barely support his 30 pounds of gray fur; but he stood his ground. Shamus kicked the dog in the side.

"Don't do that!" screamed Terry.

"Who's gonna stop me, punk?" Shamus

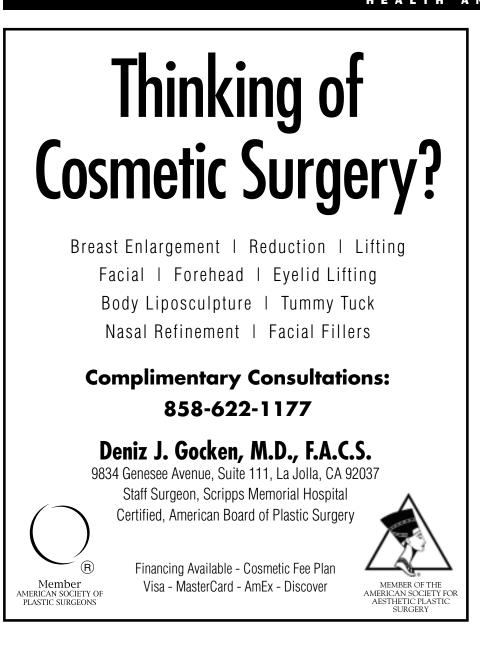
yelled. He picked up a heavy stick and struck Sleepy across the neck. "I will never forget Sleepy's pitiful whimper as the blow landed,"

said Wilson. "But my friend refused to leave my side. Shamus and his buddies laughed at both of us. Then he raised the stick for a second attack."

Neighbors a block away would later report that they heard Wilson's scream as he leaped to his feet.

"Shamus couldn't believe what happened next; frankly, neither could I. One moment I was cowering, begging for mercy, the next moment I was a raging tiger. I wrestled the stick from the kid's grip then threw him to the ground. Anger took the place of

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skill and strength."

The larger and stronger Shamus punched Terry about the head and shoulders while Terry bit Shamus on the leg and gave him a head butt. Even Sleepy, he said, got in a few licks. Between the two of them, they ran Shamus and his sidekicks out of the yard.

Blue light filters into his living room, rinsing over the beige and oatmeal colors of Wilson's Ocean Beach apartment. "Sure, it was a small victory for man and man's best friend, but for me it was the beginning of a lifelong commitment to protect the Sleepys of the world. Thanks to the courage of an old dog, I learned that sometimes a person has got to fight for what's right, no matter what the odds."

Wilson's prize-winning account of the WWII war dogs ends with the commandant of the Marine Corps speaking of the war dog memorial erected on Guam. He called it a tribute to fallen Marines. Wilson likes to point out that he did not call them dogs; he called them Marines.

Years passed and the youngster lost weight, became a national martial arts champion, and found a career in television and radio. The lesson Sleepv taught him, he said, carried him all the way to Los Angeles, where he encountered his next teacher.

"His name was Mr. Beau Jangles, a 40-pound cocker-terrier mix. For 21 years he was my constant companion and friend. He taught me how to love."

Wilson was directing a game show, Dialing for Dollars, for KCOP-TV in Los Angeles. "This was back in the days of live TV, and each week the show did a segment that featured an animal from the local shelter. The show was the animal's last chance to find a home before being put down." For this reason, he admitted, he tried not to interact with the animals because it was too hard to walk away knowing that their fate would be decided in a three-minute television segment. One day, though, as he walked through the set to the director's booth, he felt like someone was

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Surrounded by adoring staff members, the animal never took his eyes off Wilson, who said he felt as if the puppy was talking to him.

"I started to walk away when this guy named Vince appeared. He was a bully like Shamus. As the station's stage manager, he delighted in verbally abusing his crew. We worked some of the same shows together, but I didn't like him and he didn't like me."

While the puppy continued to hold Wilson in his gaze, Vince reached down and wrapped his hairy knuckles around the dog's waist. As Wilson recalls it, the dog nipped at the hand and then relieved himself on Vince's wrist. Suddenly the hot-tempered stage manager opened his hand as if to slap the pup.

"I grabbed his wrist. 'Don't even think about it!" " Everyone at the station knew Wilson's reputation in martial arts; like most bullies, Vince backed down when confronted. He put on his headset and went about his business, and so did Wilson.

"But all the time I was in the booth directing the show, I kept thinking about that little puppy."

It came time for the adoption segment. The host of the show held the dog up to the camera and began his pitch. As he rattled out the telephone number, the dog kept looking around.

"I knew he was looking for me. My heart leaped to my throat as I opened the studio mike and interrupted the live broadcast. 'Dave, this is Terry. The dog is going home with me.'

Wilson still remembers the amazed look on the SPCA representative's face when she brought the pup to the control booth. "Beau leaped from her arms into

my lap. Deep down inside I felt like ol' Sleepy had set this whole thing up."

Beau and Terry loved to wrestle. From the time he was a pup, he'd take him down using one of his favorite judo techniques. From a standing position he'd lean into the dog's chest, sneak his right leg behind his left one, then gently sweep him to the floor. They played this game for about a year, then to his amazement, Beau turned the tables on him.

"One day we were wrestling and Beau, no longer a pup, leaned against me, stuck his leg behind mine and threw me to the floor. He did this time and time again."

After winning the California State Jujitsu Championships in Los Angeles in 1983, Wilson brought Beau out onto the mat, and they did a demonstration. The crowd went wild when Beau threw him in a flawless o-soto-garo (back leg take down). To everyone's delight, Wilson promoted him to the rank

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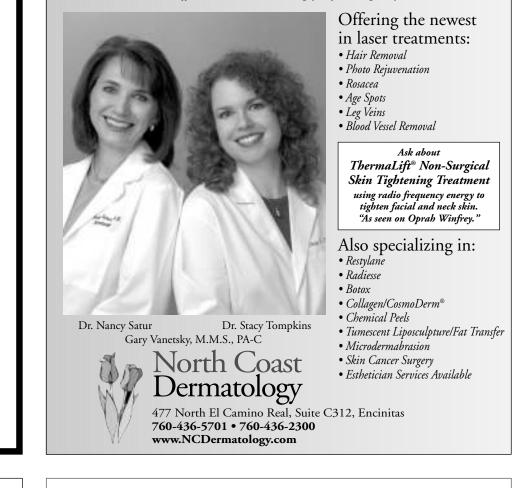
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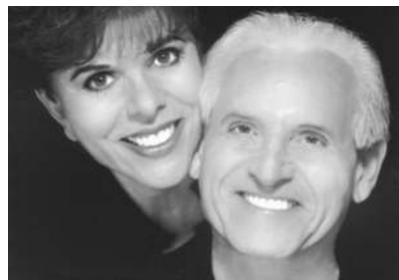
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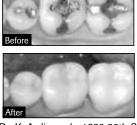
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of canine black belt.

Wilson combines a sense of the ridiculous with a sense of the dramatic. Such was in evidence on a TV segment that has become a staple of livetelevision "blooper" programs. In the 1984 piece, aired on a recent Bloopers program, Wilson is shown lifting the back leg of a horse to shoe it; he's saying his lines when the animal shifts its weight and "cuts the longest fart in the history of TV. The hoof was so heavy I couldn't drop it. I just stood there while this great smelly roar passed over my head."

Wilson still had lessons to learn from dogs.

Six years after adopting Beau, Wilson was married. During one of the worst storms to hit Los Angeles in a century, Sharon, his wife, spotted a dog scrounging for food in an alley near her office. The pooch was a pathetic mess, Wilson says. She was malnourished, and exposure to the elements had caused her to lose all her body fur. Sharon, who could see the animal would never survive the storm, gathered her up and brought her home.

"We named her Little Orphan Annie. Vitamins, healthy food, and lots of TLC were the recipe for good health, and within a matter of weeks Annie regained her coat. She was a beautiful little dog, a sheltie-Pomeranian mix with the heart of a lion." From her, Wilson learned the meaning of devotion.

For weeks the timid animal never made a sound and hid behind the sofa. She would only emerge to eat if everyone had left the room. Then one night as Wilson lay in bed, he heard a muffled "woof."

"I looked over to see Annie staring at me as if to say, 'Is it okay if I talk to you?' "Smiling, he rubbed her chin; for her part, she spent the rest of the night making up for her month of silence. "Annie knew she had a home, we bonded instantly, and from that night on she never left my side."

Beau liked and trusted everybody while Annie was wary of strangers. She took on the role of protector. In

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that regard, Wilson said, she saved Beau's life and years later would save Wilson's.

Normally he had the dogs on a leash, but one day he opened the door and Beau jogged down the steps and was waiting by the pool when a giant rottweiler appeared from nowhere and charged. Wilson screamed for his dog to run, but Beau just sat there, tail wagging.

"I was taking the steps four at a time, but I knew I'd never get there in time. Suddenly Annie flew down the stairs and rammed the rottweiler in the ribs with her head as he was preparing to attack Beau. The blow sent the huge animal into the pool. Annie continued her assault and chased him from the courtyard."

Years later, Wilson came down with a serious case of Hong Kong flu. Now divorced, he was alone with Beau and Annie when his kidneys failed. He collapsed before he could get to the phone.

"I lay on the floor dying. Beau plopped down next to me and was licking my face, but Annie went to the front door and began to cry. Her voice sounded more human than like a dog's."

Eventually her wailing caught the attention of a neighbor, Wilson said, who peered into the window and saw him on the floor. She called an ambulance, and Wilson received treatment in the nick of time. He credits this to Annie.

In 1984 Terry Wilson took a job in San Diego as host of PM Magazine. At about the same time Annie caught pneumonia and began to suffer from an enlarged heart. The veterinarian taught him how to use IVs, and he turned his tiny apartment into a hospital ward. He came home three times a day to treat the dog, but it was a battle he could not win. Annie died in 1985. For years, since his divorce, Wilson and the dogs had been the Three Musketeers. Now with Annie gone, Beau became what Wilson described as "my reason for living." They were inseparable.

Beau went completely blind at 19; by then he was already deaf. Wilson said he became his "seeing eye" human.

"My old friend still enjoyed a good quality of life. We took walks together, he went to the studio with me, and hide-and-seek replaced our judo workouts. He used his nose like radar to find me. There wasn't any place I could hide where he couldn't sniff me out."

Beau turned 21 and his body continued to give out. Wilson's friends said the animal was only staying alive for him, and as much as he didn't want to believe them, he knew they were right. Beau was having fits and seizures so severe his joints would dislocate with each violent convulsion.

"For more than two decades he had been the emotional glue that held me together. Now I had to be strong for him. I knew what had to be done. I cradled his twitching body and cried unashamedly as the veterinarian began the euthanasia process. Moments later Beau went limp in my arms."

Wilson went to pieces over Beau's death. He abandoned his career and retreated to Moto-Tu-Pu, a small atoll near Bora-Bora in the South Pacific. A couple of years passed.

"Then one night under a full moon it dawned on me that what Sleepy, Beau, and Annie had taught me was being wasted as long as I sulked in the Pacific."

Wilson's 13-year marriage had ended in divorce, but his dogs taught him what companionship was mean to be.

"And they taught me how to be forgiving."

Wilson returned to America. He settled first in Dallas, where he was an executive producer at Fox TV. Later he returned to San Diego, where today he's a freelance producer and writer. His apartment complex does not allow pets. "That's the only reason I want to have a home, so I can have another dog."

In the meantime he writes for *Pet Life* magazine, works for animal rights, and awaits his next dog and the lessons he needs to learn. ■

— Jangchup Phelgyal

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> BORDER RADIO This bluegrass band brings an Americana mix, from country and swing to "gypsy grass" and polka, to Old Poway Park. See IN PERSON, page 90

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> to chocolate

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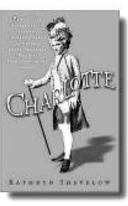
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The 1925 horror film starring Lon Chaney continues the Not-So-Silent Film Festival at the San Diego Museum of Art. See FILM, page 86

CHARLOTTE UCSD professor Kathryn Shevelow, who specializes in British

literature and culture, reads from her book (Being a True Account of an Actress's Flamboyant Adventures in 18th-Centurv London's Wild & Theatrical World) at Book Works in Del Mar. See IN PERSON, page 91



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Creamy Flesh

Fallbrook Avocado Festival

pproximately 20 percent of the [42,000] people in Fallbrook deal with avocados in some way," says Bob Leonard, executive director of Fallbrook's Chamber of Commerce.

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The commercial avocado industry in the United States was founded in Fallbrook when the first avocado tree was planted there in 1912. But the city's moneymaking green fruit has seen a financially stagnant year. Forty-four percent of the avocados consumed in this



country are now imported, up from four percent just a decade ago. Most of our imports come from Chile, a country

in which avocado exports have tripled in the past season. Less than half of our imports are from Mexico.

California is responsible for almost ninety percent of the total avocado production in the United States (Florida supplies around ten percent and Hawaii less than one percent). But according to the California Avocado Commission, the overall "producing acreage" decreased by over three percent between 2003 and 2004. More than one thousand acres of trees were either removed or abandoned in San Diego County during that time.

Leonard gives two reasons why San Diegans should not purchase avocados from outside the country. He first cites support of American labor. "Just like any other product, if you can buy American-grown fruit you stabilize the owner of the grove and all of those workers." There are over 36,000 acres in Fallbrook, and at least half of that land is dedicated to agriculture.

The second reason has to do with the danger of fruit imports. "The USDA is underrecognizing the danger of having these pests brought into the country," Leonard says. In 1999 three fruit flies from Mexico caused quarantines in Fallbrook. "At the time of that occurrence, \$75 million worth of things grown here were potentially impacted in the negative. Businesses could not survive." Leonard knows three farmers who lost their groves.

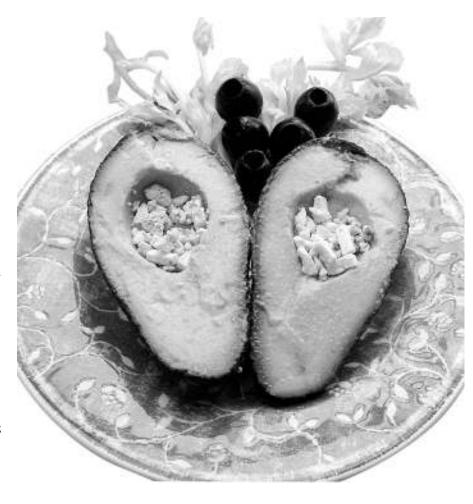
Fallbrook is doing what it can to promote its export. On Sunday, April 17, the community will host its 19th annual avocado festival. In the past the festivals have introduced new products like guacamoleflavored potato chips and avocado ice cream. The new potato chips were unveiled in the agricultural display section of the festival three years ago by Snack King and Calavo, a packing plant in Temecula. The chips are still sold locally in Fallbrook stores.

At the early part of the 20th Century, the most popular kind of avocado was the Fuerte, which is pear-shaped with a thin, smooth green skin and creamy, pale flesh. "Up to 1980 Fuerte was the main variety stores liked best," says Reuben Hofshi, co-owner of the packing plant Del Rey Avocado, located in south Fallbrook at Mission and Main Street.

Hofshi explains that Hass is now the favorite variety for chain stores because "they turn black and any blemishes don't show. They have a thick skin and a very good flavor." Developed by Rudolph Hass in 1926, the Hass avocado began to catch on in the 1950s, surpassing Fuerte's volume in 1972 and tripling the number of trees planted over the next decade, according to *rawfoodinfo.com*. At the peak of its season — December through February — Hofshi says he finds Fuerte to be the best tasting of all the varieties.

Hass is the only avocado that grows yearround. It is oval-shaped and turns from green to a purplish-black as it ripens and has the longest shelf life. Other varieties are Bacon, Gwen, Pinkerton, Reed, and Zutano, which ripen from midwinter (Bacon) to summertime (Reed).

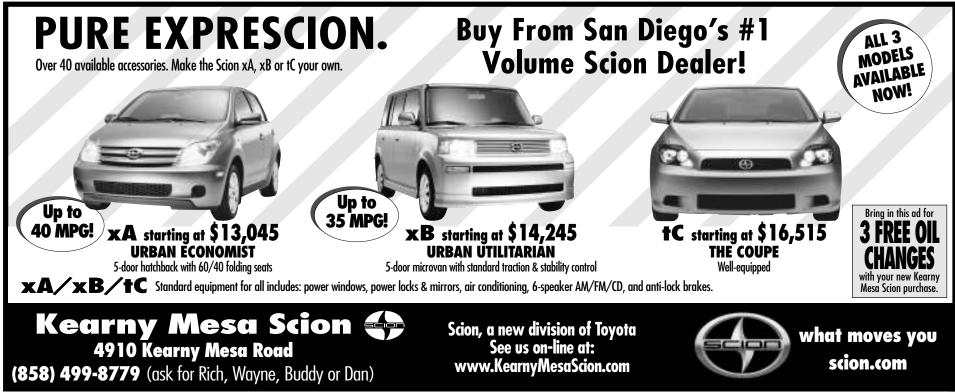
"I hate to admit, we don't buy a lot of



avocados," says Leonard. "Everyone in town has someone they know with a grove. Every time the grove comes into the picking season, you end up with not one, two, or three — you get free fruit delivered to you by hand in the grocery bag."

— Barbarella **w**

Avocado Festival 2005 Sunday, April 17 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street, Fallbrook Cost: Free Info: 760-728-5845 or www.fallbrookca.org/avofest.htm



Events that are underlined occur after April 21.

HOW TO SEND US YOUR **LISTING:** Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803. San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

BAJA

"International Music Festival," 3-day music festival at Teatro Universitario Benito Juárez. Thursday, April 14: San Diego Westwind Brass Quintet; Friday, April 15: Germany's Silvergate Trio; Saturday, April 16: Argentina's Tango y ya! Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. 011-52-646-177-1195. (ENSENADA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, April 16. Train departs Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m., returns to Campo at



The Phantom of the Opera for Not-So-Silent Film Festival at San Diego Museum of Art, April 20 (see Film)

4:30 p.m. Fare: \$40 for adults, \$20 for those 3-12, free for kids under 3. T Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE

"Flavors of Guadalupe Valley," tour of wineries includes tastings and insight into climate and soil conditions as well as a complete paella meal. San Diego Natural History Museum hosts excursion into Mexico's wine country on Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. \$89. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tecate Grand Prix, Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, 8 a.m. at Parque los Encinos. 011-52-664-626-1220. (TECATE)

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"El Baberito de Sevilla," opera by children for children, Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m. at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-681-7084. (TIJUANA)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approxi-

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The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TUUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Blooming of Wildflowers is currently spectacular and universal in the coastal, inland, and foothill areas of San Diego County, due to the unusually wet and prolonged rainy season of 2004-05. Perhaps the best variety of blooms may be seen along the trails of Torrey Pines State Reserve. On the grass- and brushcovered hillsides of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and Mission Trails Regional Park in San Diego, and Daley Ranch in Escondido, look for poppy, monkeyflower, penstemmon, lupine, and owl's clover blossoms, to name a few.

Star Jasmine's sweet perfume, exuded from clusters of small, white flowers, will continue to scent San Diego's spring breezes until sometime in June. Not a true jasmine, or Jasminum, star jasmine belongs to

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the genus Trachelospermum. In both public and private spaces, it has been widely planted as an ornamental ground cover and as a trellised vine.

Fremont Cottonwoods along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are showing their best iridescent green foliage this month. The Old Mission Dam parking area on Father Junípero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Road (west of Santee), is a good place to begin a stroll on trails near the riverbed. Snakes, encouraged by recent

warm temperatures, have already

emerged from burrows and rock crevices to hunt for prey throughout the county's lower-elevation hillsides and canyons. Gopher snakes, garter snakes, king snakes, rosy boas (all harmless), and three varieties of rattlesnakes - red diamond, speckled, and Southern Pacific rattlesnakes (all venomous) - have been sighted. Close encounters with rattlesnakes are not uncommon wherever residential properties abut undeveloped land — a common situation throughout San Diego County.





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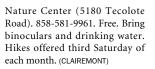
"In Search of Marshal South: Connecting with the Wildness Within" is subject for program and camping trip on Ghost Mountain led by Rick Halsey and Diana Lindsay for Anza-Borrego Institute from 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. \$75.

Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

"Native Plants and Their Uses" explored when naturalist Simone Green leads moderate 4.5-mile hike on Jack Creek and East Ridge Trails on Saturday, April 16, in Daley Ranch. Hike starts at 9:30 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided birdwatching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, on Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m., and Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free, (CHULA VISTA)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on April 16, at Tecolote



Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m., starting at park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Littly Italy Revisited during Walkabout adventure on Saturday, April 16. Walk at moderate pace heads from downtown at Balboa Park Theater (at Fourth Avenue and E Street) at 10:45 a.m. toward bay and up to Little Italy. Bring money for lunch. 619-231-7463. (LITTLE ITALY)

Wildlife Baby Season Is Here, and emergency response organization Wildlife Assist needs volunteers to rescue orphans and other animals in trouble. Recruiting session/orientation: Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). 619-921-6044. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Home Garden Tour benefiting Community Resource Center, Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting at Weidner's Gardens (695 Normandy Road). Six featured gardens in variety of styles. \$20. 760-753-1156. (SOLANA BEACH, ENCINI-TAS, OLIVENHAIN, RANCHO SANTA FE)

2005 Outdoor Service Project sponsored by REI focuses on San Elijo Lagoon. Trail and habitat restoration takes place on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to noon. Join group at Santa Carina Trailhead. Bring gloves, shovels, gear. 760-944-9020. Free. (CARDIFF)

Wildlife Monitoring Volunteers needed by San Diego Tracking Team, with training offered Saturday, April 16, 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Registration, directions: 760-715-4102. Free. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Seaside Neighborhood Native Garden Tour of 12 front-vard gardens on Sunday, April 17, starts at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's School (515 Wisconsin Street). Map, plant list, guided tour, all free. 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

DANCE

Dance Studio Hour presented by students in MiraCosta College's dance classes, Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., in room 204 at San Elijo

campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Dance in variety of styles performed. Free. 760-795-6815. (CARDIFF)

"Birdbrain" — described as "a wry and quirky look at a cultural icon" - presented by Australian Dance Theater on Friday, April 15, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$34, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Ho-Asogli in concert, Friday, April 15, 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Concert features drummer/dancer Kwame Degbor, hailing from Volta region of Ghana. Dances include Borborbor, Damba Takai, Atsiagbekor. \$12 general. 619-594-7452. (SDSU)

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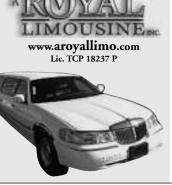
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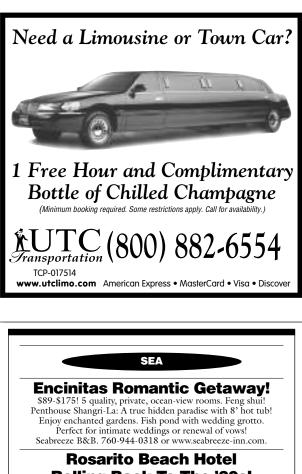
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Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Nai-Ni Chen combines martial arts, acrobatics, folk and modern dance. \$35 general. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Celebrate Cambodian New Year with concert by Cambodian Dancers of San Diego on Saturday, April 16, 3 p.m., in auditorium at Crawford High School (4191 Colts Way). \$10 general, \$5 for kids under 12. 619-733-8187. (SAN DIEGO)

Day of Dance is Saturday, April 16, in buildings 5000 and 5100 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). Registration at 9 a.m., sessions at 9:30, 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Participants who must be at least 11 years old - select from three different classes each session. \$30. 760-795-6816. (OCEANSIDE)

Walter Moffitt Memorial Folk Dance planned on Saturday, April 16, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Program of "reminiscences and remarks" at 4 p.m., refreshments, dancing, supper, dancing. Fees: 858-459-1336, (NORMAL 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). James Hutson is caller on April 17. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

West African Dance Workshop for all levels led by Oscar Camara of Guinea, West Africa, with live drumming, on Sunday, April 17, 1:45 to 3:15 p.m., at Magdalena Ecke YMCA (200 Saxony Road). \$15. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

Wednesday Night Club, West Coast swing, New York hustle, ballroom, and social dances April 20, 7 p.m., upstairs at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). \$8. 619-296-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Tango Tango!" Dancers Marizabel Arango and Todd Martin team up with Camarada chamber music ensemble for concert with works by Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla on Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-231-3702. (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

"Invisible Children," shot in southern Africa by three San Diegans, offers "look into the 17-year war and child abductions" in northern Uganda. See dramatic film on Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"La Dolce Vita," an exhibit of original photos by Pierluigi Praturlon from set of Federico Fellini's film, is inspiration for film series at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500).

Variety Lights screens on Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m. La Strada is on Sunday, April 17, 5 p.m., followed by Le Notti Di Cabiria on Tuesday, April 19, 6 p.m. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

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"The Reel World," a high school film festival, is Friday, April 15, 7 p.m., in Escondido City Hall Council Chambers (201 North Broadway). Categories: news/informational and short films. Audience members vote on favorites. (ESCONDIDO)

"Prune Belly: Recent Canadian and American Video" showcased on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, 8 p.m., for Sushi Take-Out at St. Cecilia's Playhouse (1620 Sixth Avenue). Titles include Poor Onan. 4 U Britney, Red Bugs, The Ocean, Blackest Sabbath, Draft 9, many others. For those over 17 years old. \$10. 619-235-8466. (HILLCREST)

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"The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream" screens for Sunday Matinee series on April 17, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Discussion follows, led by Eric Watkins, writer for Gas and Oil Journal. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

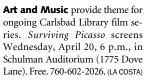
"Fear X," starring John Turturro as a security guard haunted by unsolved murder of his wife, screens for Film Forum on Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), Free, 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films convenes Wednesday, April 20. See Lon Chanev in the 1925 Phantom of the Opera and hear soprano Wendy Wareham at 6:30 p.m. at San Diego Museum of Art. Evening begins with slapstick short, with audience participation in the music-making. 619-696-1966. \$7 general. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Premiere of Ladies in Lavender, starring Maggie Smith and Judi Dench, promised on Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

The Documentary Señorita Straviada (Missing Young Woman) screens Thursday, April 21, 5 p.m., at UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center. Discussion follows. 858-534-9689. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX





Roving the Red Planet at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, April 16 (see Lectures)

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

Native Speakers Series commences Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. when Brandie Taylor talks about "Native Women as Tribal Leaders" at Viejas Tribal Hall (off I-8 at Willow Road). Free. 619-644-7529. (ALPINE)

Continuing Violence in Latin America chronicled when Martin Eder of Activist San Diego and

"Poesía Diaria" artist Virginia Giannoni speak on Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

New York Architect Richard Gluckman and local architect Wavne Donaldson have created a facility for Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's expansion of historic 1915 Santa Fe Depot baggage building. Gluckman speaks for series co-hosted by Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and American Institute of Architects, Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m. at the museum (700 Prospect Street). \$7. 619-232-0109. (LA JOLLA)

"Adventures While Banding Eagles, Hawks, Vultures, and Herons" illuminated when Dave Bittner speaks for Sierra Club on



Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Commemorating Bandung: Postcolonial Studies in Historical Perspectives" offered by Nina Berman of Ohio State University, Columbus, on Friday, April 15, 3 p.m., in room 3155 of Literature Building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"Unionization in the Wake of the United Farm Workers" is subject when Domestic Workers president Ken Seaton-Msemaii speaks as part of 2005 César Chávez Celebrations, Friday, April 15, 11:30 a.m., in Cross Cultural Center at UCSD. Free. 858-534-9689. (LA JOLLA)

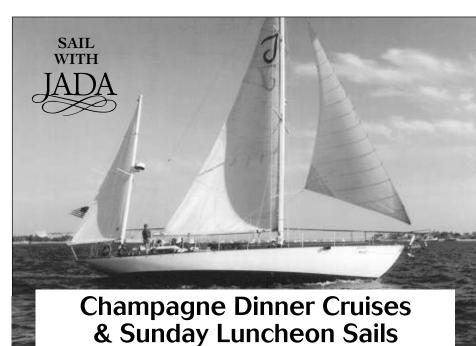
"Be Well Informed@ Your Library," seminar series on consumer health sponsored by American Library Association and Walgreens begins with "Beyond the Label: Managing the Cost of Medicine" on Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). 619-538-8165. Free. (MIRAMESA)

"Becoming a Dichroic Diva" is subject when artist and teacher Donna Palmer shares techniques during slide-illustrated lecture for Bead Society of San Diego County, Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m., at Mingei Museum. Beads and kits for sale. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pied-Piping the Muse" workshop led by Chris Green (a.k.a. Crystal Green) for Romance Writers of America on Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). "Be ready to work and share, to have fun." to learn about "focused use of music to stimulate your neurons. \$25. Reservations: 619-741-8114. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Xeriscape — Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget" presented by Dee Maranhoe on Saturday, April 16, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$13. Required reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

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Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

"Architectural Education: Roots and Wings" presented by architect Gilbert Cooke on Saturday, April 16, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Requested donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Motivational Speaker and Author Iackie Waldman (The Courage to Give) speaks about multiple sclerosis on Saturday, April 16, noon, at Marriott Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). Free. Reservations: 866-955-9999. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Beyond the Prescription Label: Understanding Your Medications" seminar offered on Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

"Get a Boost over a Brick Wall" is theme for spring seminar hosted by North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Carlsbad Senior Center (799 Pine Avenue). Featured speaker is Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck of Dallas Public Library. Fee: \$25; optional lunch is \$5.50. Reservations: 760-753-4492. (CARLSBAD)

Rot Happens, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of back-vard compost piles and worm bins. Free. Garden is found just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park in park-and-ride lot. Free, 760-839-4818, (ESCONDIDO)

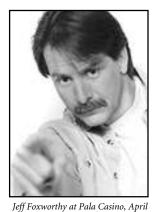
"Parent Expo...For College!"

Parents of college-bound students invited to gain "all of the information you need on how to help your child get to college" on Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at San Diego City College (1313 12th Avenue). Subjects: college admissions, financial aid, testing, more. Free. 858-534-0092. (DOWNTOWN)

"Plants, Plants, Plants!" Tour City of San Diego's Ridgehaven water-efficient garden (9601 Ridgehaven Court) with Pamela Homfelt on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. Free. 858-492-5036. (KEARNY MESA)

Barber's Vaness discussed in a multimedia presentation by musicologist Ron Shaheen, Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

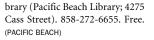
"Sharks: The Misunderstood Fish" explained during program on Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Sharks explored through anatomy, classification, fossil history, and conservation. \$22. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)



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"Lifestyles for a Sustainable World," workshops on local practices of sustainability, linking sustainability with spirituality, presented Saturday, April 16, 12:30 to 8 p.m., at Mid-City Church of the Nazarene (4101 University Avenue). \$15 fee includes meal. Reservations: 619-528-8075. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

A History of San Diego in Postcards offered during slide presentation for Pacific Beach Historical Society, Saturday, April 16, 1 p.m., Earl and Birdie Taylor Li-



"Roving the Red Planet" is subject when Mars Society of San Diego presents talk on two Mars Exploration Rovers on Saturday, April 16, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Deconstructing Fellini" presented by Chiara Ferrara of UCLA on Saturday, April 16, 5 p.m., in conjunction with exhibit of photos by Pierluigi Praturlon, at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Program includes two "experimental visual essays." 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Concepts and Objectivity," discussion using maieutic approach from Leonard Peikoff's book Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand, pages 110-129. Bring your own text Sunday, April 17, at 6 p.m., to Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free, 619-291-5754, (NORTH PARK)



"Introduction to Knotting" offered by Carol Lang on Sunday, April 17, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Fee:

\$60, plus \$10 materials. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE) "Doubt, Skepticism, and Faith" discussed when Humanist Fellowship gathers Sunday,

April 17, 2 p.m., on third floor of San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-670-4159. (DOWNTOWN) World Trade Center Memorial

Designer and acclaimed architect Daniel Libeskind speaks on Sunday, April 17, 5 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel Glickman-Galinson Sanctuary (9001 Towne Centre Drive). \$35. 858-535-1111 x3128. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Magee Park Poets Poetry Writing Workshop, Sunday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Reservations required: 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

"Music for Life: Improvisation for the Amateur Musician" presented by jazz flutist, teacher Bradley Leighton, Sunday, April 17, 1 to 5 p.m., at Aurora Trattoria (1025 Prospect Street). Concert follows at 7 p.m. Fee: \$45 for high schoolers. \$65 for adults. 858-484-8609. (LA JOLLA)

"Innovations in Clay: Peter Voulkos and the Otis Circle" presented by Mary MacNaughton for Decorative Arts Lecture Series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, April 18, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). MacNaughton is director of Scripps College's Williamson Gallery. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"The Birth of a Chocolate Manufacturer" illuminated when John Scharffenberger speaks on Monday, April 18, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Scharffenberger will describe his journey to become a premiere chocolatier; sampling follows. \$8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

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April 19, at 4620 Alvarado Canvon Road (619-283-2374); on Wednesday, April 20, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); and on Thursday, April 21, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Lectures at 7 p.m. Free. (MISSION VAL-LEY, SOLANA BEACH, OCEANSIDE)

"The Use of Population Models for Conservation Management of the Endangered Australian Plant Gevillea caleyi" is topic when SDSU assistant biology professor Helen Regan speaks for California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Conservation implications for many Australian plants mirror those for plants in S.D. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"How Do We Predict the Future? Brains, Rewards, and Addiction" is topic when Dr. Terry Sejnowski speaks for "Grey Matters" lecture series on Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 p.m., in Frederic de Hoffman Auditorium at Salk Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Free. 858-534-5635. (LA JOLLA)

Kayak Camping Clinic planned by Marie Humphrey of Family Kayak Adventure Center on Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Hands-on gear demonstration, handouts, packing techniques. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"Art and Music of the Baroque" explored during lecture series by Konrad Oberhuber, Musica Pro Arte Ensemble, and Victoria Martino (violin) at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Series begins at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, with "1580-1620 in Italy, Germany, the Netherlands." Tickets: \$19 per talk, \$85 for series. Reservations: 858-454-5872, (LA JOLLA)

"Camping Essentials" divulged during clinics at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, April 20, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Where Did the Universe Come From? And What Is It Expanding Into?" Find out when "Renaissance man" and UCSD philosophy professor Avrum Stroll addresses San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, April 20. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Eugenics and Euthanasia — Inevitable in Our Future?" Ponder the question on Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Make It So You Make It: Preparing Your Artist Packet" is subject when Stephen C. Wagner and certified art appraiser Joan Seifried speak for ongoing Professional Artist Lecture Series 2005 hosted by San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado) on Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. 619-236-0011. \$8. (BALBOA PARK)

"Digital Darkroom: Large-Format Photographic Printing" discussed by Jim Respass - photographer and owner of Green Flash Photography — when La Jolla Art Association meets Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 858-573-5007. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Biology of Rattlesnakes" on offer when San Diego Natural History Museum offers chance to get acquainted with rattlesnake fangs, scales, infrared detection system through video, skeletons, and demonstrations on Wednesday, April 20, 6 p.m. \$20. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Writing Workshop led by author, creativity coach Jill Badonsky on Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall,

2670 Via de la Valle). Triggers, writing prompts divulged. \$12. Registration: 760-434-3436, (DEL MAR)

Consider "The Quest for Speed" during Third Thursday lecture in conjunction with "Motorcycles in the Park" exhibit, April 21, 6 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum, \$10. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

"Populations Growing: Public Health Responses to Global Impacts" is subject when Paul Erlich

and population specialists and public health experts from SDSU, other universities, and national and international organizations gather for colloquium, April 21 and 22, at Marriott Mission Valley (8757 Rio San Diego Drive). Speakers, panel discussions. Program begins at 8 a.m. both days, closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 1 p.m. on Friday. \$80 general. 619-594-2743. (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

Holocaust Survivor David Faber witnessed murder of his parents, five sisters, one brother during Holocaust, eventually surviving eight Nazi concentration camps. He's author of Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir. Faber will speak in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day on Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., at UCSD's Institute of the Americas. Free. 858-550-1793. (LA JOLLA)

Faber will also speak on Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 858-550-1796. (LINDA VISTA)

Gee, Officer Krupke! Students at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts present the Jerome Robbins and Leonard Bernstein classic West Side Story, April 16-16. The 1950s take on

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Romeo and Juliet may be seen at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, in Florence Johnson Grand Theatre on campus (2425 Dusk Drive). \$7-\$8. 619-470-0555 x232. (PARADISE HILLS)

Modern Guitar Era Pioneer Richard Hoover, of Santa Cruz Guitar Company, will be on hand on Friday, April 15, 7 p.m., at Buffalo Brothers music shop (4901 El Camino Real). Free. Requested reservations: 760-434-4567. (CARLSBAD)

"An Evening of Magic" featuring performers from Magic Castle in Hollywood is offered Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, 8:30 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). \$30. 800-427-7247. (VALLEY CENTER)

"Life before the Crisis...Something Is Lurking" performed by Encinitas actress, comedian, writer Moira Keefe, Friday, April 15, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Keefe examines "angst and hilarity of marriage, motherhood, mammograms, and margaritas." \$15, 760-943-9238, (CARLSBAD)

Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart perform for AcousticMusic-SanDiego on Friday, April 15. Ellis Paul takes stage, following opener Brian Joseph, on Thursday, April 21. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Prisons: Inside the New America from Vernoovkill Creek to Abu Ghraib" signed by author, Professor David Matlin, Thursday, April 14, noon, at San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Border Radio performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, April 16, 7 p.m., at Templar's Hall in Old Poway Park (14134 Midland Road). \$15. Reservations: 858-566-4040. (POWAY)

Local Author Gerri Brooks reads from her new novel, Love Potion, Saturday, April 16, 3 p.m., at Tierras-



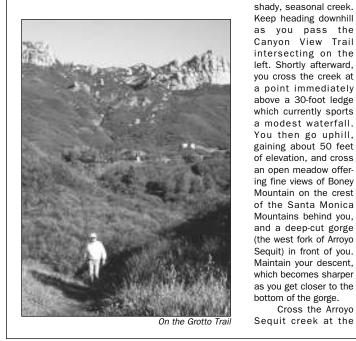
A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND I BY JERRY SCHAD

he 1655-acre Circle X Ranch, a unit of the sprawling, federally adminis-The 1655-acre once A handlin, a drift of the second Area, is positively rid-tered Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, is positively riddled with Tom Sawyer-esque hiking paths. Chief among those is the Grotto Trail, which leads to a rocky declivity featuring — in this wet season at least — a lively set of cascades. Circle X Ranch was for many years a Boy Scout retreat, so you'll be traveling in the footsteps of perhaps tens of thousands of youthful adventurers.

Note that this hike is almost entirely downhill on the way in, and uphill on the way back. Plan accordingly and bring along plenty of drinking water if the weather is warm.

You'll begin at the Circle X Ranch park office, on Yerba Buena Road $5.4\,$ miles north of Pacific Coast Highway, or 5.5 miles west of Mulholland Highway. The most direct route from San Diego and L.A. takes you "north' (more precisely westward in the L.A. region) on the 101 Freeway to southbound Highway 23 near Thousand Oaks. Stay on southbound Highway 23 for seven miles to reach Mulholland Highway on the right. Take Mulholland 0.4 mile west to Little Sycamore Canyon Road on the right. Then drive the final 5.5 miles on Little Sycamore Canyon Road (which becomes Yerba Buena Road in a couple of miles when you cross the Ventura County line).

From the Circle X park office walk down to the group campground, where you can find and follow the Grotto Trail heading south down along a



anta Library (4985 La Quinta Drive). Free. 858-692-0797. (TIERRASANTA)

Favorite Recipes from Croce's restaurant on offer in Thyme in a Bottle: Memories and Recipes, which Ingrid Croce signs on Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO) The Monthly "PG-13-Rated Comedy Show" known as North

County Funnies convenes for laughter courtesy of Drake Witham, Lisa Alvarado, Kurt Swann, and Pearl Street on Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets: \$15 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

"O'Carolan's Farewell to Music" presented by Patrick Ball during concert for Storytellers of San Diego on Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., in

versity of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). This look at life of Irish musician Turlough O'Carolan is suitable for adults. \$7. Reservations: 619-298-6363. (LINDA VISTA)

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"Celebrating Women's Voices," Judy Fjell and Peggy Watson present two different programs with new songs, surprises, Saturday, April 16, at Swedenborgian Church (4144

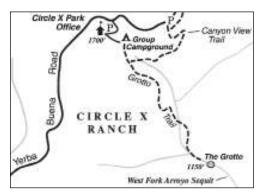
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you reach a grove of fanspot atop those boulders tastically twisted live oaks vou can peer cautiously at the confluence of two into a gloomy cavern,



stream forks. On the edge of this grove, an overflow pipe coming out of a tank discharges tepid spring water. Continue another 200 yards down along the now-lively brook to "The Grotto," a narrow, spooky constriction flanked by sheer volcanic-rock walls. If your sense of bal-

return by the same route, ance is good, you can try uphill almost the whole clambering over a pile of way.

> Campus Avenue). Concerts begin at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12. 858-270-7922, (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

where the subterranean

stream is more easily

heard than seen. Water marks on the boulders

above are evidence that

this part of the gorge may

support a two-tier stream

When you've had your fill of adventuring,

in times of flood.

New Sounds Downtown, season finale concert with Skeleton Key Percussion Quartet and Ensemble Pacifique Electro-Acoustic Chamber Ensemble, Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$5. 619-235-9815. (EAST VILLAGE)

Tenth Annual Talent Competition

set for Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m., at Hearth Theater (at San Marcos Community Center, 3 Civic Center Drive). Categories: dance, vocals, novelty, instrumental. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Known for His Redneck Jokes, comedian Jeff Foxworthy performs Sunday, April 17, at 5 and 8 p.m., at Pala Casino (found 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$40, \$50, \$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

Soulful Melodies promised when Debbie Friedman performs for San Diego Jewish Music Festival on Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$19 general. 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Innovative Music and Dance promised when red fish blue fish joins Lower Left Dance in concert for Pleasure of Your Company series on Sunday, April 17, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Program includes Cage's "Credo in Us." Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Author Umang Malhotra signs Individual, Society, and the World, Sunday, April 17, 2:30 p.m., at Twiggs at El Cortez Hotel (702 Ash Street). Free. 619-232-0436. (DOWNTOWN)

Dixieland Jazz Dance and Concert by Golden Eagle Jazz Band on Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m., at El Cajon Elks Lodge (1400 East Washington Avenue). \$10 general, \$5 for those under 22. 619-297-5277. (EL CAJON)

Quintets Showcased when Friends of the Library Concert Series commences with music by Generation Z Band and Point Loma High School Sax Machine Five on Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"60 Minutes Within 60 Miles: San Diego" discussed and signed by author Sheri McGregor on Tuesday, April 19, noon, at San



Cross the Arroyo



"Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin American Portraits" at San Diego Museum of Art, April 16–June 12 (see Art Museums)

Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

"The Journeys of Socrates" signed and discussed by Dan Millman on Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Ella in Europe: An American Dog's International Adventures" read and signed by Michael Konik on Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"The Politics and Poetry of Palestine" presented by Scripps Institution professor Manal Swairjo on Tuesday, April 19, noon, in room 214 at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). Swairjo will talk on Palestinian culture, history, and read from poetry of Mahmoud Darwish, Sameeh El-Qassim, Salma Jayyusi, others. Free. 619-482-6461. (CHULA VISTA)

"Choral Spectrum," vocal entertainment from small groups to 75-voice choir with orchestra promised when Point Loma Nazarene University Concert Choir presents spring show, Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall. Find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. \$2. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Charlotte: Being a True Account of an Actress's Flamboyant Adventures in 18th-Century London's Wild and Theatrical World" discussed and signed by Kathryn Shevelow on Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Shevelow is UCSD professor, specialist in 18th-century British literature and culture. Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Author Oriah Mountain Dreamer signs and discusses *What We Ache For*, Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA) SPORTS The Dressage Affair runs Friday through Sunday, April 15–17, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

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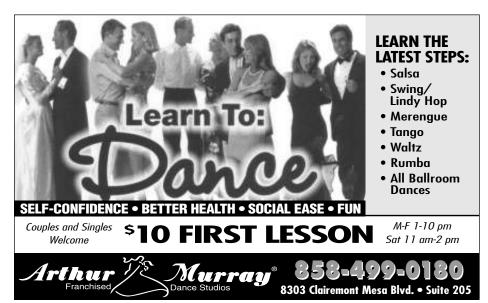
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Dodgers, April 15–17, at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, 7:10 p.m. on Saturday, 1:10 p.m. on Sunday.

The Pads head home to host San Francisco Giants in Petco Park, Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19, at 7:05 p.m. both nights. The Dodgers arrive for games at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21. Tickets: 877-374- 2784. (DOWNTOWN)

Roberto Duran 5K Border Run, Saturday, April 16, at Shops of Las Americas (behind Nike Store, 4445 Camino De La Plaza). Starts at 8 a.m.; race-day registration 7 a.m. Course gives "participants access to areas along the United States and Mexican borders normally restricted to the public." (SAN YSIDRO)

Equestrian Ride for March of Dimes planned Saturday, April 16, 8 to 10 a.m., in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve. Scenic ride through preserve, lunch, entertainment. \$25. Registration, directions: 858-513-4737. (POWAY)





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Viejas Alpine Challenge Metric Century is Saturday, April 16, 7 a.m. Bicycling routes range from 5 to 62 miles; begin and end at Alpine Community Center (1830 Alpine Boulevard). 619-659-2070. (ALPINE)

Teen Kavak Adventure in Mission Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$45 fee includes guide, equipment, lunch, for those in grades 6-12. Registration: 619-255-0203. (MISSION BAY)

Ultimate Frisbee League welcomes beginners for coed easygoing play, Saturday mornings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 16-June 18, at Mira Mesa Community Park/Rec Center (8575 New Salem Street). Fee: \$30 for adults, \$25 for those under 18. 858-220-1208. (MIRA MESA)

Take a "Different Ride" through Oceanside, Bonsall, and Escondido with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, April 17. Eighty-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Dovle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Bring money for lunch in Bonsall. 619-561-3846. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

La Jolla Plunge Bike Tour hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, April 17, noon. The 3.5-mile ride starts at top of Mount Soledad, includes back streets of La Jolla. Appropriate for all biking abilities; cycling equipment provided. \$40. Reservations: 858-551-9510, (LA JOLLA)

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Del Mar National Horse Show 60th annual show of competitions, instruction, and displays gets underway with Western Week events, April 21-24. "Night of the Horse" is Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Dressage week is April 28-May 1, with "Evening of Musical Freestyles" on Saturday, April 30, 7 p.m. Events conclude with hunter/jumper week, May 3-8. The "\$100,000 HBO Grand Prix of Del Mar" is Saturday, May 7, 7 p.m.

All events are held in Del Mar Arena at Del Mar Fairgrounds (2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Free weekdav admission, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: \$8 for weekend day events. Reservations: 858-792-4288. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

"The Trojan Women" is subject for 22nd Annual Design/Performance Jury, Friday, April 15, in Experimental Theatre at San Diego State University. Students present designs for play, describe intentions for full production, perform short scene; jurors (professionals in the field) critique resulting work. Sessions begin at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. Free. 619-594-4560. (SDSU)

European and Japanese Glass Bead Sale offered by San Francisco Arts and Crafts, April 15-17, at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: free. 619-291-1300. (MISSION VALLEY)

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I was that older man you saw sitting

in a confetti of vellow light and falling leaves

on a bench at the empty horseshoe courts

in Thaver, Nebraska – brown jacket, soft cap,

wiping my glasses. I had noticed, of course,

with their rusty stakes, grown over with grass,

that the rows of sunken horseshoe pits

were like old graves, but I was not letting

with hope to a grapevine draped over

that I could hold on. Yes. that was I.

you saw that afternoon in Rising City

my thoughts go there. Instead I was looking

a fence in a neighboring yard, and knowing

And that was I, the round-shouldered man

as you drove past the abandoned Mini Golf,

fists deep in my pockets, nose dripping,

my cap pulled down against the wind

as I walked the miniature Main Street

peering into the child-size plywood store,

the poor red school, the faded barn, thinking

that not even in such an abbreviated world

with no more that its little events - the snap

of grasshopper's wing against a paper cup -

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Jaguares July 2

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Lila Downs July 18

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THAT WAS I

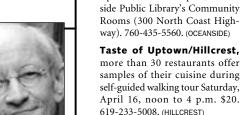
And that was I you spotted that evening just before dark, in a weedy cemetery west of Staplehurst, down on one knee as if trying to make out the name on a stone, some lonely old man, you thought, come there to pity himself in the reliable sadness of grass among graves, but that was not so. Instead I had found in its perfect web a handsome black and yellow spider pumping its legs to try to shake my footing as if I were a gift, an enormous moth that it could snare and eat. Yes, that was I

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The Patrick Henry High School Battle of the Bands is also on the 15th, at 7 p.m., in amphitheater on campus (6702 Wandermere Drive). 619-286-7700. (SAN CARLOS)

Celebrate "The Life and Legacy of César Chávez" during art exhibition opening and awards ceremony on Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m., at Tubman/Chavez Family Center (415 Euclid Avenue). Featured artwork is related to Chávez and farmworker movement; performance by Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez con los Alacranes Mojados Free. 619-326-5890 or 619-818-0173. (NORTH PARK)

"Middlemarch" by George Eliot is subject when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E



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"World's Greatest Bamboo Plant Sale" offered Saturday, April 16, at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Previewing: 9 a.m.; rare bamboo auction 10:30 a.m.; plant sale: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Experts to consult, vendors, sale of bamboo plants and craft items. 760-758-6181. (ENCINITAS)

Street). 858-755-8978. Free; new-

"Gigantic" Book Sale, Saturday,

April 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ocean-

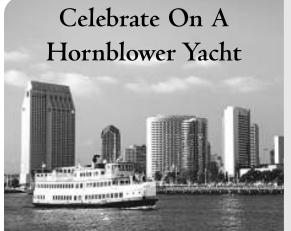
comers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Over 75,000 Books offered during Coronado Library Spring book fair, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, in white tents at Spreckels Park (at 6th Street and Orange Avenue). 619-437-1628. (CORONADO)

Beachfront Barbecue, about 15 teams fire up grills for "California championship event," Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Seacoast Drive (between Donax and Date). Pulled pork sandwich plates (\$7), live music, clowns, family activities. Free admission. 619-424-3151. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

California Cup Cheer and Dance Nationals, April 16 and 17, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. 317-891-8260. (DEL MAR)





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Oceanside Days of Art take place at Oceanside Civic Center (300 North Coast Highway), where artists will display their work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17. Annual festival also features demonstrations, activities, food, entertainment. Free. 760-433-3632. (OCEANSIDE)

Exotic Plant Society hosts botanical show on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Gardener's Market Plant Sale sponsored by MiraCosta College Horticulture Club, Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Wal-Mart (Pacific Plaza, 2100 Vista Way). (OCEANSIDE)

Parents' Night Out, offered first and third Saturday each month, 5 to 9 p.m., including April 16, at Aztec Gymnastics (8050 Ronson Road). Kids enjoy gymnastics, crafts, movies, pizza. Fee: \$20 for nonmembers. 858-715-6871. (KEARNY MESA)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figgins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, April 16, 2 to 4 p.m., at Caffe Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Psychic Fair and metaphysical conference at Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, 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)

The 19th Annual Avocado Festival with cooking contests, Del Rey Avocado packing house tours (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), arts, crafts, games, and food showcasing avocados, Sunday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., along on Main Street. Free admission. 760-728-5845. (FALLBROOK)

Sacred Spaces Church Tour hosted by Ecumenical Council is Sunday, April 17, starting at 1 p.m. at Christian Fellowship United Church of Christ (1601 Kelton Road). Participants board buses to visit St. Stephen's Church of God and St. Spyridon's Greek Orthodox Church. \$20. Reservations: 619-238-1526. (SAN DIEGO)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

The House of England offers lawn program of songs and dances at International Cottages on Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

"¡Historias! Mexican/Mexican-American Literature" is theme for series of bilingual discussions planned at Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street). Read *Dia de la Luna (Day of the Moon)* by Graciela Limón for meeting on Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m. Discussion



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Discover the Magic of Opera during San Diego Opera backstage tour of Vanessa on Tuesday, April 19 (5:30 p.m.), or Sunday, April 24 (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)

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to pursue life drawing and painting - every Tuesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). No formal instruction, no preregistration. \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Circus Chimera presents Magimystical, April 21–24, in parking lot at Westfield Shoppingtown Plaza Bonita. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, with matinees at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$10-\$16. 888-663-7464. (BONITA)

Parents' Right to Know Petition -

Quacker Dash, fundraiser for San Diego Blood Bank is Thursday, April 21, 11 a.m., at Barona Valley Ranch Resort (1932 Wildcat Canyon Road). Adopt a rubber duck (\$5) by calling 619-400-8166.

(LAKESIDE)

"Kaleidoscope Explosion 2005," more than 20 American kaleidoscope artists exhibit their work through Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Gallery 21 of Spanish Village. Many for sale. Free admission. 619-233-9050. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Kenneth Capps: Backyard" includes nine works with strong minimalist sensibility, on display through Thursday, June 30, at Carlsbad Arts Office (2955 Elmwood Street). 760-434-2920. Free. (CARLSBAD)

FOR KIDS

"Pinocchio" presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, April 17, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Weaver's Tales perform Mother Holly, April 20-24.

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Meet Biscuit, star of Alvssa Satin Capucilli's books, during story time on Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.,

at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free.

760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

"Seahorse Rodeo," discover seahorse and its relatives through crafts, stories, scavenger hunt, other activities during family program on Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Included in regular museum admission. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

you, you just move on."

the often seemingly impenetrable poems of Wallace Stevens. So I asked, "Why is Wallace Stevens difficult to read, and why, for 30 years or so, have I continued to go back to him? I must be getting some water, I tell myself, or I wouldn't keep going back to the well. Or, perhaps I'm only a fool who mistakes thirst for satisfaction. But he's very challenging for me. I do not feel that he, as you sug-(or projects for himself) an audience, a reader. I don't feel he even likes the likes of me."

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forms are not to be ignored; rather Kooser recommends selfeducation in these because working in a form, you may be forced to say things in a fresh way." He urges you to "write from your soul no matter what

versation with a wise and patient

old friend - a friend who is will-

learned about the art he's spent

a lifetime learning to execute so

From Publishers Weekly: This is

not a book explaining sonnets,

pantoums, and villanelles. Fixed

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ing to share everything he's

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

well

what really matters." Kooser stresses daily reading of poetry, as well as the discipline of taking a close look, noticing even the smallest event, training yourself to pay attention, to listen to language, to think about every word in the poem as you revise. Another practical tool: read your drafts aloud to yourself. He gives examples when he says, "Shake off generalization." He identifies "spare parts" and shows ways to prune background story and unnecessary details. When it comes to poems, "Too many extras, too much froufrou and falderal, can cost you a reader.'

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born in 1939 in Ames. Iowa, and reared and educated in our

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Kooser is the 13th and most

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College of Arts and Sciences. He

is the author of ten collections of

poetry, most recently Braided

Creek and Delights & Shadows.

His prose book, Local Wonders:

Seasons in the Bohemian Alps,

won numerous awards, includ-

ing the Barnes and Noble Dis-

ist, and is available in a Bison

Mr. Kooser was awarded the

Pulitzer Prize for Delights and

Shadows, published by Copper

Canyon Press. He lives in Gar-

land, Nebraska, with his wife,

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE

The interview with Mr. Kooser

telephone. Mr. Kooser makes

was conducted by e-mail and via

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Lincoln Journal Star.

AUTHOR:

it is me; there is no fiction involved."

Kathleen Rutledge, editor of the

Books edition. In the past week,

cover Award for nonfiction final-

He retired in 1999 at 60. He

write poems that do not confuse the reader. I had read an interview with him in which he said. "Most of us would prefer to look at cartoons in a magazine than read a poem." Kooser went on to note the "common complaint that poetry is hard to decipher or full of elusive, hidden meanings. In the real world, if you come across a poem, who says, 'Study it'? If it doesn't do anything for

I'd read, all through winter, gest to would-be poets, imagines Mr. Kooser responded, "I.

too, find Stevens challenging, and there are times when a challenging poem seems just right. Hard to say what kind of audience he had in mind, but perhaps it was someone who sim-

ply mirrored his own pleasures in language and image.

There are those who really love digging at difficult poems. I have a sister-in-law who is like that. She was a bright student when she was in school and I suppose finds rewards in ferreting out answers. I never much liked that sort of thing, being an average student who was mostly interested in what I was going to do after school. Yet I do enjoy the sense of play I pick up from Stevens, who seems to have been having a very good time."

"I'm puzzled, yes," I said. "But my puzzlement is not satisfied by the 'ferreting out answers.' I think I am trying to figure out what it is, as Stevens writes, to sing beyond 'the genius of the sea.' And what (and why) is a 'body wholly body, fluttering / Its empty sleeves? And what in the devil has Stevens done to make me care?"

I added, "Your immediate forebear in the laureateship, Louise Gluck, writes about Stevens that his 'meditative poems are not addressed outward: they are allowed to be overheard. That is the nature of meditation: the speaker and the (continued on page 96) In 1990, 50,000 people celebrated Earth Day at Balboa Park. There was music. There was good food. People shared, and learned. People laughed. There was a happiness in the air...



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"Making Music, Eating Chocolate," make musical instruments, create music, eat chocolate, learn about "origin and history of the natural objects that make chocolate possible" during program for kids 8–11 on Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$22 per child/adult pair. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Music by Chausson, Bozza, Brahms, D'Rivera, and Bassi may be heard when Jose Franch-Ballester performs for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$5 for students, \$25 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Guess How Much I Love You" presented by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia on Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). \$10. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Circus Family Day at San Diego Model Railroad Museum, Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Circus trains operating on layouts, banner-making "showing family members as circus performers." Admission is free for those under 15, \$5 for everyone else. The museum is located downstairs in Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

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 horsepowered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the "Juried Fine Art Exhibit 2005" continues through Saturday, May 21. 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

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listener are one. But to overhear is to experience exclusion; reading Stevens, I felt myself superfluous, part of some marginal throng.... The difficulty to the reader is a function of the poem's mode, its privacy: to be allowed to follow is not to be asked along.'

"I suspect that I want to violate Stevens's privacy. Like some maiden-lady gossip who watches the neighborhood from her rocking chair on her front porch, I want to know 'what's going on.' But I also know that when I read Stevens, I often feel in a presence of someone quite beyond myself. Do you," I asked Mr. Kooser, "feel when you're reading other people's poems that you're in the presence of another or Another?" Mr. Kooser answered.

"L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion "Jane Hirshfield is a poet in whose work I feel the presence of Another, if I understand your term. I have been having a little correspondence with her lately." In *The Poetry Home Repair*

Manual Mr. Kooser urges poets to select a reader. Kooser has written a charming poem about just that:

Selecting a Reader

First, I would have her be beautiful, and walking carefully up on my

at the loneliest moment of an

afternoon, her hair still damp at the neck from washing it. She should be wearing

a raincoat, an old one, dirty from not having money enough for the cleaners. She will take out her glasses. and

there in the bookstore, she will thumb over my poems, then put the book

back up on its shelf. She will say to herself, "For that kind of money, I can get my raincoat cleaned." And she will.

(From *Sure Signs*, 1980; University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, Pa.)

"How," I asked, "do you account for the proliferation of MFA programs and, with that proliferation, the increase in the number of young people who want to be poets? Or novelists?"

"It's a shame that we have so many young people thinking that they will be able to get jobs teaching creative writing, when

of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memo-

there aren't that many openings, but I am all for people wanting to write and trying to write. I think we'd have a much more responsible citizenry if we were all thinking about what we were doing in the same way people do while trying to write."

"When I was in college," I said, "what my English teachers spoke of as 'personal' poems, poems that begin with 'I," were looked down upon as 'self-indulgent.' Now, books of poetry, often award-winning, are filled with poems that these teachers would have decried as 'selfindulgent' and 'personal.' What has brought this change?"

"As to self-indulgence, I think that has come about because our society supports a kind of narcissism. You can see it in TV commercials every night. I don't think it was always this way, though it's hard to remember advertising from the past. All the emphasis on looks, on bodybuilding, on health, etc. And the poets and other artists are trying to mirror the society."

"Do you make a habit of memorizing poems?"

"I can't remember my own poems, let alone memorize others'. Oh, I know parts of poems, but I am not good about memorization. It feels too much like work."

"As poet laureate, will you do as Ms. Gluck did (pretty much keep out of sight), or will

rial 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 you be an "activist" Hass or Pinsky laureate?"

"I will be one of the activist laureates. I admired what Hass and Pinsky and Collins were doing. My big project just now is a weekly newspaper column, distributed free to any paper that wants to use it. We ought to go live in a few weeks."

We talked then about writing and about how writing about someone could be like being with that person. Mr. Kooser said, "While my mother was dying about five years ago, I wrote a long, 35-page essay on her family, and I published it in a journal up in Minnesota called the *Great River Review*. Recently, the University of Nebraska Press published it in a limited edition of 1000 copies that the university is going to use as a gift to big donors."

"Nothing like a big donor." "Well, a big donor is, I suppose, \$25,000. I was glad they did it because it is a way of keeping all those people – my ancestors – alive a little longer."

"Also," I said, "the essay will keep alive the words that your ancestors used. One reason I've always liked Dick Hugo's poems is that his poems keep so much of the landscape of Montana and Washington State alive – the two-lane country roads, the Indian reservations, the smoky taverns, the lakes and streams where Hugo fished for dollies."

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) **Gemological Institute of America Museum**, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

"For The Poetrv Home Repair Manual to get the Dick Hugo poem I wanted, 'Letter to Kathy from Wisdom,' I had the most incredible grief from W.W. Norton. I began writing for permission in April, and at the end of August I got a note back saying that they would have responded earlier but they couldn't find their copy of the book. And I said, 'Well, would you like to borrow my copy of the book?' The poem is in that Thirteen Dreams book. And they said, 'Oh no, that wouldn't be necessary."

"And then finally, I had to pull out all the stops. It was after I got appointed poet laureate I wrote to the president of Norton and I said, 'I've been waiting six months for your permissions department to come through with this thing,' and so right away, of course, they jumped on it. But it still cost me \$600. I only had a \$1000 advance on the whole book. So I went in the hole right after that."

Mr. Kooser recalled an interview for *The New South Creek Reader* that he did with the late Dick Hugo. "It was a selfinterview, and we invented an interviewer and so he wrote the questions and the answers. I think he had a great time with that."

"Sad, but nobody much seems to read him anymore." "That happens. I think part

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) of it is that with poetry, so many readers attach the poets to their work that when the poet dies, the work is left out there floating. We have poets right now who are famous on the reading circuit, but my guess is that their work will not withstand time once they're gone."

"On a happier note, I like this poem of yours – 'That Was I.'" (See page 92.)

"I'm pretty fond of that poem. I've been using that to close all my readings."

"The reader can imagine that the poem's narrator pities himself; instead he's praising the world. Yet you don't get away from death in the last two lines."

"That poem was extremely easy to write. Oftentimes, I have to work really hard on poems, and I revise them forever. But that poem, although it went through some revisions, it really came out pretty whole and so much so I sent it to the *Georgia Review*, and when they accepted it out of the five I sent, I was startled. Thinking, 'I didn't have to work that hard on that one.""

"I find it more difficult to be read to if I haven't read a poem. Do you?"

"I do, yes."

"Sometimes when people are reading, I feel blindsided by the words."

"I have tried, a couple of times, when I was doing readings of shorter poems, to actu-

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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Reading

ally have the poems available, type it out, and hand it out. Although I think that that is in ways a fuller experience for the reader, it's disconcerting to stand there at the podium and see everybody looking down at their sheet of paper."

Mr. Kooser explained that the person in "That Was I" "actually is me, and I was in all three of those places. I am very dedicated to the idea that if I use an 'I' in the poem it is me; there is no fiction involved.

"I wrote an essay that Prairie Schooner published a number of years ago in which I got - it was pretty controversial It was called "Lying for the Sake of Making Poems," and it was about poets making up autobiographies just for the sake of being able to write.

'What had happened was that there were a number of instances that I'd run into one woman poet who had written a series of poems about being sexually abused by her father, which I found out was not true; she had simply fashioned it because she knew that child sexual abuse was a big issue. And yet they were all written in first person, and there was no indication that this was a fictional character. And it horrified me in that

this woman's father is still living. I just was disgusted about it. That's an extreme case. But I do see other poets doing this sort of thing, and maybe it is the postmodern period and I ought to get used to it, but I can't.

"Another poet I know who's a very affluent poet, upper-class all the way, she has a poem in which she talked about her brother being in prison. Well, she neither has a brother nor one in prison, and there's no identifying that in the poem. I don't know. I find it really unsettling, but again I may be just old-fashioned."

the late Karl Shapiro (1913–2000), who had been Kooser's teacher when Kooser was in graduate school.

earlier interviewer, about his time with Shapiro, "It was really good for me to be around a poet of his stature, just to see how a poet lived and conducted himself. He served in the Pacific in World War II and won the Pulitzer Prize for a book of poems based on that experience and later was the editor of Poetry magazine and a prominent literary figure for many years.'

Mr. Kooser added that Shapiro wouldn't get all over your manuscripts with punctuation

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.

San Diego Archaeological Center, "The View from Otay Mesa: Cultural Landscapes through Time" features archaeological artifacts revealing "many new and fascinating facts about the southernmost region of San Diego County." Visitors see artifacts from the oldest dated site on Otay Mesa, the 10,000-year-old Remington Hill Site, as well as photographs and historic items. Through May.

The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

I asked Mr. Kooser about Mr. Kooser had told an

On the day that we talked "was a fairly passive teacher. He

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 and that sort of thing, but he would give you a pretty good appraisal and point where things might be better. He introduced me to a whole lot of poetry. He had published The Bourgeois Poet when I was there, and I kind of got to watch him write it. And I'd befriended him early on after I got here, and I spent a lot of time with him socially.

"I was 25, 26 then. Karl published two autobiographical books. written in third person, and the first book is called The Younger Son and the second is called The Reports of My Death. In one of those books. I think it's The Reports of My Death, there's a photograph of me and my first wife and Karl and a couple of other friends of ours, sitting in a tavern.

Throughout The Poetry Home Repair Manual Mr. Kooser uses, as examples, poems by poets of whom I'd never heard, many from the Midwest. This caused me. I said. to wonder about regionalism and the often snobbish attitude toward 'regionalist' poets and poems."

"I think it's elitism and I find it terribly offensive. I have never liked elitism in the world. Let alone in writers. Who knows where it comes from, but, apparently, we just can't stand it if we don't have some sort of caste system in place. And people have to be better than other

to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

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

San Diego Maritime Museum,

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

people and so on.

"One of the things that I've been thinking about a great deal since I took over this little job - well, not little job; big job, actually - is that we tend to talk about American poetry. I think we really shouldn't. I think we ought to talk about communities of poetry. Within American poetry we have the rap poets, the slam poets, the cowboy poets. None of those groups is a bit interested in what the other ones are doing. Each is thriving in its own way. Within the literary poets you have the language poets, and they could give a damn about anybody else, and then you have the Associated Writing Programs community in which everybody is writing. One of my friends in New York, who's not a poet, said. about that 'literary' community, 'It seems like a lot of college professors, writing for other college professors.' Which I thought was pretty right on.

"At any rate, those literary poets aren't interested in what the cowboy poets are doing, and the cowboy poets are not interested in what the literary poets are doing, and yet each of those communities thrives on its own momentum. I think it's a mistake to draw big generalizations about the health of American

"As for myself, I don't care whether I'm identified with

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 de-



Kooser (left) with Karl Shapiro (center)

Nebraska or not. One of the things that I find interesting is that people are always talking about me as being this representative of this region out here, but if you look at the single poems, one by one, you don't see that in them. The 'Tattoo' poem or 'Skater' poem [found in Delights and Shadows] could be anywhere."

I suggested that when people spoke of a poet as a "regionalist," they seemed also often to be speaking of the poet as conservative, not in politics but in prosody. Their poems, I said, jokingly, "are orderly and neat in appearance and perhaps seem simple and not written under the influence of John Ashberv. Our newest laureate

laughed. "Thank God, I haven't fallen into that."

I had read that Mr. Kooser each year sent out hundreds of valentines, most to women

scribes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Vallev Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves whom he never had met. He explained. "It's now 19 years since I started this, and what happened was, I wrote a little valentine poem and I thought, 'I'll send it to women I know and the wives of my friends and so on.' I started doing that, and over the years it grew, and this year I sent out 460. A friend on Waldron Island, Washington, who has the Brooding Heron Press, is going to do a book next year of all 20 years. It's something that I have a lot of fun with. I don't send Christmas cards, so I send the annual valentine."

"Do you hand-address them?"

"Yes. Actually, this year I used labels. I've got them on the computer. I used labels because I didn't have the time to handaddress them. I hoped people would understand."

-Judith Moore

as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a preframed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP OUARTER)





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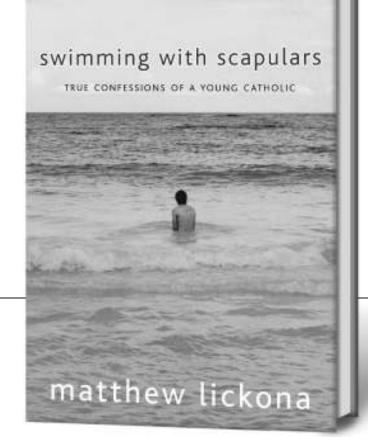
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Clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester performs for Pat Stein North County Concert Series, Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). He was first-prize winner in 2004 Young Artists International Auditions. 858-459-3728. \$20 for adults, \$5 for children. (LA COSTA)

The Easter Portions of Handel's "Messiah" presented by St. Cecilia Choir and chamber orchestra, Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Pipe Organ Concert with organist George Butterfield and trumpeter Carl Eitzen is Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

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

The Kirov Orchestra, with violin soloist Leonidas Kavakos, led by Valery Gergiev, performs for Celebrity series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Selections by Mussorgsky, Prokofiev, Sibelius, Borodin. Tickets: \$35 to \$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

Honors Recital by Susan Cho and Alex Finch, Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Based on a Gothic Novel by Isak Dinesen, Vanessa tells of two women in an isolated country manor surrounded by snow, waiting for their lover to return. Samuel Barber's opera is next production for San Diego Opera, starring Carol Vaness, Margaret Lattimore, John McVeigh. Sung in English, with dialogue projected above the stage. Conducted by Karen Keltner, directed by Garnett Bruce.

Performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, and Tuesday,

April 19; 8 p.m. on Friday, April 22; 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. Tickets range from \$20 to \$160. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. Reservations: 619-533-7000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Trial by Jury" and The Zoo performed by Opera a la Carte, Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). The company produces only works by Gilbert and Sullivan. Tickets: \$32, \$46, \$52. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Music by Chausson, Bozza, Brahms. D'Rivera, and Bassi may be heard when Jose Franch-Ballester performs for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society, Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jav Hopkins Drive). \$5 for students, \$25 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"Building Bridges," the 59th anniversary benefit concert by San Diego Youth Symphony is Sunday, April 17, 4 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Three ensembles of symphony will perform honoring Coronado Bridge consulting architect Robert Mosher with selections by Dvořák, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky, Tickets: \$14-\$19, 619-233-3232, (DOWNTOWN)

The Composers' Ensemble of Los Angeles (CELA) is a co-op ensemble of 12 principal instruments of standard symphony orchestra, whose members compose, arrange, and play its own music. Ensemble performs for concert series at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive) on Sunday, April 17, 7 p.m. Offering. 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Coronation Anthems and the "Dettingem Te Deum" by Handel may be heard when chancel choir. masterwork chorale perform Sunday, April 17, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

CantAmore Chorus presents classical music festival, Sunday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Expect a mix of classical and contemporary music, including opera arias, string ensemble, chorals. \$10. 858-442-9489. (POWAY)

The Annual Spring Concert sponsored by Musical Merit Foundation of Greater San Diego is Sunday, April 17, 3 p.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church (5902 Kenwood Drive). Dana Burnett, who won a scholarship in 1975 and again in 1976, will perform. Free. 619-465-5433. (SPRING VALLEY)

Guest Organist George Butterfield and trumpeter Carl Eitzen pre-sent concert at Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

La Jolla Symphony Young **Artists Competition** musicians perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, April 18, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza, Free, Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

"Choral Spectrum," vocal entertainment from small groups to 75-voice choir with orchestra promised when Point Loma Nazarene University Concert Choir presents spring show, Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall. Find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. \$2. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The "Not-So-Silent Film Festival" featuring Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films convenes Wednesday, April 20. See Lon Chaney in the 1925 Phantom of the Opera and hear soprano Wendy Wareham at 6:30 p.m. at San Diego Museum of Art. Evening begins with slapstick short, with audience participation in the music-making. 619-696-1966. \$7 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Opera Arias performed every Wednesday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Alfiere Restaurant in Sheraton San Diego West (1590 Harbor Island Drive). No cover. 619-291-2900 or 619-692-2778. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Point Loma Nazarene University **Student Chamber Ensembles** perform Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

"Tango Tango!" Dancers Marizabel Arango and Todd Martin team up with Camarada chamber music ensemble for concert with works by Argentinean composer Astor Piazzolla on Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$15. 619-231-3702. (BAL BOA PARK)

"Shostakovich and Rachmaninoff" provide theme when conductor Otto-Werner Mueller leads pianist Soyeon Lee and San Diego Symphony in concerts on April 21, 29, and May 1. Program boasts selections by Smetana, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich.

These "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21; 8 p.m. on Friday, April 29; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Music for Piano and Four Hands promised when Ronald Morebello and Marion Rodewald take stage for Concert Hour series on Thursday, April 21, 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)

Student Composers' Recital of new compositions and arrangements by University of San Diego music students is Thursday, April 21, 12:15 p.m., in Shiley Hall at USD (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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GALLERIES

Heavily Impastoed Paintings by Carole Laventhol are on exhibit through Saturday, May 14, at Frame Maker Gallery (3102 Reynard Way). Artist's reception: Friday, April 15, 6 p.m. 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

"Re-Collection," an exhibit of assemblage incorporating "modified found objects" by Candy Kuhl, is on exhibit through Saturday, May 28, at La Jolla Fiber Arts (7644 Girard Avenue). Meet artist during reception on Friday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

The "Youth Art Project" hosted by San Diego County Women's Hall of Fame opens with reception on Friday, April 15, 5:30 p.m., at Women's History Museum and

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Educational Center (2323 Broadway, suite 107). Projects "designed to honor women" and "educate youth about women's broad role in history" will be on view at four area schools. 619-233-7963. (GOLDEN HILL)

Exhibition of Color Photographs by Aileen Kay Rodosevich is on display at Gracie's Boutique (7556 Fave Avenue, Suite B) through June 28. Opens with reception Friday, April 15, 6 p.m. 858-551-1600. (LA JOLLA)

The April Juried Membership Show at Foothills Art Association Gallery (8051 University Avenue) features awards reception on Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m. Juror was Jack Jordan. 619-448-7582. (LA MESA)

"Warren Bakley: Landscapes and Ceramics," an exhibit of 25 landscape paintings augmented with sculptural ceramics, is on view through Saturday, May 28, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Reception for Bakley, a San Diego artist and designer, is Sunday, April 17, 1 p.m. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Local Artist Joseph Henseler, a former apprentice to James Hubbell, has work on view through April at Trios Gallery (130 South Cedros Avenue). Reception for artist: Thursday, April 21, 5:30 p.m. 858-793-6040, (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Making It: 10 Years of Artist Commissions at California Center for the Arts, Escondido" continues through Monday, July 4. The exhibit "examines the intimate collection of artworks produced through artist residencies held between 1995 and 2005" at the museum, with work by Stephen Curry, Roman de Salvo, Jay Johnson, Peter Walker, Eloy Tarcisio, Esther Mera.

"Mixtec Medicine" celebrates "the antiquity, intelligence, and beauty of Mixtec culture and medicine." Exhibit uses photographs from fieldwork and images from ancient Mixtec books called codices. Closes Monday, July 4.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

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.

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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



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artists are gathered in "Collectors XX: Building a Museum Collection," closing on Sunday, May 15. The exhibited pieces (being considered for acquisition this year) are accompanied by major pieces purchased by Collector groups over the past 20 years.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, photographer Ed Burtynsky has highlighted intersection between environment and technology for past 20 years. "Manufactured Landscapes: The Photographs of Edward Burtynsky" showcases his large-scale color photographs examining "the unorthodox beauty along with the ecological devastation of manufacturing sites." Closes Sunday, June 5.

"Andrea Modica: Treadwell/ Fountain" continues through Sunday, May 22. "Treadwell" with 22 platinum prints and 17 previously unexhibited images is described as "a photographic journey that began in 1986 and concluded with the death of its principal subject." Modica's latest project is "Fountain," 41 prints exploring "the process of growing up in Fountain, Colorado. Find the museum in the Casa

de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK

Oceanside Museum of Art, eight Tasmanian and eight North American studio furniture makers who "share common talents of design and craftsmanship" are showcased in "Convergence: Crossing the Divide, the Studio Furniture of Tasmania and America," opening on Sunday, April 17. Studio furniture is said to reflect "historical traditions of functional furniture with sculptural interpretations that are often

whimsical, sometimes dramatic." Continues through Sunday, June 12. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

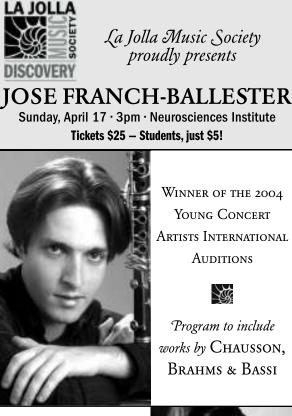
San Diego Museum of Art, "Retratos: 2000 Years of Latin American Portraits," opening on Saturday, April 16, brings together 114 objects from museums and private collections, "most of which have never before been shown publicly in this country." Exhibit includes paintings, sculpture, photography, mixed-media work, from pre-Colombian times to present day. Modern masters represented include Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, Rufino Tamayo, Fernando Botero. Through Sunday, June 12.

"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.

"The Origins of Mughal Painting" examines "one of the lingering mysteries in the history of Indian art: how such a distinctive and sophisticated style as that of the imperial Mughals arose so quickly." The new installation, showcasing 20 images from the Binney Collection, continues through Sunday, August 28.

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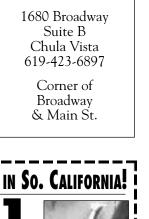


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"My physical passions were very weak then, but my intellectual passions were strong."

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f artists like Vincent Van Gogh hadn't taught us to see the miraculous in the mundane, Alan E. Muraoka's set for Vincent at Brixton would be just a frumpy old 19th-century kitchen: varnished tables and chairs on a stone slab floor flicker-lit by kerosene lamps.

But artists have taught us to see the beauty in a black wrought iron stove, in the arrangement of copper kettles, or brown eggs in a

basket; in the twisted shape of a broom's straw, or the contrast between white china cups and the heft of massive wooden beams. At the Cassius Carter, Chris Rynne's soft yellow and orange lighting gives each an inner glow. When audiences enter, they see not just an 1873 kitchen, at 87 Hackford Road, London, but a still-life a master would want to capture on canvas.

Throughout Vincent the humble kitchen's alive. Steam erupts from kettles and pots on the stove. Meat gets fried, tea made, their smells permeating the house, as does the aroma of Dutch pipe tobacco. Under Richard Seer's expert direction, the attention to living details is remarkable - also fitting, since the play is a portrait of Vincent Van Gogh as a young man.

He came to England, a dapper prude, when he was 20. He'd been working as an art dealer for Goupil in the Hague, earning 90 pounds a year (more than his father, a rural minister, made). He'd done some sketching but felt his true vocation was theology, in preparation for which he

was celibate. "My physical passions were very weak then," he recalled of his 20th year, "but my intellectual passions were strong.

Van Gogh boarded at the home of Sara Ursula Loyer — a widow still mourning the death of her husband, 15 years earlier

and her 19-year-old daughter, IEW Eugenie. Van Gogh fell in love: JEFF SMITH most biographers assume with young, progressive Eugenie. But Nicholas Wright's comedy-drama contends that the real love was for her 57-year-old mother.

Why? Recent studies claim that Van Gogh's mother Anna was "emotionally remote." Her firstborn child, named Vincent, died at birth. When Van Gogh was born, exactly one year later, she also named him Vincent and fantasized him as the original son reborn - and perfected. He wasn't, and could never approach her high hopes or gain her love. He experienced "replacement child syndrome." Writes Derek Fell: Van Gogh "constantly craved to be loved for himself, yet he bore his dead brother's name." He "must have suffered early from a feeling of abandonment few of us could ever imagine.'

There was probably far more to the relationship — if it happened at all — than that. But the syndrome helps explain Van Gogh's lifelong attraction for older and/or marginalized women. And something did happen at the Loyers'. Van Gogh's sister-in-law Johanna (solely responsible for saving his paintings and gaining him fame) wrote this was "perhaps the happiest year in his life."



Robin Pearson Rose, Graham Hamilton in Vincent in Brixton

Vincent in Brixton by Nicholas Wright

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park Directed by Richard Seer; cast: Graham Hamilton, Ross Hellwig, Caitlin Muelder, Robin Pearson Rose, Kate Stelle; scenic design, Alan E. Muraoka; costume design, Robert Morgan; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Paul Peterson **Playing through May 8;** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 619-239-2255.

Nicholas Wright's speculative Vincent in Brixton ties too neat a knot. Working from scant information, he offers the bold thesis: thanks to Ursula's love, Van Gogh had a sexual awakening that prompted an artistic awakening in the young man from southern Holland (in the play's last image, the Baton of Truth changes hands; you half-expect sonorous organ chords to announce

the genius has found his calling). This is the same theme as Himself and Nora, next door at the Old Globe. And just as the musical slights the facts, so does Vincent: after London, Van Gogh entered a severe celibate phase — a continuance of the original? - and did missionary work for coalminers in Belgium's "black country.

Ars longa, theoriae brevis: great art and great





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artists will outlive theories and labels attached to them. And some works don't even live up to their accolades: Vincent won the Olivier Award for 2003, which must have been an off year for London theater, since the script's skeletal at best. Historical accuracy and facile explanations aside, what makes Vincent watchable is the play of its textures. Like the scenic design, the characters are grainy, rough, or smooth. And in young Van Gogh, we see all three.

Robert Morgan's excellent costumes trace a character's arc better than the text. When we first see Van Gogh, he's in a grav suit, hair combed, shoes shined. His father gave him three pieces of advice: write his mother, don't smoke, don't talk to strange women. By play's end, the emerging artist has broken at least two of the three, and the Van Gogh of his self-portraits comes into focus: red hair splayed like badly stacked wheat; baggy, sun-bleached clothes; stubble beard; perennially unbrushed teeth; and the gnarly, high-top black leather shoes he would later paint for all time.

In Graham Hamilton's sharp, confrontational performance, even the civilized Van Gogh's a cantankerous peeve. He already has the artist's eye to see into things but no vehicle to express himself. He's bursting to fall in love, and just as eager to escape his civilized trappings.

The play inverts an expectation: not that the male is the younger in the May-October romance. It's that Ursula's the unconventional one (in 1873 she encouraged her daughter to have premarital sex with her fiancé) and young Vincent's the straight-laced conformist.

Working in the intimate Cassius Carter lets Robin Pearson Rose go way inside Ursula Lover, the woman in black who wants, just once — and here the playwright doth overreach — to spark something divine. Combining stillness with layered nuances of awakened feeling, Rose makes the play look Olivier Award-quality. Steadfast in mourning, steadfast in love, Rose is so impressive she almost makes Wright's whopping non sequiturs work (Ursula or Van

Gogh will be talking about nothing, then warp-speed into hyperspace protestations).

Kate Steele and Ross Hellwig have little to work with as Eugenie and her husband Sam, a wannabe-artist. She's mostly a brusque naysayer; he, soft textured, easygoing, a deliberate foil for Van Gogh. The performance that injects Act Two with significance, and fun, is Caitlin Muelder's as Van Gogh's sister Anna. Van Gogh invited her to England to show that his relationship with the Loyers was aboveboard. Anna arrives and takes over, so adamant, so controlling, she's like a buzzsaw through balsa wood. She also hearkens us back: this the Vincent of Act One, as unpromising an artist as ever there were.

THEATER LISTINGS

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Antigone

6th@Penn Theatre stages Marianne McDonald's new translation of Sophocles' tragedy about civil versus "higher" laws. Delicia Turner Sonnenberg directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Anything Goes

San Diego City College presents Cole Porter's seagoing classic. Songs include "Blow, Gabriel Blow," "You're the Top," and "I Get a Kick Out of You." SAVILLE THEATRE, SAN DIEGO CITY COL-LEGE, EAST VILLAGE, THROUGH APRIL 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-388-3676.

Baldwin New Play Festival 2005

UCSD Theatre & Dance presents new works by MFA candidates Barry Levey, Tim J. Lord, Ruth Mc-Kee, Josh Toblessen, and Ken Weitzman. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH APRIL 23. FOR TITLES, DAYS, AND TIMES OF EACH WORK, CALL

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The Bungler

North Coast Repertory Theatre presents, in a new translation, Molière's farce that proves "servants are always smarter than their masters." NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE.

LOMAS SANTA FE PLAZA, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, APRIL 16, THROUGH MAY 15; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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The Grapes of Wrath

Undergraduates in USD's Theater Arts Program perform Frank Galati's spare, faithful adaptation of the Steinbeck novel about the Joads' quest for a new life. SHILEY THEATRE, CAMINO HALL, UNI-VERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALA PARK, LINDA VISTA, THROUGH APRIL 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-260-7934.

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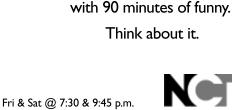
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The Heavenly Deposition Community Actors' Theatre presents Werner Hashagen's new comedy. Mrs. Jones's prayer for justice gets an unexpected answer. Bryan Hernandez directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH STREET (AT COLLEGE GROVE), OAK PARK, THROUGH APRIL 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-264-3391.

Himself and Nora

Late in her more than 50 years of life with James Joyce, Nora Barnacle wrote, "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 relationship it plays like He Said/She Said with Irish accents. Matt Bogart (Joyce) and Kate Shindle (Nora) are obviously major talents, but neither has much to work from. Joyce is one-note adamant: Nora's mostly an irritated being with a Teflon psyche. Himself sweeps unsightly de tails behind the bookcase and favors generic Broadway appeal. Jonathan Brielle's songs are lively, 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 (how else to explain "What Better Thing," a lovey-dovey ditty that belongs on the cutting-





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room floor?). Tobin Ost's costumes never reflect the Joyces' marrowchilling poverty, but his set recalls the famous Martello Tower Joyce rented for eight pounds a year. The set has an outside-inside feel, as it also serves as façades of city streets. For *Himself* to grow into something, it would have to drop all chipper façades and turn itself inside-out.

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 SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Irish Step Dancing

Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWN-TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

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.

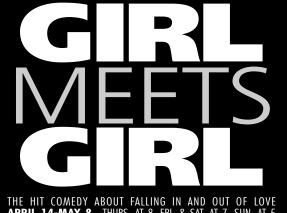
King Lear

When tragic lines get laughs, something is gravely amiss. Under Todd Salovey's direction, the San Diego Rep's *Lear* is all extremes. There's some fine individual work (Jonathan McMurtry and Peter Van Norden, as Gloucester and Kent: Giulio Cesare Perrone's massive set — though his eclectic costumes sabotage the stage), but artistic havoc reigns. The performances are unconnected, and not on solid ground. The production's so compulsively comic, so eager to entertain, you'd swear it's a parody. After a while this urge to please be comes endemic, as if the director's determined to shield the audience from tragedy. Sam Woodhouse, who plays Lear, has been an institution in San Diego theater for three decades. I wish I could say he's nailed the role. But he hasn't. He's trying in earnest, often indicating size and depth with gestures and movements. But overall Woodhouse does far more acting than being. Too often what we see are the choices he makes, not the crumbling mountain that must live them, cursed to endure. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 17;

THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Late-Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She's here because it's Father Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-therod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her



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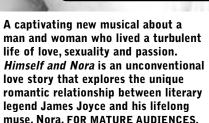
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waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And - whether threatening eternal damnation to a gum chewer or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot) — she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. Late-Nite Catechism, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It's the *Rocky Horror Show* for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else. Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH MAY 10; MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Life Before the Crisis

As a benefit for the Moxie Theatre. Moira Keefe performs her onewoman show about "the angst and hilarity of marriage, mammograms, and margaritas.'

CARLSBAD VILLAGE THEATRE, 2822 STATE STREET, CARLSBAD, FRIDAY, APRIL 15, AT 8:00 P.M. 760-943-9238.

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,

Back in the Gaslamp!

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.

Metamorphoses

Lamb's Players stages Mary Zimmerman's Tony Award-winning reinvention of Ovid's tales on an onstage pool of water. Robert Smyth directed. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 15; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M 619-437-6050.

A Naked Girl on the **Appian Way**

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Richard Greenberg's comedy about Bess, a cooking show host, her husband ("a genius who lacks some essential life tools"), and their adult children. Mark Rucker directed. SEGERSTRON STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH MAY 8; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555

Nunsense

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, THROUGH JUNE 5: TUESDAY, THURS-DAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATI-NEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

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 "Camptown Races" with two puppets, ventriloquizing their voices brilliantly. Also, as the ditzy 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 SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525

Pinocchio

The Balboa Park Puppet Guild presents the classic tale of a lonesome old woodcarver who wishes his carved puppet would become real. MARIE HITCHCOCK PUPPET THEATER, PALISADES AREA NEAR AEROSPACE CEN-TER, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH APRIL 17: THURSDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 10:00 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. AND 2:30 P.M. 619-544-9203

Play It Again, Sam

The Julian Theatre Company (formerly the Pine Hills Players) stages Woody Allen's comedy about Allan Felix. To win the dating game, he seeks advice from the spirit of Humphrey Bogart. JULIAN TOWN HALL, 2129 MAIN STREET JULIAN THROUGH JUNE 18 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-765-2119

The Prisoner of Second Avenue

Vista's new Broadway Theater stages Neil Simon's 1971 comedy about the events following Mel Edison's loss of his advertising job. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROAD WAY, SUITE B, VISTA, THROUGH MAY 15: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905

Raisin' the Rent

Ernestine Anderson's nightclub owes three months' back rent. She's got till midnight to produce the cash. So she, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, Etta James, Nancy Wilson, and Billie Holiday hold a "rent party." Raisin' the Rent is the third of Calvin Manson and the Ira Aldridge Players' tributes to the great African-American female vocalists. A balky sound system and a tight band (led by hot keyboardist Michael Sanders) that needs some reigning in prevent the dinner-theater show from always raising the roof. But it often does, especially in Act Two, when Ayanna Hobson's feisty Ella sings "If I Can't Sell It, I'll Keep Sitting on It" (does she mean her easy chair?), and Ar-

nessa Rickett's brash Etta lets her hair down, literally, with "Let the Good Times Roll." Wearing a red sequined cocktail dress (uncredited costumes a major plus), Charmen Jackson's smooth, stylish Ernestine masters every number and goes cobalt with "Ain't No Good Life" blues. And any show that lets Anasa Johnson play Billie Holiday (she was unforgettable in Manson's Evening with Billie) is guaranteed spunk and class, not to mention prompting patrons to fill Ernestine's large, rent-raising brandy snifter with greenbacks. Worth a try.

DINNER THEATRE AT CAESAR CAFE, 801 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH MAY 23: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DIN NER 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

An example of how hard it can be to do comedy, especially to imitate the Theatre of the Ridiculous style espoused by the extravagant farceur, Charles Ludlam. His work — some of the classics of camp — defines the opposite of subtlety. But it also demands deft, fluid precision and pinpoint attack. The Diversionary/Vantage Theatre co-production of Ludlam's four-hander doesn't come close. The piece, about two psy-chiatrists (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 Boule-vard. Shulamit Nelson's garishcolored 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. SUN DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097





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A Skull on Connemara

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Ten Little Indians

Coronado Playhouse presents Agatha Christie's whodunit about ten people invited to an island off the southern coast of England. Bob Christiansen directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH MAY 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Triple Espresso: A Highly

Caffeinated Comedy Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend --- "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordi

nary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATUR-DAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

The Underpants

Laguna Playhouse stages Steve Martin's adaptation of Carl Sternheim's 1910 farce about an incident that may make Louise a laughingstock, or object of desire. Andrew Barnicle directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, 606 LAGUNA CANYON ROAD, LAGUNA BEACH. THROUGH MAY 1; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-2787

Vincent in Brixton

Reviewed this issue CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK. THROUGH MAY 8; TUESDAY, WEDNES-DAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURS DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255

The Waverly Gallery

"Mere human vearning to live a little longer (and perhaps a little better)," writes Jon Robin Baitz, "can be a more powerful passion than lust or even vengeance." Once a vital lawyer and activist, Gladys Green is now 85. She's a hard-of-hearing, compulsive talker who is slowly slowing down. Soon, she requires the enervating 24/7 attention of an infant. But her daughter and family, who mean her no harm, aren't ready for the new burden (people say they "aren't facing the true degree of her decline"). Kenneth Lonergan's Pulitzer Prize nominated drama looks at the end of a life, a denial-rich subject the audience, like Gladys's daughter Ellen, would prefer to "talk about later." To reflect family pressures, and Gladys's inability to hear, Lonergan writes "simultaneous dialogue": two, some times three, people speak at once. It could make for Babels of gibberish. Instead, the New Village Arts, director Kristianne Kurner, and a fine ensemble weave it into memorable theater. Sandra Ellis-Troy shines as Gladys, who seems afraid that, if she stops talking, she'll cease altogether. Bring Kleenex: Ellis-Troy earns honest tears. As harried, concerned, evasive Ellen, Dana Case is foremost among equals in supporting roles. Ellen watches her mother "fall apart, with no end in sight." Separate playing spaces, on platforms, create a gallery effect, as do empty painting frames (and a crossthatching of them above). Joshua Everett Johnson's sound design ages like Gladys, evolv ing from plunk and sparkle to graceful, elegaic cellos. Critic's pick.

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Woman From the Other Side of the World

San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre presents Linda Faigao-Hall's drama about a Filipina immigrant in New York who denies her heritage "until a nanny from her hometown stirs up spirits from her past." George Ye directed. PLAYHOUSE ON THE PLAZA, 500 EAST PLAZA BOULEVARD, NATIONAL CITY, THROUGH MAY 7: FRIDAY AND SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 888-568-2278.

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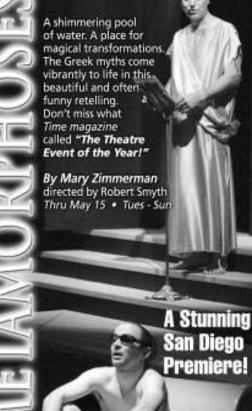
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"I think Jeff and Jer plan on leaving."

One insider said that the biggest news may still be forthcoming from the station



formerly known as Star 100.7 and now known as Jack 100.7. This insider believes that the top-rated morning duo of Jeff and Jer is planning to leave 100.7 and jump to the Planet (KPLN-FM, 103.7), the classic rock station. Should Jeff and Jer make the switch, 103.7 would also drop its Planet name and its classic rock format for an adult contemporary format formerly used by Star 100.7.

If they switch, it would be the fifth local station for Jeff Elliott and Jerry St. James, a former Detroit morning show duo who came to San Diego in 1988. They are consistently among the top three morning shows in the desired 25–54 age range.

"I think 100.7 decided to get rid of all its live DJs and switch to Jack [format] when they found out they were losing Jeff and Jer," said

another insider. "Financially,

Star and KYXY are the two

most successful stations in

change unless they had to?

Jeff and Jer are not

Bob Bolinger (the Planet)

100.7) were not returned. Jeff

– Ken Leighton

and Jer were on vacation last

and Tracy Johnson (Jack

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San Diego. Why would they

guys, including [U.S.] marshals," says U2 tour merchandise manager

"I went

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Tommy Whitelaw. "Mostly, we just confiscated [unauthorized] materials, but a few people with scads of money and merchandise were

arrested.' Several sellers outside the ipayOne Center March 28 and 30 were caught selling "bootleg" clothing featuring the band's likenesses and logos, as well as jewelry, bandanas, and even recordings of U2's justperformed shows. Whitelaw and U2's merchandise company, Signatures Network (which bought out Winterland Productions in 2001 and currently operates U2's fan club Propaganda), got a writ from a federal judge "to seize anything [unauthorized] we find, and any decisions to prosecute will be taken up in federal



BOOTLEGGED U2 MERCHANDISE SEIZED BY U.S. MARSHALS

court." Whitelaw declined to give details about who was arrested.

— Jay Allen Sanford

"It breaks my heart. I still don't

understand it." Jen Sewell started as an unpaid intern 11 years ago at Star 100.7. "I was with the station from day one when it started as Star 100.7." Sewell went on to become music director, assistant program director, and cohost of the Star afternoon show with Greg Simms. She was told she was

out of a job just before her afternoon shift was to start at 3 p.m. on March 31. Another DJ did her shift. Six days later KFMB-FM's Star 100.7 was "blown up" and became Jack 100.7. The Jack format, now being added to stations across the country, is known for its lack of DJs, no new music, and its genreless list that jumps from Melissa Etheridge to Def Leppard to the J. Geils Band. (Jack 100.7 promo: "We're like your iPod on shuffle.") Anita Rush, another Star 100.7 DJ, left the station for personal reasons two weeks before the arrival of Jack. The Jeff and Jer morning ensemble are now the only live personalities left on the station.



"Star had the reputation

of being one of the most successful 'hot AC' [adult contemporary] stations in the country," said Sewell.

"Tracy [Johnson, KFMB general manager] told me, "We're not renewing your contract. The station is changing its plans, and they don't include you.""

Sewell said she is getting married in two weeks and "actively looking for a job. I'm willing to relocate."

As music director Sewell was credited for helping to break Santana's "Smooth" and Sting's "Desert Rose" as national hits. She won new Mercedes-Benzes in both 1999 and 2000 as part of a national competition for radio execs who can best predict new hits.

— Ken Leighton

Ted Nugent played "The Star-Spangled

Banner" to open Camp Pendleton's Rockin' the Corps extravaganza that happened April 1.

Mike Wachna, who went to the event, had gotten tickets from his son-in-law (who got back from Iraq a few days after the event). Wachna told me, "They had over 50 buses taking us from the base to the beach. The bus driver told everyone to make sure they had their ticket, and





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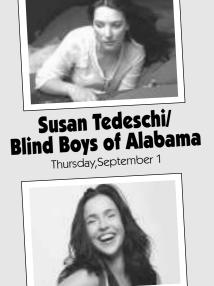


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Chris Botti with special guest Steve Oliver Friday, July 8 • 7:30

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Marc Cohn/ Suzanne Vega/ Jesse Winchester Monday, August 1 • 6:30

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Dana Carvey Friday, August 12 • 7:00 & 9:00

Cecilio & Kapono Sunday, August 14 • 7:30

Cowboy Junkies with special guest Dar Williams Monday, August 15 • 7:30

Bobby McFerrin & Chick Corea Tuesday, August 16 • 7:30

Judy Collins/ Richie Havens Wednesday, August 17 • 7:30

John Legend Thursday, August 18 • 7:30

Dave Koz & Friends reaturing Jeffrey Osborne, Marc Antoine & Praful Friday, August 19 • 7:30

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America with special guest Pure Prairie League Thursday, August 25 • 7:00 Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

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one guy forgot his. The bus stopped, and he got out and had to walk back to the barracks...but when we got there, nobody was asking to see our tickets. They just let everyone in, handing us things like free phone cards from Verizon. I think anyone who was on the base that day would've been able to get into the concert."

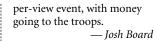
Wachna told me that "Cedric the Entertainer was funny, and when Ja Rule had to spend 30 minutes fixing technical things, [Cedric] and Chris Rock kept us laughing. Because of that, though, Kiss [who performed last] was only able to play three songs. Cedric even said, 'You guys look like you have the entire Circuit City onstage.'

As for the other bands, Wachna said, "Destiny's Child played almost an hour. They had the longest set. Godsmack was the only other band that did a long set like that. And I was bothered that they kept using the F-word. There were a lot of families there. I even saw infants, and the singer is yelling 'motherfucker' every minute."

One Camp Pendleton official near the merchandise booths was telling people that the show was being filmed to be shown both in theaters nationwide and also as a pay-

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"Until my boss says something like, 'Hey, Carrot Juice,' when someone buys the CD," Lindsey Troy says customers buying Louis XIV's new CD, The Best Little Secrets Are *Kept*, at the local Music Trader have no idea she's singing backup on the hit "Finding Out True Love Is

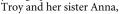


LINDSEY TROY FINDS OUT TRUE FRIENDS GET YOU GIGS

Blind." (Hey, Carrot Juice, I want to squeeze you away until you bleed.)

As for how Troy, 18, got that plum assignment, "I met them a year and a half ago at a Casbah show. That's when they were just writing the song. They asked me to record the part."

Troy appeared with Louis XIV March 26 at their soldout Soma show, but she does not tour with the band. She said guitarist/pianist/vocalist Brian Karscig usually handles Troy's high parts on the road.





21, were signed to Elektra Records. They recorded an album, but Elektra never released it. The sisters now perform separately.

Lindsey Troy appears May 22 at Lestat's. Anna Troy appears at Humphrey's April 21 for a CD-release party and April 30 and May 1 at the Adams Avenue Roots Festival (www.gothere.com/adamsave). – Ken Leighton

Last week 4th & B general manager Ray Johnson confirmed rumors

that he and owner Ali Nilforshan were going to turn over the booking of all national acts at the 1500-seat downtown nightclub to Viejas Entertainment. Jeff Gaulton had been the primary talent buyer for 4th & B since it opened in 1996 until he left two months ago to book bands at the Belly Up in Solana Beach.

Johnson said 4th & B talent buyer Wayne Reynolds

will continue booking urban and R&B artists and Rob Reuter will be the new "point man" for local bands.

Idol last Wednesday night was "One Heart, One Hand" from the musical West Side

Cowell.



NIKKO CHOKES ON IDOL BUT PREVAILS

Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Ozzie Smith. "The promoter accidentally booked rock bands and hiphop on the same night," says Buzzkill Romantics singer/guitarist Jason Hee about an April 1 show at downtown's Roseary Room (Tenth and E). His

that. Then there was some arguing between them and people from the club. I think it was mainly over them wanting to take drinks outside more than about the

Hee says a brawl broke brandished outside shortly before police arrived. "I didn't see any of that; I was packing up to go home, which is what I did." — Jay Allen Sanford

"When I told him I

had lung cancer, he kept asking me to do a benefit,' said Peggy Claire, a San Diego jazz singer and former KSDS disc jockey who has inoperable cancer. "Charles McPherson will be hosting the benefit. He's a very old friend of mine. I kept saying no because I didn't want to start asking people for money. But about a month ago I said okay...I want a party."

The benefit is April 19 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, suggested donation \$20. For more information, contact Charles McPherson at 619-563-9892.

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was out of tune," said American Idol judge Simon Smith is the son of ex-San

– Ken Leighton The song that did in Nikko Smith on American

band never ended up performing. "While we were setting up, some hip-hop guys asked us if they could do some freestyle beats from the stage, and we were cool with

booking glitch."

out between "a handful of people. Next thing I know, someone throws a chair through a showcase, knocking over a cash register. and some guy is walking around with a bleeding gash in his head." Patron combatants all fled the venue, and Hee says his girlfriend reports seeing a handgun

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Before songwriter Michael Tiernan moved to town four years ago, he was playing solo sets in a Rome, Italy nightclub, attending seminary school, and studying to become a Catholic priest. "It was called North American College, on a hill right above the Vatican. We could do anything we wanted at night, but I kept getting in trouble for my musical performances in town. I guess they considered it unseemly for a seminary student

to be playing out on the town in some Irish pub."

Tiernan left the church institution at age 27 and eventually

settled in San Diego, playing gigs between here and in L.A. "It was through my L.A. connections that I heard about the [2004] L.A. Music Awards, and I entered with a demo I recorded in my closet at home in Del Mar. They actually nominated me for Male Singer-Songwriter of the Year. That night, I went up to the Music Box Theater in Hollywood with a whole busload of San Diego musicians and friends, with beer and pizza for everyone. I ended up winning the thing." Two other local acts were nominated for awards, though neither Bridget Bridgette nor Faceles won.

Since January, Tiernan has been hosting a weekly Tuesday night open-mike night at La Mesa's Cosmos Cafe. "It's always a great atmosphere, with half spectators and half musicians coming in to see what's going on." Tiernan performs at the Martini Ranch in Encinitas on Thursday, April 14.

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4. Crash Carter (untitled demo) ("These guys are still in the studio, and I'm the lucky owner of a demo — funk/pop North County trio who just rock.")

5. Christ Stuart & Backcountry, *Mojave River* ("Bluegrass wizards who make you want to dosi-do around the house.")

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"Toothpaste, and the vast selection of choices I faced one day when making a 'quick' trip to the store to buy some. Kind of turned into a social commentary song called 'This One, Not That One,' and it's now a big crowd pleaser. Still never know which toothpaste to buy though."

CHRISTINA OR BRITNEY?

"Definitely Christina. But do they actually ex-

ist? I thought they were just lab experiments."

FAVORITE COVER SONG TO PERFORM?

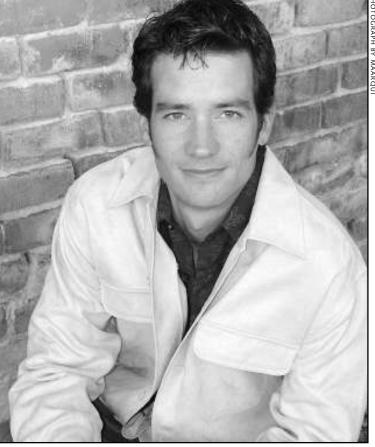
"'The Day I Tried to Live' by Chris Cornell in his Soundgarden days. It's a shocking contrast to my own tunes — dark but beautiful, and it hits so hard when it's translated on an acoustic guitar. Plus, I get to act like a rock star."

FAVORITE CARTOON?

"Beavis and Butthead got me through college. I have an altar set up to them in my living room. Huh-huh...huhhuh...huh-huh."

WORST REAL-ITY SHOW EVER?

"The Swan. Unhappy and unbeautiful women are given happiness and beauty by boob and butt doctors, oral surgeons, copious amounts of plastic and



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collagen, and a 'counselor' that convinces them of their new state of bestowed worth. Great song material, though."











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EXTENSION 4000

THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

The Samples and **Gregory Page** *[186]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 14, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

FRIDAY

The Yonder Mountain String Band: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 15, 9:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Crystal Method [*268*]: 4th & B, Friday, April 15, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

SATURDAY

moe. [459]: 4th & B, Saturday, April 16, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Papa Roach [296]: SOMA, Saturday, April 16, 8 p.m., 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Debbie Davies [966]: Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, April 16, 9:30 p.m., 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.

SUNDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

King Sunny Ade *[817]* and **Psydecar** *[740]*: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 20, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

APRIL

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.

The Mars Volta *[292]*: RIMAC Arena, Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., 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.

Dickey Betts: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 23, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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, 7:30 p.m., 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 Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

Jen Chapin: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

Steve Vai [523] and **Eric Sardinas** [950]: 4th & B, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Blasters [478], **Eve Selis** [410], and the **Flying Putos:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 29, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

David Wilcox [883]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

"The 32nd Annual Adams Avenue Roots Festival": Bluegrass, Cajun, country blues, Celtic, country, folk, and more. Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, Adams Avenue (between 34th and 35th Streets), Normal Heights. 619-282-7329.

MAY

Engelbert Humperdinck [993]: Pala Events Center, Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Juanes: Cox Arena, Tuesday, May 3, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Umphrey's McGee: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 4, 9 p.m.,



April 23rd



143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Elton John [567]: Cox Arena, Friday, May 6, 8 p.m., 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.

Paulina Rubio: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Loretta Lynn [763]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, May 8, 3 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497. The Strawbs: Acoustic Music San

Diego, Sunday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176. Maroon5 and the Thrills: Jenn

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.



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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.

Pepe Aguilar: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Dennis Quaid & the Sharks: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, May 14, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Ramblin' Jack Elliott: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

The John Butler Trio: House of Blues, Sunday, May 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jimmy Eat World [578] and Taking Back Sunday: Cox Arena, Sunday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-594-0429.

Old Blind Dogs *[830]*: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Sunday, May 15, 7:30 p.m., 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach. 619-222-0365.

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.

Audioslave and Johnny Polanski: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 17, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497

Joe Jackson and Todd

Rundgren [228]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

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.

Queens of the Stone Age: House of Blues, Thursday, May 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dierks Bentley and Jedd Hughes: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Snoop Dogg [302]: RIMAC Arena, Friday, May 20, 8 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 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.

Seal [610]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Maktub [572]: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Nikka Costa [600]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, May 27, 9 p.m., 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, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Dramarama: Brick by Brick, Saturday, May 28, 8 p.m., 1130





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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.

Collective Soul [536]: House of Blues, Tuesday, May 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497

JUNE

Travis Tritt: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of Ion Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Rick Springfield [581]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park,

Saturday, June 4, , 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400. Steve Winwood [596]:

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Beach Boys [599]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

The Go-Go's: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

George Benson [620]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

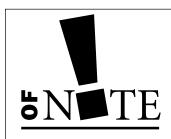
Wayne Newton: Vieias Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, June 10, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Keb' Mo' [968] and Ledisi: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

If you go to see Crooked Fingers three times over the course of a year you might see: First, Eric Bachmann fingerpicking a Spanish guitar accompanied by a drum machine; second, Eric Bachmann accompanied by a full band plus horns and other instruments and playing obscure covers; third, Eric Bachmann and full electric band bashing away on songs from his muchmissed old band, the Archers of Loaf, But if you want to know exactly what you're getting into when you go to a show, you can always go to an Eagles reunion concert or something like that.

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Al Green [964]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, June 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, ne. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Lucinda Williams [848] and Lisa **Sunders** (893): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Slaid Cleaves: Acoustic Music San Diego, Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. Information, 619-303-8176.

muse takes him. Lately, that seems to be in the direction of an Americanaand mariachi-flavored sound somewhat reminiscent of Calexico. Whether he's playing nylon-string or electric guitar or some other instrument (he studied the saxophone at college), Bachmann plays with skill and a strong melodic sense. And, as the sweetly melancholy songs on the latest Crooked Fingers album Dignity and Shame prove, his songwriting keeps getting better

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Steel Pulse [**730**]: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2260 Jimmy Durante

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in 1998, Bachmann has followed wherever his

Best are the numbers where Bachmann is joined by Lara Meverattken. whose understated vocal delivery is a good counterpoint to his classically rock and roll (and frankly, sometimes overbearing) voice. In "Call to Love" and "Sleep All Summer, they trade verses in romantic battles that are destined to end up on mix CDs along with

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Clark: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

"'70s Soul Jam" featuring the Stylistics [621], the Chi-Lites, the Delfonics, Heatwave, Peaches &

Herb, and the Persuaders: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. The Spin Doctors [594] and the

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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.

Jewel [882] and Jackie Greene: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, June 18, and Sunday, June 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island



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by the Bay, Monday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Buddy Guy [960] and Eric Johnson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

Chris Isaak: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 30, and Friday, July 1, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Jaguares [301]: House of Blues, Saturday, July 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497 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. **Lyle Lovett:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 3, 7:30 p.m.,



2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Vega [469]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,

Hank Williams Jr. [771]: "Bayside

Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Tuesday, August

2, downtown San Diego waterfront.

Chaka Khan: Humphrey's Concerts

by the Bay, Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or

***B.B. King Blues Festival**" featuring **B.B. King** [969], Kenny Wayne Shepherd [970], and Joe Bonamassa [446]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. (10.200 Stor arc(10.522, 1010)

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the Park, Saturday, August 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine.

619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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15, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road,

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The Eagles: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, August 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

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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

Donna Summer [614]: Viejas

Wednesday, August 24, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or

The Dave Matthews Band [288]: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday,

August 25, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News [593]:

Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., 5005

Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497

Chicago: "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park

downtown San Diego waterfront.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and

South, Friday, September 9,

"Country Concerts Pt. IV

Sunday, August 14, 2050

featuring Brooks & Dunn and Big and Rich: Coors Amphitheatre,

Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.

Anne Murray [618]: Pala Events

Center, Friday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., Pala Casino Resort, 5 miles east of I-

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Casino Concerts in the Park.

Alpine. 619-22 619-445-5400.

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Amy Grant [613]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Monday, August

Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or

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Marc Cohn and Suzanne

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.

The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Julio Iglesias [608]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, ter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chris Botti [689] and Steve Oliver: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 8, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

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Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bruce Hornsby: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 24, 6 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Michael Bolton [475]: Paloman 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 & Neil Giraldo [590]: 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.

The B-52s: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

Eddie Anthony: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company The Big Provider: Lestat's Coffeehouse Black Horse: The Casbah Bleed the Sky: Brick By Brick Buckfast Superbee [119]: The Casbah By the End of Tonight: The Casbah Cheeky: Brick By Brick Chevruil: The Casbah Crooked Fingers: The Casbah C24C: 'Canes

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Atom Orr [184]: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Plastique Phantom: The Casbah The Polyplush Cats: The Casbah Punchclock: Brick By Brick The Red Walls: The Casbah Rumah Sakit: The Casbah Safety Orange: Brick By Brick Scar'd Sanity: 'Canes Bob Schneider [244]: Belly Up Tavern Six: Brick By Brick Social Spit: Brick By Brick Spell Toronto: The Casbah Split Infinity: Triple Crown Pub Spoken Gun: Winstons Stolen [254]: Brick By Brick Too Loose: 'Canes

2 Cents: 'Canes Vytear: The Casbah The Wastrels: Brick By Brick Wither: Longshot Saloon

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

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The Downbeat Theory: Blind

The Downtown Money Wasters: Blind Melons

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

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Heavy Rotation: Brick By Brick Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Island Breeze: Humphrey's The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero La Vagancia: Neimans Bar and Grill Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill Loaded on Arrival: 'Canes Los Ingratos: Over the Border Loud Residence: Bub's Whiskey Dive

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Kat Parsons: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company The Percolators: Tiki House Pickforparty: Thrusters Portland: The Casbah



BY DAVE GOOD

Debbie Davies has never gained a huge following. She tours the country out of her van, carving a life and a career from mean little club dates from coast to coast. That she's a woman blues guitar slinger and that she can outplay many of her male counterparts continues to surprise. There are the expected comparisons to Stevie Ray Vaughan or Jimmy Thackery or whoever in much of the rock press, where the male tradition of blues guitar hangs heavy. In reality, turn the lights out, and the whole of contemporary blues-rock guitarists sound about the same, man or woman. It's just that there aren't that many women doing it.

How does one get to the blues from Southern California? Always an interesting question. Davies grew up near L.A. and comes from a musical family. Her mother

played classical piano, and her dad arranged for names: Frank Sinatra, Pearl Bailey, Ray Charles. Wasn't it Charles — and I para-phrase — who once said that if you wanted to write a great song, it had to honor a woman? I'd imagine that Davies might not fall for that nonsense, but it takes me only a minute to find a corollary in some of her lyrics: "He's such a fine man, he can't lose / He got such a fine mind / When he put it to use." Or better yet: "The worst kinda man," she sings, "shows you the best kinda time.

Still, Davies sounds more British Invasion blues than I like, meaning that she worships weird old John Mayall, and it shows in her songwriting. She played in Mayall's wife's band for a year. But Davies also interned with Albert Collins. For three years she was a member of the lebreakers and soaked up Collins's main attribute: to put everything you got into your playing. On a good night, Davies can deliver blues licks as old as bones with fever and passion and



something like testosterone. Makes you wonder — would SRV have gained legend status had he been a woman?

Michelle Lundeen also performs. (To hear a sample of **Debbie Davies**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4966.)

DEBBIE DAVIES, Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, Saturday, April 16, 9:30 p.m. 619-224-3577 or 619-220-8497. \$15.

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Reaganomics: Blind Melons Red Gun Radar: Squid Joe's The Revenge Club: The Casbah The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rockola: Humphrey's The Samples: Belly Up Tavern Eve Selis [410]: Lestat's Coffeehouse Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee) Shagein' Wagon: Brick By Brick Shoe String Strap: Winstons Shurman: Belly Up Tavern Siren: Blind Melons Gone9: Second Wind (San Carlos) The Smut Peddlers: Brick By Brick Solis: Brick By Brick Split Finger: Blind Melons The Stampede Band: Etta's Place The Stilettos: Second Wind (Santee), McP's Irish Pub and Grill Sunsets and Landscapes: 'Canes

Tap Water: Winstons

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 The Wild Mountain Traveling Jam Band: Crossroads Cafe and

Coffeehouse

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Those Dang Robinsons: 'Canes

3 Against 1 [456]: Blind Melons

Triple X: Bub's Whiskey Dive

The Truckee Bros.: The Casbah

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Trophy Life: Blind Melons

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House





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The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort

The Ratz Pack: La Scala Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: Dakota Grill and Spirits

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce [711]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Joseph Angelastro: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar **The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies

German-American Societies Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

The Sacha Boutros Quartet: The Westgate Hotel, Pasquale on Prospect, Aurora Trattoria

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado **John Cain** [**703**]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Derek Cannon: Dizzy's

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze Karin Carlson: Dizzy's

Gilbert Castellanos [667]:

Excelsior
Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Charlie Chavez: Dizzy's

Peggy Claire: Humphrey's Jo Dark: The German-American

Societies The David Patrone Quartet [647]:

Croce's Jazz Bar Kevin Delgado: Dizzy's

The Golden Eagle Jazz Band: The Elks Lodge

Dora Hall: Aurora Trattoria **Rick Helzer:** Dizzy's

The High Society Jazz Band: The Inn Suites, Tio Leo's Lounge

Hip Graffiti: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del

Coronado **Barbara Jamerson:** Hotel del

Janita: Humphrey's

Jazilla: Turquoise Cafe

Sheila Jordan: Dizzy's

Kristin Korb: Dizzy's

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Mark Lessman: Coyote Bar and Grill

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel Geneva Luzala: Dizzy's Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar Jose Molina Serrano: The Gordon

Biersch Brewery Duncan Moore: Dizzy's

The Larry Morgan Jazz Quintet: La Bocca Ristorante

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Gene Perry: Dizzy's Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Belly Up Tavern

Dean Paul Ratzman: Bistro Soliel

John Rekavics: Dizzy's Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Melonie Sacalamitao: Dizzy's

Sambajazz: Scalini Restaurant

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Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar John Scott & the Magnificent: The Calypso Cafe Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado Trece de la Suerte: Excelsior The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:

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The Wings of Victory Orchestra: Viejas Casino EXTENSION 4006 REGGAE / SKA

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

The Devastators [731]: Brick By Brick

Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Blind Melons NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB) Psydecar [740]: Belly Up Tavern Junior Reid: 'Canes Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Calypso Cafe The Shocks of Mighty: Blind Melons

The Stone Senses: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Winstons, Blind Melons

Vegitation: Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club Coyote Moon: Mulvaney's The Honky Tonk Kings: Renegade

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

An Carraig: The Ould Sod Augustana: The Casbah David Beldock: Coyote Bar and Grill David Berkley: The Casbah

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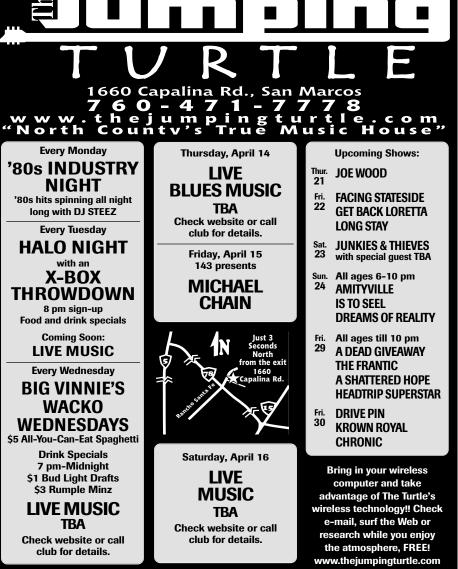
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Mike Ruggarillo: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Lisa Sanders [893]: Lestat's Coffeehous

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Andy Stochansky: Lestat's

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe Michael Tiernan: Martini Ranch (Encinitas

2 Guys Will Move U: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Robert Wetzel: Hotel del Coronado

Thomas Yearsley: The Calypso Cafe

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Blue Four [943]: Patrick's II The Blues Brokers: The Kraken The Boogiemen [937]: Humphrey's The B-3 Four: Monroe's Cafe The Charles Burton Blues Band

[931]: The Kraken Coupe de Ville: Pal Joey's **Tomcat Courtney & the Blues**

Dusters [932]: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Chateau Orleans Debbie Davies [966]: Humphrey's Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Kathy Graham: Egyptian Tea Room



Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, Turquoise Cafe

The Kyle Jester Blues Show: The Calypso Cafe Lafayette & the Leasebreakers

[930]: Patrick's II Michele Lundeen [952]: Humphrey's

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak: Patrick's II

The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Patrick's II

Carlos

The Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise The Oozie Blues Show: Patrick's II The Ravens: Winstons J.J. Slyde: Second Wind (San

Nightclub

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

Mystery Train: O'Connell's Pub and

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Cantua: El Gato Loco The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare Crash Carter: The Calvoso Cafe Rav Correa: The Butcher Shop

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Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

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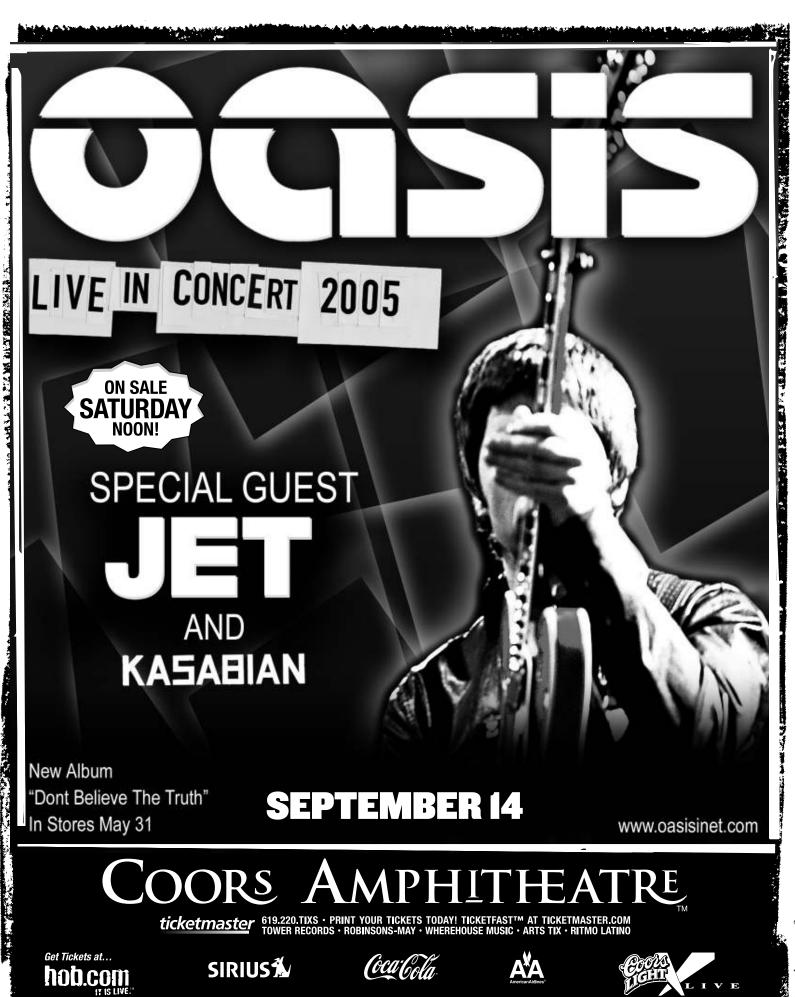
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Ed Repaci: Red Fox Steakhouse Kristi Rickert [998]: Top of the Cove

Salvador & Cesar: La Scala David Timothy Smith: Albie's Beef

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Booty Basement: Fourth Saturday of the month, rap, booty bass, and '80s with DJs Rob, Ikah, and Dimitri. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street, South Park. 619-284-6784.

Club Ballyhoos: Wednesdays, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ Richard D and DJ B; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Krave: Fridays, electro, '80s, and indie with DJ B; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. San Diego Sports Club,

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Deviantly Dark: Sundays, dark, driving progressive house and breakbeats with DJs Emmet Masterson and Joe P; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

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Fresca: Thursdays, trip-hop, downtempo breaks, and acid jazz with DJs Red Sonya and Jersan; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, booty bass, and reggae. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-9393.

HiFi: Third Saturday of the month, '80s, britpop, and indie with DJs Bczar and Richard D. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

Liquid Funk: Fridays, funk, downtempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The

Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

The Mercury Room: Thursdays, R2 and CAZ spin hip-hop, dance, and Top 40. Tuesdays, Man's Ruin, Ribz spin rockabilly, psychobilly, and swing. Wednesdays, Klub Krome, the best and worst of metal and rock. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, *Saturday Night Mix*, hiphop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach.

858-483-6550. **One Nation:** Second Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), Golden Hill. 619-284-6784.

Plum Loco Saloon: Thursdays, Latin Night with DJ Rick La Voz. Fridays, hip-hop with DJ Lenny. Saturdays, old skool and hip-hop with DJ Rick La Voz. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. 2511 Sweetwater Road, National City. 619-475-7313.

Pnutz & Collagey: Wednesdays, party hip-hop, loungey downtempo, and dancehall. The Morena Club, 1319 Morena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-275-4431.

The Pompeii Room: Thursdays, DJ Stiffy spins hip-hop, reggae, and Latin. Fridays, Club Fandango, in which DJS Tito G, Lucho, and Chilaquil spin reggaeton, salsa, and cumbia. Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, retro, and Latin dance. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos. 760-737-5040.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, hiphop. Fridays and Saturdays, house. Sundays, Sunday Night Shakedown with DJs Jersan and Beatnik. Tuesdays, Step, house music with DJs











Red Sonya and J-Be. Wednesdays Relax, '70s and '80s funk. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-2838.

Rock My Soul: Mondays, fresh beats with DJ Shoeshine and Little Brother, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163, Hillcrest. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sanctuary Sundays: House, hip-hop, and Latin dance with DJs Xcite, Moreno, and Puga, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; no cover. Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, wntown. 619-544-1609

Soul Lounge: Wednesdays, DJ Kutfather and Groove set the mood with R&B, hip-hop, and soul muzik First Wednesday of the month, Old Skool Wednesday, 9 p.m. Buster Dalv's. 3112 University Avenue North Park. 619-284-2747.

subLIFE: First and third Fridays of the month, DJs Chronick and Chris Two Four with Voz Frontera. Deep/funky house. Gato Loco, 634 adway, downtown. 619-544-1609.

Suspiria: Wednesdays, dark '70s and '80s rock and dancepunk, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic with DJs Bryan Pollard, Darkman, and DarkAngel. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and

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Urge: Thursdays, house music. Rich's Nightclub, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-295-2195

CLUBS BY AREA

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., the Samples, rock. Friday, 9:30 p.m., the Yonder Mountain String Band. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Bob Schneider* and Shurman. Monday, Primo, salsa/Latin jazz. Wednesday, King Sunny Ade, sydecar, and Damaru Afropop/funk/alternative.

Bistro Soliel, 641 South Coast Highway, Encinitas. 760-942-9549. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Dean Paul Ratzman, jazz/old Top 40.

The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Thursday, 9 p.m., hip-hop/R&B Friday, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 7 p.m. to midnight, open mike. Monday, 10 p.m., rock. Wednesday, country.





Album Name: Indigo Child (2004) Artist: Simeon Flick

Label: Simeon Flick Music

Songs: 1) Round in Circles 2) Good Graces 3) Indigo Child 4) Do It and Leave 5) These Days 6) Surrender Song 7) Contemplation No. 3: River 8) Omegajam 9) Can't Wait Till I Die

Price/Where Available: www.cdbaby.com for \$13

Band Members: Simeon Flick (acoustic and electric guitars. vocals, fretless bass, drums, diembe, and percussion)

Extra Info: Flick plays Saturday, April 16, at Hot Java Café from 7:30 to 9, all ages, free. Saturday, April 23, along the Artwalk Downtown Stage 4 (India and Date Streets), 12 to 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 24, at the Artwalk Stage 2 (between India and Cedar Streets), 1 to 2:45 p.m., all ages, free. Flick also plays Saturday, April 30, at Cosmos Café (8278 La Mesa Boulevard), 7 to 9:30 p.m., all ages, free.

Website: www.simeonflick.com

Within ten tracks, Flick bridges the gap between confrontational rock and

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue,

Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Y3K*, pop rock

Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735.

Friday, 8 p.m., Joseph Angelastro, jazz

11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday,

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8 p.m., Hip Graffiti, jazz.

style but instead is anchored

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS Friday, *Triple X*, rock. Saturday, *Loud* ide 760-757-BUBS Residence, rock

intricate folk harmonies. The

disc isn't reliant on either

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, the Kyle Jester Blues Show. Friday, Jeff Moore and Dean Smith, blues. Saturday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae. Sunday, Thomas Yearsley, guitar. Monday, John Scott & the Magnificent, jazz. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Crash Carter, rock

by a rhythm that effectively uses the dynamics of both oeuvres.

Though undercurrents of melancholy run through many songs, the album doesn't give in to depression and woe. Instead, the themes of lost love and dying break away to words centered on hope and resolve. Soft tones and acoustic dexterity mark the rolling ballad "Good Graces" where Flick sings, "I don't know who you are, but I think I'm falling out of your good graces." Simple, yes, but the sullen restraint with which Flick delivers it is akin to the kind of emotion in U2's "With or Without You."

Other highlights include the rowdier closer "Can't Wait Till I Die." The cut's lines, all sung tongue-in-cheek, are well suited to the vintage rocker: "Well, I don't know if I've been here before, but I don't think I'll be back for

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Lee*. Friday and Saturday, *the* Crossroads, classic rock.

760-789-0270. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, ac nustic rock

Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic



more / so I say with a sigh, can't wait till I die."

(To hear a sample of Indigo Child, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4886.)

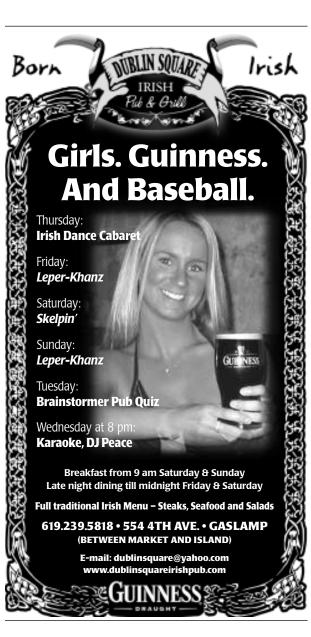
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Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Geese in the Bog*, Irish folk. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Fish & the Seaweeds,

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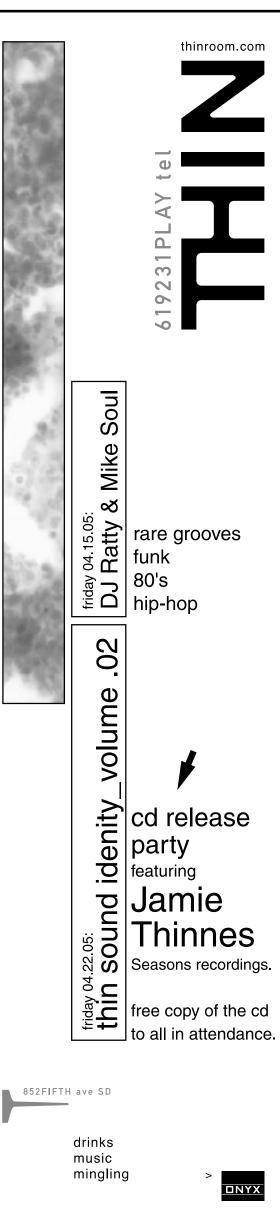
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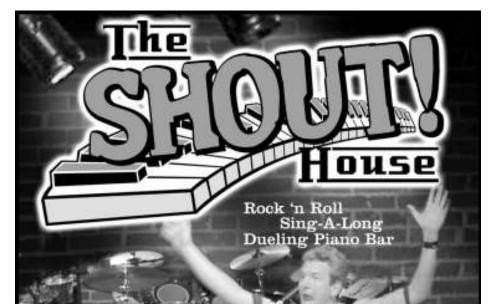
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blues. Sunday, the Blues Brokers. Monday, the Charles Burton Blues Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand

Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *Wither*, alternative rock.

Martini Ranch. 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., Delancy, Girlyman, and Michael Tiernan, folk/pop.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlshad 760-434-3497 Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the* California Rangers, country

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Saturday, 9 p.m., *La* Vagancia, rock.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido 760-480-8228. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock. Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho

Bernardo, 858-675-8500, El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

Scalini, 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-259-9944. Thursday through Saturday, live jazz. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sambajazz, American and Brazilian iazz.

Squid Joe's, 850 Tamarack Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-4996. Friday, *the Essentials, Red Gun Radar*, and *D.O.S.*, alternative rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway

101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Emersen*, rock. Saturday, *Married by Elvis*, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 640 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-7234, Saturday 9 p.m., the Clay Colton Band, pub

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

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Aurora Trattoria, 1025 Prospect Street #250, La Jolla. 858-551-8554. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bradley Leighton* and *Dora Hall*, jazz standards and contemporary. Saturday, the Sacha Boutros Quartet, Latin jazz.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-7844. Music is rock/heavy/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Mad Habit and the Trophy Life, rock. Friday, 3 Against 1, Siren, and Split Finger, alternative rock. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Overdose, rock, 9 p.m., Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels, reggae. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Reaganomics, 9 p.m., Friends of



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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Daddio's Superior Bar & Grill, 4556 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-272-4656. Thursday, 6 p.m., Fred Heath & the Slidewinders, blues. Friday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Fathom Spades*, alternative. Friday and Saturday, live alternative/heavy rock.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., John Cain, international dance music.

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.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. 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. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*, jazz.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *the Sacha Boutros Quartet*, jazz.

Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Pickfordparty*, rock/alternative.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Friday, the Percolators, rock. Saturday, the 145th Street Blues Band. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic.

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Albie's Beef Inn. 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy Smith

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Tony

Cummins, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Sean O'Donnell and Allison Gill.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, *Safety Orange, the Napoleon Complex,* and *Cheeky.* Friday, the Devastators, Stolen, Heavy Rotation, and Shaggin' Wagon. Saturday, Social Spit, the Smut Peddlers, the Cadaver Dogs, Solis, Punchclock, and the Wastrels. Sunday, Amish Rake Fight, Micronaut, and Shaolin Punk. Wednesday, Bleed the Sky, Hostility, and Six.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Kathy Graham, gospel/blues.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, the Stampede Jam, classic rock

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 9 p.m., *Prisa*, salsa.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Jose Molina* Serrano, jazz.

Harry's Bar and American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to p.m., the Jaime Valle Qu Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Criminal Funk, '80s dance, Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *DeNille Thompson*, smooth jazz, 10 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Saturday, 6 p.m., the Thomas

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Only" and "Some people are alive simply because it's against the law to kill them"); one wall was filled with Marine memorabilia; two bigscreen TVs, photos of rugby teams, and a few clovers

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I talked to a few of the older regulars here while they debated how long this place has been here. One said 20 years, and the other said. "It's been here for 30. I've

Wednesday, Greg Laswell, the Sorrow Band, and Brian Mitchell.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Mystery Train*, blues. Tuesday, open-blues jam. Wednesday, call club for information.

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lived in Clairemont that long and have always come here."

A guy in his mid-20s sitting nearby said, "I've never been in here before. I was doing laundry next door and heard the music, so I thought I'd grab a beer while my clothes are in the dryer."

When a band plays, they perform against the back wall (there isn't a lot of space). But when traditional Irish music is played, the musicians sit in the middle of the restaurant. It's a nice touch, but it gets very loud when the bagpipes play.

It seemed to me that there were a whole slew of instruments tonight: a flute, a banio, a violin, a mandolin, and some acoustic guitars, but after a few songs, when people started yelling out tunes they wanted to hear, one of the musicians turned around and said, "We can't play that one tonight. We don't have a saxophone." Even in an Irish pub, you can still miss a saxophone. – Josh Board

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues. Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Thursday, Mike Ruggarillo, acoustic/folk, Friday and Saturday, 60ne9, classic rock. Tuesday, J.J. Slyde, blues.

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina (west tower), 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island. 619-291-2900. Alfiere Restaurant: Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., opera arias.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, swing. Friday, *the Joey Show*, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Monday tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, the High Society Jazz Band.

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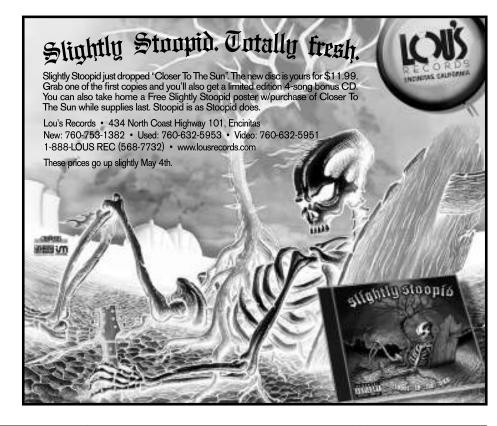
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— Dixon Lanier Merritt

The totem animal of Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill is the pelican, his image greeting you from a flag at the front door and running through the blue-and-white paper menus. The restaurant's motto is "All We Do Is Fish," and that's the truth — the entire menu consists of seafood, with a few basic side dishes to round out the meals. Another motto, unstated, must be "KISS" ("keep it simple, stupid"), because the cooking follows that rule and is all the better for it. San Diego is home to many "economy class" seafood joints (serving fried fish and/or readymade from Sysco). To my tastes, this clean-cut newbie blows 'em out of the water.

The first thing you notice upon entering the bright, white room is an L-shaped retail seafood counter. Do the words "Copper River salmon" make your heart leap? By the time you read this, you'll find it in the case here, fresh from Alaska. For city dwellers south of Interstate 8 and west of the 805, restaurant-quality raw seafood is a far rarer bird than a pelican. The owners of Blue Water were aware of the lack, and that's one reason they started this venture.

For dine-in restaurant dishes, the order counter is at the back of the room. One chalkboard lists the available species of the day, another the specials. (Sometimes the specials are more expensive species than those sold at the retail counter, hence purchased in smaller quantities.) Don't look for fried fish — they don't serve it. You can get a side of fries or onion rings, but the main fish-cooking medium here is the grill. Once you've announced your choices, you grab napkins and plastic utensils from the side of the counter and choose a seat. Someone will find you and deliver your goodies (on black plastic plates or in bowls) when they're ready. The front room contains six or seven tables, and there are more in an adjoining roofed-over garden patio. The tables sport empty Yellowtail Pale Ale cardboard six-packs filled with condiments: ketchup, two



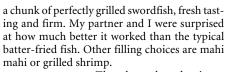
Mexican hot sauces, Sriracha Asian hot sauce, and Kikkoman soy.

Our first foray began with a half dozen oysters on the half-shell. They were big, luscious Bluepoints, sea-fresh and rich in the mouth —

the juiciest oysters I can remember since Royale Brasserie devolved into Lou and Mickey's. (When they're not Bluepoint, they're Chef's Creek, another big,

clean-flavored breed.) They arrive with a housemade cocktail sauce, a balanced mixture of ketchup, fresh-grated horseradish, lemon juice, and parsley. More horseradish is sprinkled on top, and lemon wedges come on the side. At our second visit, having planned to order entrées, we limited ourselves to a pair of spicy oyster shooters. Once again, the oysters were exquisite, with an incendiary, sinus-clearing cocktail sauce. These must be the ultimate hangover slap-in-theface.

The fabulous, messy swordfish taco is ideal, a soft corn tortilla overloaded with tomato, shredded cabbage, thinned mayo dressing, and



The clam chowder is an honest, flour-free cream of potato soup, amended with natural clam juices and strips of fresh (not canned) clams. It's undersea-

soned — a plus — just add salt and pepper to taste. My one complaint is that it arrives hot as napalm; you must wait while it wafts tempting aromas at you until it's cooled enough to sip.

Don't look for a San Francisco-style cioppino here (or anywhere else in San Diego, for that matter), because the Dungeness crab that dominates the Fisherman's Wharf recipe rarely travels this far south. That said, Blue Water makes a good soup, a tomatoey fish fumet laden with firm (not dry) fin-fish pieces and a heap of bell pepper, celery, and carrots. The house ceviche, however, pushed my expectations too far out of shape. Cubes of snapper are mixed with shrimp and

Blue Water Seafood Market & Grill *** (Very Good)

3667 India Street (at Chalmers), Middletown, 619-497-0914.

HOURS: Daily, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Soups, light dishes, seafood cocktails \$1.50–\$7; sandwiches \$6–\$8; seafood salads \$7–\$9; entrée plates \$11–\$15.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Seafood grilled simply and gently, plus seafood cocktails, salads; retail fish counter. Good choice of beers; a few wines (\$18 and under), generic wine by the glass. Free corkage for BYO wine.

PICK HITS: Raw oysters; swordfish taco; grilled fish plate (whatever's freshest) with lemon-garlic butter.

NEED TO KNOW: A half block south of El Indio; look for dentist's sign. Reachable only by driving north on India (nearest side street is a dead end). Metered street parking daytimes, with some unmetered spots on Chalmers; after 5 p.m. and on weekends, okay to use next-door dentist's lot if it's not chained off. Informal, with first-class fish served on no-class plastic plates. Ask what's best that day. First come, first served; expect a wait on weekends.

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scallops, an equal or greater quantity of diced tomato, and cured with more lemon than lime juice for a sour flavor. It's legitimate (resembling Peruvian ceviche, rather than the more familiar Baja rendition), but I'm just not that into it.

For a substantial meal, you can order a seafood sandwich (well garnished on a soft bolillo roll), a seafood salad, or an entrée plate. The seafoods are grilled to order, glazed with your choice of lemon butter, garlic butter, lemon-garlic butter, teriyaki, chipotle, or blackened (which

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must mean rubbed with "blackening spices," since the flesh is still grilled, not sautéed à la Paul Prud'homme).

Along with the fish, dinner plates include rice to soak up the juices, and a huge, elaborate salad with a choice of dressings. I was crazy about my bleu cheese, and my partner went ape for his ranch. "Find out what brand of dressings they're using!" he told me. "I want to buy it." No such luck — all the dressings are made from scratch.

Halibut is always fresh at Blue Water because, as America's favorite fish, it turns over fastest. I usually shy away from ordering it, because few chefs know how to maximize its gentle virtues. Here, the pristine fish was grilled to absolute tenderness; a topping of lemon-garlic butter brought out its delicate flavor. This simple, sensitive treatment ranks with the best renditions of halibut that I've tasted. My partner had mahi mahi with chipotle glaze. The fish was perhaps a day older, and we both felt that the glaze wasn't quite right for it. (The chipotle flavor might work better with grilled shrimp or shark.)

In addition to sampling cooked seafoods, we also bought raw fish to prepare at home. The one night we didn't order ovsters to eat on the spot, we took some home to scrupulously verify the consistency of their quality (heh heh). Over a stretch of two weeks, they were always incredible. A hunk of Scottish salmon was more refined than Pacific wild salmon. tighter-knit and cleaner-flavored than farm-raised salmon from our side of the Atlantic. Mako shark looked good and tasted better. Shark can be chancy - two minutes past its prime, it develops an edgy odor — but this smelled like the sea and had wonderfully firm flesh.

The only disappointment was a red snapper (rockfish) fillet, which looked and tasted peaked — it's a fragile species that, once sliced, loses its sparkle. On another visit, two days later, the fillets were visibly perky. Blue Water's owners move their stock fast: Fish are delivered or picked up daily, and spend no more than two days in the front counter before they're exiled — still safe, but with fading flavors — to the kitchen for fish soup. Still, some species will inevitably be fresher than others even as they arrive. If you're not sure, just ask what's best that day.

If my mother were alive and in San Diego, she'd likely settle in Blue Water's neighborhood just so she could regularly enjoy what she'd call "a nice piece of fish" (and big, healthy salad). She'd be gladder yet that — unlike the pelican she wouldn't get a big bill for it.

ABOUT BLUE WATER

Finding restaurant-quality raw seafood in the San Diego metro area isn't easy. You can go to live-tank Asian markets on El Caion or University, near the eastern end of City Heights, or head for similar markets in National City and Chula Vista. You can buy precious fish from Whole Foods, at a precious price, or get live lobster and crabs (nothing more) from a wholesaler on Main and 28th Streets, and...that's all, folks! For the rest, the offerings at the retail counter at the Fish Market — even local catch — are "processed" up in Monterey, and the extra days in transit dims their luster. The aromas at the fish section of the Logan Heights Farmer's Market are off-putting, while most seafood at the chain supermarkets is safe but sorry. As for the smaller groceries — your choices are confined to previously frozen shrimp, snapper, or tilapia.

The Braun family was aware of this pitiful situation when they decided to open Blue Water, venturing into a site where several restaurants have failed before. Judd (aged 29) is the cheerful, freckle-faced guy you'll meet at one counter or the other. His wife Alys (pronounced "Elise") works upstairs in the offices, and parents Tina and Larry Braun complete the family partnership.

"I've always liked fish, and fishing, and cooking," says Judd. "I worked at El Pescador in La Jolla. The owner was my mentor, really taught me how to treat fish properly. Most of my fish expertise I owe to him. I also worked at Point Loma Seafoods. They take great care of their fish as well.

"We get fish every single day, and even on Sundays, we

do will-call and pick it up. We don't play around with this. We buy from Chesapeake, and we get the Hawaiian species from a company in L.A. There's no point in having a fish market if you don't have fresh fish. We have a few local fishermen that we will deal with when summer comes around and the local fish are in season. Chesapeake is expensive, but we deal with them because we want to carry top products. They let us get whatever we want; they don't insist on a minimum. I really scrutinize the fish, and we send a lot of it back if it doesn't meet our standards. They're even okav with taking it back. It's important to establish a comfortable relationship. Some companies will send you garbage to see if vou'll take it.

"We don't carry any frozen fish except when we have to for instance, shrimp is almost always frozen. That's why we don't carry trolled King salmon right now, because it would only be frozen, and I don't want any frozen fish in the case. Pretty soon Copper River and Coho are coming, and we have a really good connection with a local fisherman up there for it. It's a bit 'spendy,' but it's really nice fish. It should be in around the middle of April.

"We're thinking about doing fried fish because it's so popular, but you can go anywhere to get that, and 99 percent of what you're getting when you buy it is cheap frozen pollock. That really turns me off. Later on, maybe we'll find a way to do good fried fish, but for now we're just concentrating on stuff we're already good at — simple grilled seafood. We have a tinv kitchen with just a 37-inch grill. It really gets hectic in there on Friday and Saturday nights. We have a couple of rotating chefs, local guys I grew up with and worked with at Point Loma and El Pescador.

"We thought it was kind of cute to serve really good food on plastic plates. We didn't want to put our money into the facade: we throw it into the food. We want to make it good and affordable. I think the overall feel and vibe of this place is coming out pretty well — that is, come in, feel comfortable, eat well. We'll bend over backwards as much as we can to get people what they want. All our guys are young and eager and want to help."∎



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Dream Factory

"I was a waiter, Peter was a sales rep. This was a big leap. But it took off, from day one."

ou'll eat eight spiders in your lifetime while you're sleeping," says this guy behind me. "City people have longer nose

hairs than country people." Hey, fella, trying to concentrate on the menu

here. 'Cept I can't stop listening. Guy's entertaining his buddy with useless facts. "When you blush," he says, "your stomach lining also goes red.

That's what hits you out here near Santee: people talk. And to people they're with, not someone

on the other end of a cell phone. This place is a big old barn I spotted while cruising by with Hank the other day. Reminded me of that legendary Samoa Cookhouse for loggers outside Eureka.

So today, when I passed it again on the 834 bus, I pulled the cord. "Be back in an hour," the driver said. Uh-oh. Turns out this guy does a lonely circuit. Hereabouts, the 834 is it.

The Omelette Factory sits in the kind of standalone building you expect to see in a country town. Long, angle-roofed, with a portico dressing up the basic shed structure behind. They say the Swiss of Chula Vista built it as a community hall way back when, then it was shipped up here to sit in glorious isolation until, 11 years ago, the Giforos family came along. And turned it into a big ol' breakfast joint.

So I hop up the stairs to the porch, almost expecting a "Leave your guns at the door" sign. Inside, the sprawling room has industrial carpet, a low acoustic-tile ceiling, and a swath of tables

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bulging with couples, families, co-workers, and a few old guys with flowing white beards. A painting of a rooster ("Backyard King") and some hot-rod portraits splot the walls. Gal comes up to me.

"How you doing today?" Her name's Eleni. Greek background. "I'm Peter's wife," she says. "Pete and Jimmy, his brother, run this place, along with the rest of our family.

They have lunches here, but breakfast is the biggie, especially omelets. Nineteen of

them. Three-eggers all, from the cheapest (\$5.49, "Just Say Cheese," with Swiss, jack, cheddar, or American cheese) to the most expensive (\$7.49, "the Factory Omelette," build your own with up to four meats, veggies, or cheeses). In between you've got the \$6.99ers, such as "Highway 52" (ham, green chili, tomato, onions, cheddar); the "Californian" (avocado, bacon, tomato, cheddar); "Pineapple Express" (ham, pineapple, jack cheese); and a couple of Greek ones, like "the Athenian," with gyros meat, tomato, onions, olives, and feta cheese.

Hmm. Also basics like one egg with hash browns and toast (\$3.19), or high-livin' items such as top sirloin steak with potatoes and eggs (\$8.29). Or a "Southern Breakfast" with biscuits and gravy, two sausage patties, two poached eggs, country gravy and potatoes (\$7.49). Or "Mexican" (Huevos Rancheros, \$5.99), or the interesting-sounding "Nutty Hotcakes" with walnuts (\$4.99).

But hey, this is the Omelette Factory, right? So let's talk "Factory Omelette."

"Good choice," says Eleni. "What do you want to put inside?"

I ask for mushrooms, chorizo, onions, and dollops of feta cheese. Trying to be original here. Sure you want the feta? It's kind of strong,"

says Eleni. I hesitate. "Uh, yes," I say.

Glad I did. The chorizo and feta are two intense tastes, but they work, and with good home fries, skins and all, plus fresh salsa and English muffins and endless coffee (\$1.59), the meal is

almost Samoa-size. Next time I'm gonna go for the "Factory Burger." It costs \$7.99 but has two hamburger patties plus gyro meat, two cheeses, and onions. Sounds awesome.

"People said we were nuts to open this place, way out here," Jimmy says as I pay up. "The building was unoccupied back in '94. It was a mess. But we saw it and talked it over at dinner, at Mama's house. Our dad had died not long before, and we knew this would give Mama something to occupy her, and help us, because she's such a great cook. She does all the gravies and soups. I was a waiter, Peter was a sales rep.

This was a big leap. But it took off, from day one. We feel like we're living the American dream.

'Course, the inevitable happens. I chew the fat just too long. I walk outside. Zoom! My 834, heading back to downtown Santee. Too far to walk from this, like, semi-countryside. Hell. Hour to fill.

I end up wandering into the Mexican place on the next block. Los Michoacanos. All bright reds and yellows. It has a terrace outside where you can see the bus coming. Result? In two minutes I'm chewing on the most original taco I've had in months. A potato taco. A buck 89.

Luis Gabriel, the owner, first brought me a basket of tortilla chips and salsa, even with this cheapo order. Then out came a hot, crispshelled taco bursting with shredded lettuce, two cheeses, and inside, the most scrumptious sautéed potatoes. Toss some salsa in, and oh man. If I didn't have to work I'd get a \$1.99 Bud as well.

But oops! There's the 834, heaving into view. One last crunch and I'm down the slope, licketysplit. Food's important, but as they say, a bus in hand is worth two hours in the bush.

The Place: The Omelette Factory, 7941 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-596-9686 **Type of Food:** American

Prices: "Just Say Cheese" omelet with Swiss, jack, cheddar, or American, \$5.49; "Highway 52" omelet with ham, green chill, tomato, onions, cheddar, \$6.99; "The Athenian" (gyros meat, tomato, onions, olives, feta cheese), \$6.99; "The Factory Omelette," build your own with up to four meat, veggie, and cheese options, \$7.49; one egg with hash browns and toast, \$3.19; top sirloin steak, eggs, potatoes, \$8.29; "Nutty Hotcakes" with walnuts, \$4.99; broiled chicken breast salad, \$7.49

Hours: 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., seven days

The Place: Los Michoacanos, 8001 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-449-9032 Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Potato taco, \$1.89; 3 mini tacos al pastor (pork), \$2.95; bean and cheese burrito, \$1.99; beef burrito, \$2.35; garlic shrimp combo, \$7.50; chorizo torta, \$3.25; hamburger, \$1.70 Hours: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., seven days

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Paternal Loam

"I was too stupid to know it was time to stop. All of a sudden, one day, I said, 'There's fruit on those vines!"

had always liked growing tomatoes," explains Victor Edwards, co-owner with his wife Beth of the newly formed Edwards Vineyard & Cellars in Ramona. "I'm originally from Long Island, and we lived behind a big

tomato farm. My parents were organic growers, and we always had a lot of home produce." Fast-forward a couple of decades, and Long Island has given way to Lakeside. "A college buddy who sort of comes in and out of my life showed up. I told him I was starting to drink some wine —

Cabernets from Stag's Leap or the Kenwood Artist Series. That was when they were eight or ten dollars a bottle. He introduced me to Silver Oak."

Fast-forward a little bit more, and Edwards is growing roses for competition but sick of pricking himself on the thorns when he prunes. "I thought, 'If I can grow roses, I can grow grapes.' I spent the next three or four years killing grapevines. But I was too stupid to know it was time to stop, and so I kept at it and kept at it. All of a sudden, one day, I said, 'Oh my God there's fruit on those vines!'"

A friend made wine from that '94 vintage and produced a knockout. "Then he proceeded to ruin the next two vintages. We had hydrogen sulfide problems — that comes from not punching



down the cap. And we had Brett," the gnarly bacterium that lurks in wineries and makes wines smell of Band-Aids and horse sweat. (Some people like a touch of Brett — *mmm*, horse sweat but Edwards is a fan of fruit and oak, provided

they aren't overly amped up. "I like to be able to identify what the wood is. I find French oak gives you a sort of dried-flower quality, and American oak gives you more backbone. But used barrels" new French oak can run up to \$800 a barrel now, so Edwards often buys used — "can be full of

contaminants like Brett. When I go to buy barrels, I pull the bung out and stick my nose in fortunately, I've got a nice big one. Oak smells a certain way, and the barrel needs to smell like fresh wood. If it smells like anything else, if it's musty, I say, 'That's not for me.' ")

So in '97, Edwards decided to make his own wine. "That happened to be a stellar year for grape-growing. The wine was just big, and the acids were perfect. I thought, 'This is easy.' Naturally, '98 and '99 were harder years, and I learned about adding tartaric acid to the wines to improve balance" — a common practice in Southern California. But the harder years weren't enough to smother the growing desire to make wine commercially. "We figured we'd do it as a retirement plan something fun for later, when the kids were out of grade school," recalls Edwards' wife Beth. "We talked about moving to Lake County,"

We talked about moving to Lake County, continues Edwards. "We thought Ramona land prices were way too expensive. A decade ago, Lake County was a newer viticultural area, and since then, it's taken off rather well." But Edwards kept checking out "For Sale" signs, and two years ago, he found the spot he's in now, eight miles past the Sizzler, on the north side of Highway 78.

The house was thrashed; it had been left vacant and was vandalized. But the barn — 8000 square feet and handsomely built — was pristine and almost new. "When we saw it, we just said, 'That would make a perfect winery.' We can put the crush pad out back, and I'm thinking of closing the back corner in and insulating it really well for barrel storage. We could have the stainlesssteel tanks in the back right section, maybe a room for receptions. And we could have a tasting room up front with windows looking over the valley."

"You can actually see the Cuyamacas," notes Beth.

Still, notes Edwards, becoming a tourist destination means providing a wine experience for visitors, an activity related to, but distinct from, making good wine. What sold the place was the soil. "I went digging, and I said, 'This is actually soil. It's not just decomposed granite or hard clay.' And I'm very pleased with the deepness. When we got here, I took the auger and dug down three feet. Then my son and I got a shovel and dug down another three feet. It kept getting sandier, but it was still a nice, sandy loam. The water will drain through, and the roots will chase it. That's a lot better than my last vineyard, where we had two feet of soil and then a hard layer of clay. The water just sat in that two feet and got dried up by



Victor Edwards in his vineyard

the sun." And the roots weren't about to push into the clay in search of underground moisture. "The soil is probably too nice for grapevines,"

says Edwards. "But I'm lucky to have it; it's at a nice pH of 6. Up in Napa, there are people having to rip into the soil and add buckets of lime to reduce the acidity. And then they have to do it again in three or four years."

Victor and Beth bought the place, planning to take things slowly, still aiming at a retirement project. Then the company that employed Victor "packed up and moved back to Iowa." Beth started working full-time, and Victor threw himself into starting the winery. He figured out how to ride a tractor. He finished a room in the house for cold storage. (He has his eye on some pens sit-

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uated under part of the house for a temporary winery, but Beth reminds him that the space is slated to become her new kitchen/dining room.)

Edwards estimates that "By the time we finish this year, we're going to be at about two acres. We'll probably expand to get this whole nine or ten acres planted here" - "here" being the gentle south-facing slope leading down to the road — "but it's just me, my wife, and our three sons. Things take longer than you think they're going to."

The family put in the vineyard themselves, and they maintain it themselves. "The growth tubes around the vines serve a multitude of func-tions," says Edwards, "but they're mostly there to protect. They keep rabbits from chewing on the vines, and when you've got younger boys weedwhacking...the last thing you want is that nylon strip slashing up your vine." For trellising posts, they used steel poles studded with metal loops. "The original owner was going to use these pipes for some of his cattle fencing. It'll probably take forty years for them to rust; my youngest son will have to switch them out. Hopefully, he'll be there telling people about when he and his father planted the vineyard."

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres* leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leu-cadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, in-cluding a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the au-thentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons of puffed relleno batter. The fresh, inter esting seafood entrées outshine the rel-



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Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian ginger-bread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-toorder omelets, seafood creations, mi-mosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) Af-ter dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up tradi-tional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's car-rot cake or her double chocolate cake rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encini-tas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. - N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Ocean-side, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Ari-zona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/01) Savory 267 N. El Camino Real. Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetu-

ally packed for dinner since opening day Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediter ranean cooking spotlighting seasonal lo-cal produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta*, a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. -N.W. (12/03)

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NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some

lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the sa-vory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Deliv-ered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. E.B. (3/02)

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This pho (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank. tendon, and tripe along with mint and

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Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the ne as California-French. Whatever cuisi Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit of-fers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen

on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompa-nying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. – N.W. (5/01)

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. N.W. (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie - save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed



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annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

GOLD COAST

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleas-ant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, of-fers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (per-sonal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area. which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

Aesop's Tables Greek Cafe 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros are the thing here, since 1975. The meat's prepared outside to Aesop's recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize pitzas with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices, American-style? A true-blue (and white) Greek choice is the *meze* appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled eggplant ("melitzanasalata"), tabbouleh, marinated mushrooms, artichokes, broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it'll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo entrée is good also, with nice thick *tzatziki* (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces. Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and arni souvlaki (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, including Xinomavro Merlot. But to really get the spirit, order saganaki, sautéed Kasseri cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo. Go ahead, try an "Opah!" or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday; Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (6/04)

Cuvee 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. Seasonal if rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine, designed to accompany an interesting and very af-fordable wine list. All bottles on the regular list are under \$25 and available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley be-hind La Jolla branch. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100.



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Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's housemade Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. An-

other branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and sub-stantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interest-ing wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (*1/04*)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voila!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Ar-guably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong spe-cialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations ac-cepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. - N.W. (9/02)

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must - thincrusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W. (6/02)

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-thebook Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaï*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." If don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forro* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked kalua pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive — *F.B* (B(03))

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal,



there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. - N.W. (10/02)

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for chawan-mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida:* "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a

light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open un-til midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the kibbeh neyeh, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288 You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when threeor four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: pho, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. -E.B. (10/01)

Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians

come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Lao-tians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" - fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy (*"koitiow bahat sai kho"*). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, wellmarinated in garlic and olive oil), burg ers, chicken breasts, or portobello mush rooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eve. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to try yams, corn on the cob, and corn

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bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Jimmy's 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all - forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trim-mings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and hipped cream. Open three me als, seven days, Inexpensive, - E.B. (11/00)

La Mesa Ocean Grille And Seafood Market 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Marvland Street), La Mesa 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, black-ened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fish-eschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus

nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps - too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, re-freshing, and slightly tart. Baked Mary-land-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate A.M. (5/01)

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Monday dinner only. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/04)

Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant 3893 54th Street (at University Avenue,

in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate — E.W. (9/99)

Sunny Garden Cuisine of China

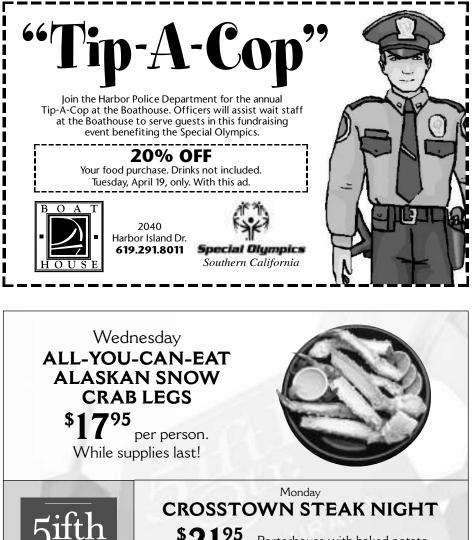
5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -A.M. (4/02)

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speak-ing, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast - it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). eals, seven days. Inexpen-Open three m sive. — E.B. (8/01)

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FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytimebreakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01) **Bread and Cie** 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anisefig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (6/02)

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoonand-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfinstuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustardcrusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fishscorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (5/04)*

(at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-missitems are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-andspinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — NW (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic hu mor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beat ing beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish ke-bab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular pa-trons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Coowner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving ven-turesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as ap-petizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. N.W. (6/01)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakee*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to

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stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't de-spise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted lack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And ves, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and innts have been somewhat compro mised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conven-tioneers. The choices are more Dudefriendly ---- that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — N.W. (1/04)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island) Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adven ture-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "graz-ing" can be moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shell-fish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *put*tanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great iob with calamari. And in fair weather the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free park ing lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — Inexpensive N.W. (12/02)

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1409 C Street (at 14th), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are pop-ping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, and the Drone Chicken or Be Sting (spicy Cajun grilled mahi mahi). Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner; Saturday and Sun-day dinner only. Bar closes at 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Ave nue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving oldfashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpen-sive. — E.B. (8/03)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broad-way), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty

black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a Caipirinha). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on week-ends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out as-sembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recended for dining room. Moderate. - N.W. (2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Deli**catessen** Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green car-pets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. - E.B. (9/01)

Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites:

"veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch: Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Coronado Avenue), Orange 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (11/00) Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sun-flower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (us-ing flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using wal-nuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155 For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to en-tertain your in-laws or hold your birthdav dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven davs (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian li-cense plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu - a hole in the ground - it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the haupia cake — it may cause serious ad-diction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you "chocolate milk" — it's slang







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meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions. Moderate. — N.W. (1/04)

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Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classi-cally trained chef-owners are pioneering "new Mexican cuisine," creating sophisticated combinations of superb local products and traditional Mexican flavors. Fresh-caught seafood, local-grown vegetables and mesquite smoke from the wood-burning grill are fea-tured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intenselv beefv, is also a constant. Little ronder this has become the destination

restaurant south of Tijuana. The menu is in Spanish, but owners Benito Molina and Solange Muris Evans speak fluent English, as do some wait staff. (The only communication problem will be the exotic music blasting on the sound sys-tem.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until 11 p.m. Moderate. N.W. (9/04)

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the origi-nal "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Or-tega's grew into an octopus with mul-tiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — N.W. (11/02)

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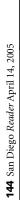
Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody plush red booths. And always crowded.

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El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional lo-cations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flamebroiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tor-tillas, and a choice of side dishes that in-cludes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy mac-aroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. - N.W. (2/03)

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), Na-tional City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropoli-tan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boule-vard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Pop-eye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy. crisp fried chicken and air-light drop bis-cuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird - flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalava are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. -N.W. (2/02)





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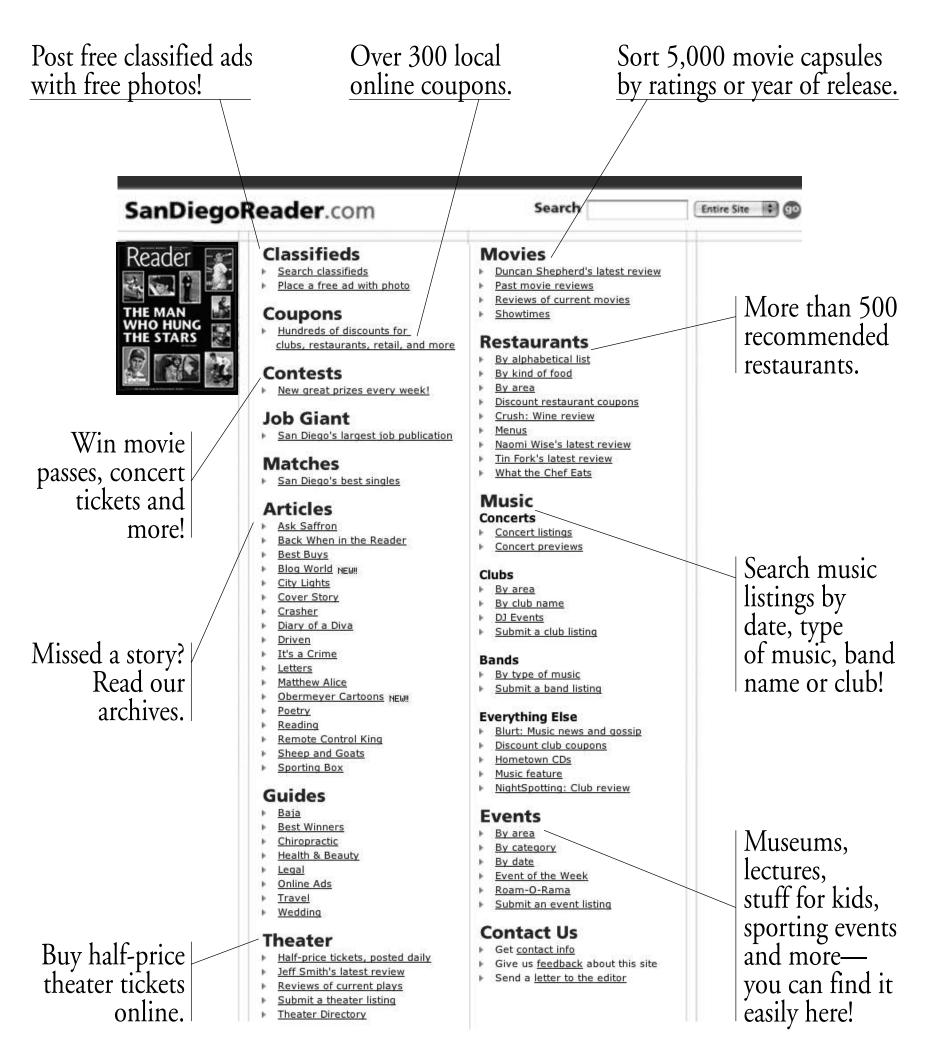


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Funnily Enough

No single title was going to cover all the film's facets.

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Contrasting examples, one American, the other French. If you were to install

a laugh-meter in equally crowded auditoriums for each of them, the American would doubtless emerge the clear

winner, or at any rate the clear louder. If, however, you were to put a mike on only me in empty auditoriums, you'd hear the frequent cackle and chuckle during the French, while during the American you might wonder whether my attention had shifted to working a crossword puzzle. The truth is that I was producing silent smiles and muffled snuffles just slightly less frequent than the audible cackles and chuckles. I enjoyed both films, but, strange though it is to say, funny though it is to say, the American seemed to me the more abstract, the more theoretical, and the French more human and therefore funnier. In relationship comedy, as opposed to physical comedy, that's what counts; that's what scores. Or maybe that's just me. This is not, in any event, strictly a cultural difference. Had the French film in question been made by Francis Veber, it would

compete well enough on the laughmeter, with no boost from me. Not for nothing does Hollywood turn so often to the French in search of something to remake.

Fever Pitch, a menare-from-Mars-womenare-from-Venus romantic comedy, certainly deals, underneath it all,

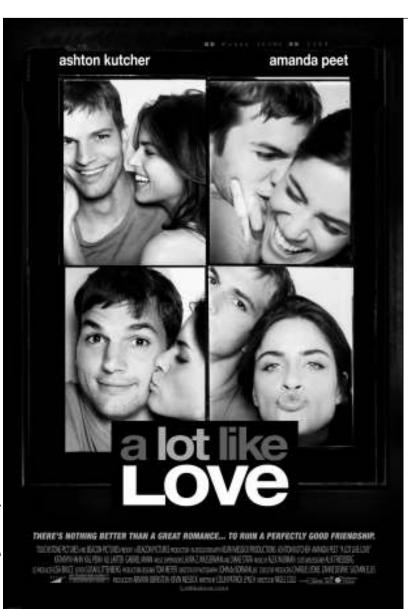
with a substantial subject. It tells you a lot about the film, though, that the gist of it may be summed up in the title of a pop-psych best seller. The particulars shape up as a purely hypothetical case history. Our Martian man, a middle-school math teacher, is also (note the year: 2003) a Boston Red Sox fan who emphatically brings home to you the term's derivation from fanatic: his apartment is wallto-wall team collectibles (baseball-cap lamp, baseball-glove telephone, and so on), right down to the New York Yankee toilet paper. Our Venusian woman, an up-and-coming corporate dynamo, is defined nonetheless by her manlessness at age "twenty-ten," is habitually disappointed in her relationships with her male mirrorimages, is willing out of desperation to give an uncompetitive Nice Guy a try, is even willing to assimilate in toto



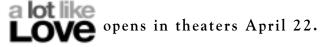
his lore and legend of Fenway Park (the Green Monster, Pesky's Pole, the Curse of the Bambino, "Bucky Friggin' Dent," Bill Buckner, etc.), while expecting no comparable contortions on the part of the guy. Both characters are completely revealed to us at a glance — two-dimensional cutouts, shadowless stereotypes — though the depth of the man's obsession dawns on the woman only by degrees. (Her offer to whisk him off to Paris on a business trip conflicts with a home stand against the Mariners during the September pennant drive.) Jimmy Fallon brings little to his role beyond his *Saturday Night Live* résumé, an automatic passport, it would seem, to feature films. And Drew Barrymore, explicitly described in the script as "cute" and Fever Pitch

"adorable," is no more than an A-list actress who's not going to let a part as a type-A careerist alter her trademark dippiness.

The dialogue displays a clarity of intent and a force of impact that eliminate the need of a laugh track ("Ted Williams would roll over in his freezer if he saw this"). You could set your watch by the rhythm of the plot de-



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velopments, from boy-meets-girl (meets-cute, needless to add) to boyloses-girl (and drowns his sorrows in a video of Buckner's boot in the '86 World Series) to boy-gets-girl - and without either of them, especially the guy, having to make any real compromises for a Happy Ending. Your watch says it's time for that ending, and the chimes shall ring on schedule. Any psychological interest will have to be transferred onto the filmmakers themselves, in their setting-up of frighteningly confident and successful female characters and then vengefully subjecting the entire sex to just-for-fun physical abuse: beaned by a football; pukingly food-poisoned; dropped twenty feet to the floor at an indoor rock-climbing exhibit; knocked flat on the back by a punch at the gym; knocked unconscious by a foul ball.

In fairness, this is pretty toned down for a Farrelly brothers comedy. (And with Matthew Leonetti doing the camerawork, the image has been considerably toned up.) There are no bona fide Farrelly gross-outs (the foodpoison puke is decorously off screen: "You were very ladylike, hardly any chunkage"), and the brothers' signature fascination with handicaps and physical defects is limited to a little boy in a leg brace singing the national anthem on Opening Day, and to the black-shoe-polish Bela Lugosi hair dye of the heroine's father. Presumably the softening of tone owes to the fact that the script was placed in other hands, those of Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, who must have had to rewrite on the fly when last October's playoffs yielded a Happy Ending that even Hollywood would have scarcely dared dream up.

Look at Me is very different, revealing itself gradually, organically, unfolding like life. The characters and their relationships cannot be taken in at a glance; and all of them will stay true to themselves throughout, stay consistent, without being at all narrow, constrained, predictable. The unpleasantness in a taxi cab at the outset is already funnier, because truer to life, than anything in Fever Pitch, while at the same time it introduces the elemental human theme of domination and submission: a self-important novelist, en route to the premiere of a film adapted from one of his books, cows a churlish cabbie into civility. There and elsewhere the novelist can be a sympathetic figure: his embarrassment over the cinematic simplification of his work, for instance, or his middleaged dread of going "downhill," being unable to remember, unable to write: "I had two good lines, then I realized I wrote them in another book." Although thorny and threatening on the outside, he is capable of extending largesse within his sphere of influence. Yet he is not capable of extending it to his own older daughter, the child of a previous marriage, an overweight failed actress now in training as a classical vocalist. He can find no time, over months and months, to listen to the demo tape she has given him, and cannot even bring himself to lie about it. This does nothing for the daughter's self-image: "I'm a zero." Nor does the weight-consciousness of her slim young stepmother, who, though a bit of an alarmist about the calorieintake of her own small daughter, can nevertheless show compassion and generosity towards her self-loathing stepdaughter. The original title in French, by the way, Comme une Image, or Like a Picture, stresses the unattainable ideal, as distinct from the

neediness stressed in the American title. The title in Italy, meantime, is Così Fan Tutte, or Everyone Does It, stressing commonality. Other potential titles, as disclosed in the press notes, included The Right Reasons, In Their Place, and Girls' Tears and Boys' Anger. No single title was going to cover all the film's facets.

The picture-imperfect daughter, to return now to our evolving web, believes that the sole reason other people would ever take an interest in her is to get to know the Great Man. She is not far wrong. Her voice coach, a genuine admirer of the writer, and at first unaware of her student's relation to him, uses the connection to advance the career of her husband, an unsuccessful writer and self-described "kept man," who has his own problems of self-image; and the daughter's new boyfriend, a chance acquaintance who responds warmly to her anonymous act of kindness towards him, has his own aspirations in the publishing world. So, no: she is not far wrong, and still she is wrong - as will finally come out at the climactic choral concert and its aftermath, when the characters show their true colors. Some of this is too painful to be funny. But our recognition of human strivings and failings can touch off moderate mirth, if never violent hilarity, anywhere along the way, on no set schedule.

The artists most responsible for this wise, wily, observant, truly adult entertainment are the writing and acting team of Jean-Pierre Bacri and

Agnès Jaoui, who previously wrote and acted in Un Air de Famille, Same Old Song, and The Taste of Others, the last of which was also Jaoui's first directing job. Look at Me is her second, and is as fluid a job as you could desire, even if you might desire an image a little less jaundiced. In front of the camera, Bacri of course takes the role of the literary lion, and cements his position as the cinema's supreme sourpuss. Jaoui is the voice coach, a delicate part played with quiet finesse. And newcomer Marilou Berry, daughter of the actress-writer-director Josiane Balasko, plays the hefty daughter, with no fudging of her heftiness: no mere plumpness passed off as corpulence; no padding for extra poundage. She thus falls in line with the likes of Romane Bohringer (The Accompanist), Sylvie Testud (Murderous Maids), Roxane Mesquida (Fat Girl), not to mention her real-life mother (Too Beautiful for You), nonlookers of various types who seem to gain access to French screens more readily than their counterparts do to American. In her role here, she is not the sort of endomorph who is comfortable in her stretched skin: stout and proud. She carries a boulder-sized chip on her shoulder, and she slumps under the weight of it. In her father's eyes, "She's anger on wheels." She is not, in anyone's eyes, easy to like. One of the many strengths of the film is that it grants her, and us, all the time and help we need.



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The Amityville Horror — Remake of a fact-based tale of the supernatural, with Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George, directed by Andrew Douglas. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 4/15)

The Aviator — Martin Scorsese continues to suffer from a form of elephantiasis, compounded by a touch of Oscaritis: a pushingthree-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 filmmak ing and aeronautics circa 1927-47. It offers little insight into the man (the best you can say of the childhood prologue, in which his mother terrorizes him with the threat of cholera and typhus, is that it's brief), yet it offers plenty of random, rambling, gossipy entertainment: the behind-the-scenes fol-

lies 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)

The Ballad of Jack and Rose - Rebecca Miller — daughter of a dominating man, the playwright Arthur Miller - has





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written and directed a coming-of-age tale about the daughter of a dominating man, a radical Sixties bitter-ender who, in the mid-Eighties, still lives in TV-free isolation at an abandoned commune on an island off the East Coast, and opposes (with a shotgun) the development of the wetlands. Under his sole influence (but somehow immune to his Scottish burr), the girl can't see past his terminal heart condition: "When you die, I'm gonna die." An invitation to the father's sometime girlfriend from the mainland, and to her two teenage sons, shakes things up. The characters and dialogue contain more quirks than you can shake a stick at: the porky boy and aspiring hairdresser is especially amusing, especially in recoil at the heroine's offer of her virginity. And Beau Bridges attains high hilarity without broadness as the developer from Squaresville. Miller's direction of her unanchored camera, on the other hand, is often aimlessly busy; and the upbeat epilogue feels, in the parlance of the Sixties, like a cop-out. Daniel Day-Lewis, Catherine Keener, Camilla Belle. 2005. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/14)

Beauty Shop — Spinoff of Barber Shop, with Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone Andie McDowell, and Alfre Woodard, directed by Bille Woodruff. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

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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. (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Born into Brothels - Do-gooder documentary, co-directed, co-written, and cophotographed by Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman, focuses on eight children in the Calcutta red-light district. Their lives and prospects are as awful as you would imagine, and the film's image is as awful as you have come to expect in the DV era. (The concealed-camera footage of the prostitutes on patrol looks roughly on a par with the video of a vice-squad sting.) The focus widens to include, as the heroine of her own film, the very photogenic Briski, or in the pet name bestowed on her by the chil-dren, "Zana Auntie," who devoted her time, when not working on her own photography of the district, to teaching her craft to the children, promoting their photos worldwide through Kids With Cameras (as well as interspersing them throughout

the film), trying to place the children in boarding schools, and trying to obtain a passport for one of them to visit a conference in Holland. (The boy's mother, midway through the process, gets burned alive by her pimp.) The kids, naturally, are likable; the on-camera filmmaker is likable; the film itself is another matter, raw, ragged, and a bit of a chore to sit through 2004 ★ (GASLAMP 15)

Constantine — Soporific supernaturalism, notwithstanding some startling special effects, with Keanu Reeves as a cool-dude demonologist in a long coat, doomed to

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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)

Dear Frankie — First-time director and cinematographer (rare combination) Shona Auerbach builds a facade 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 Otar 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. • (FLOWER HILL 4: LA JOLLA VILLAGE.

THROUGH 4/14)

Diary of a Mad Black Woman — A discarded wife, after eighteen years of mar-

riage, 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 de-serve. A clumsy and bruising piece of audience manipulation, from a stage play by Tyler Perry, who also appears in the dual roles of a randy old emphysemic and a guntoting granny. With Kimberly Elise, Shemar Moore, Steve Harris, and Cicely Tyson; directed by Darren Grant. 2005. (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, THROUGH 4/14)

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, Juliane Köhler, Corinna Harfouch, Ulrich Matthes 2004 ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Dust to Glory — Dana Brown's documentary on the annual off-road race, the Baja 1000.

(DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8, FROM 4/15; HILL-CREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 4/15; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 4/15; POWAY 10, FROM 4/15)

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Eros}}\xspace$ — Three-part anthology film, with individual pieces by Wong Kar-wai, Steven Soderbergh, and the nonagenarian Michelangelo Antonioni: "The Hand," "Equilibrium," and "The Dangerous Thread of Things," in order. Only one of the pieces is a keeper. The first one. The one that provides a full and satisfying moviegoing experience and leaves nothing to be desired. The one that's a meal in itself. The one that can stand alone. The Wong. At a shade over forty-three minutes, it is easily the longest of the three segments. It is precisely as long as it needs to be. (Whereas

his Chungking Express and Fallen Angels needed to braid together more than one storyline in order to reach the requisite feature-length.) It is as long, give or take, as Sherlock Jr. or Zero for Conduct or Simon of the Desert. It is a thing of beauty: not so much a story as a tone poem, or mood piece, on the enduring professional relationship of an inhibited tailor and a highpriced courtesan (the beauteous and sensuous Gong Li) whom he custom-fits in her finery, and who develops a Camille-like cough over time, and gravitates to the gutter. From the torrential rain of the opening shot to the elliptical time line and the Sixties period and the sliceable atmosphere of amorous longing, this is Wong's private universe. And the explicit modiste subject matter authorizes, if you please, the further elaboration of the dress fetish of In the Mood for Love, and rationalizes the filmmaker's hypersensitivity to fabric, pattern, texture, all captured in the blotted color of a Degas pastel, temperate greens, grays, browns. The two ensuing segments may drag down the film. That is, they may drag down Eros. But they don't dirty "The Hand." "The Hand" is untouched. With Chang Chen, Robert Downey, Jr., Alan Arkin, and Christopher Buchholz. 2005. ★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/15; KEN, THROUGH 4/14)

Fever Pitch — Reviewed this issue. With Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon, KaDee Strickland, and Ione Skye; directed by Bobby and Peter Farrelly.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Fifth Element — An ungodly mess created around a dualistic theology: the next scheduled showdown, early in the 23rd Century, between the forces of Good and Evil. The earthly representative of the former is a carrot-haired, grass-rooted anorexic (Milla Jovovich), known familiarly as The Supreme Being, and assisted by a smirky mercenary (Bruce Willis), a couple of Medievalist monks, and, in the final stages of the fight, a swishy, sashaying talkshow host. The opposing forces line up be-hind an anti-Messiah with the delivery of a glib Southern evangelist (Gary Oldman: bringer of instant boredom) and a team of prune-faced foam-rubber shapeshifters. Promising hokey prologue, in Egypt, in 1914; dopey mood-dampening attempts at comedy; ugly creatures, costumes, haircuts, sets, special effects. Luc Besson, who was already thinking Hollywood while still in France (La Femme Nikita), proves conclusively that he truly belongs. He can squander money with the best of them. 1997. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 4/16 MIDNIGHT)

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)

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-theparents 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 Saldaña and Judith Scott; directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan. 2005.

• (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSS-MONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MIS-SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARK-WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Gunner Palace — That's the name the occupying army has bestowed on the "weekend party palace" of Saddam's son, Uday, complete with swimming pool, fishing pond, putting green, and bomb damage. Documentarian Michael Tucker, narrating the action in the ominous amplified murmur of Martin Sheen in Apocalypse Now, lived there for two months in late 2003 and early 2004, sharing a room with ten American soldiers, going along on nocturnal raids, interviewing troops, recording the impromptu rap numbers of African-American ones, etc. Viewers hungry for an up-close look at the mop-up operations in Baghdad, and at the people commissioned to carry them out, will likely be willing to put up with the miserable video image. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Head-On — Marriage of convenience between two suicidal German Turks, an alcoholic widower and a wild thing half his age (a ravaged Birol Unel and a vibrant Sibel Kekill). The grit gets piled up to the armpits, topped off with a light dusting of sugar. Written and directed by Fatih Akin. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/14)

Hitch — An anonymous Date Doctor, working by personal referrals only, dis-penses self-help slogans ("With no guile and no game, there's no girl") and empirical pearls of wisdom ("Eight out of ten women believe that one kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a relationship") to a select group of male clients carefully screened for their moral fiber and their honorable intentions. Yet the women in the movie, as the men intuitively fear they will, react to this newfangled advisor to the lovelorn, this better-dressed Cupid, as if he were the satanic spawn of Valmont and Mme. de Merteuil from Les Liaisons Dangereuses. What, or where, is the beef? Will Smith tries to apologize for his insufferable air of overconfidence by way of a cartoonish depiction of a shellfish allergy (his face swelling like a battered boxer's), a flashback to his days as a collegiate nerd, and a genuinely funny bout of inarticulacy when pleading his case to his steamed girlfriend. Director Andy Tennant sees to it



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Dragnet TV series of the early 1950s. These noir half-hour episodes were based on Los Angeles police files. They were directed by Jack Webb, who also played Detective Sergeant Joe Friday. They feature snappy dialogue, interesting characters, and slices of post-war Los Angeles life. They're well photographed and have some guirky performances, such as Leonard Nimov as a kill-crazy punk with two pistols and a puppy. There's also twenty-five-year-old Lee Marvin as a serial killer who insists on being taken to a vegetarian restaurant before he confesses.

DRAGNET TV Series (USA) 1951–1959, Brentwood List price: \$9.98

RAMIE TATEISHI

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A&E's Sapphire and Steel: The Complete Series. Unlike that other TV show about two agents investigating paranormal phenomena, this British series actually has the dramatic and thematic substance to back up its pretentiousness.

Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind. From Japan, this anime is simple enough for a child to grasp, yet complex enough to keep you thinking long after you've switched off the DVD player. Hayao Miyazaki's Nausicaa is the greatest animated film ever made.

Doctor Who: The Green Death. I guarantee you won't find a better DVD about a commune of Welsh hippies fighting an invasion of giant maggots.

SAPPHIRE AND STEEL: THE COMPLETE SERIES (England) 1979–1982, A&E Home Video List price: \$99.98 NAUSICAA OF THE VALLEY OF THE WIND (Japan) 1984, Walt Disney Home Entertainment List price: \$29.99 DOCTOR WHO: THE GREEN DEATH, EPISODE 69 (England) 1973, BBC List price: \$24.98

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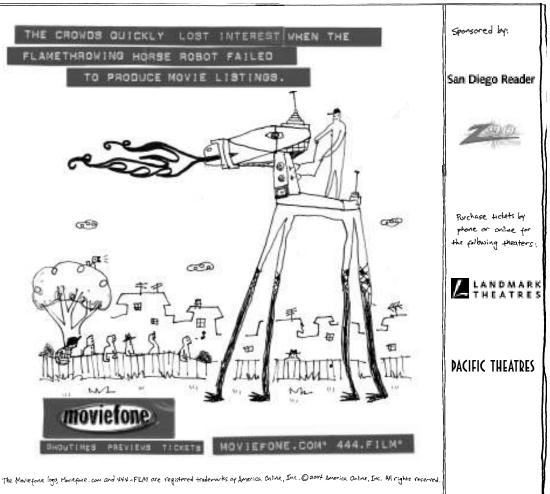
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On the Waterfront is still the best-acted movie in history the taxicab scene between Terry and his brother is a knockout and Leonard Bernstein's score foreshadows his West Side Story score!

La Dolce Vita — What can I say? I always wanted to be Fellini. What a magical blackand-white film with wonderful characters, witty dialogue, and all those fountains!

The Cocaine Fiends was given to me by a friend. It's a cautionary tale, so wonderfully awful and delightfully sordid, I watched it twice! Lois January chews the scenery as the pretty country girl who gets exploited by the city life.

ON THE WATERFRONT (USA) 1954, Columbia/Tri-Star List price: \$24.95 LA DOLCE VITA (Italy) 1960, Koch Lorber Films List price: \$34.98 THE COCAINE FIENDS (USA) 1936, Gotham Distribution List price: \$7.98





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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VAL-LEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIS SION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Hotel Rwanda — Righteous recounting of the internecine strife between the Hutu and the Tutsi in Rwanda in the early 1990s, and the resulting genocide as the world twiddled its thumbs. Sort of a cross between The Killing Fields and Schindler's List, it mercilessly plays the shame game ("Rwanda is not worth a single vote to any of them — the French, the English, the Americans"), while it also gives us a reallife 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)

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)

Look at Me — Reviewed this issue. With Marilou Berry, Jean-Pierre Bacri, and









Agnès Jaoui; directed by Jaoui. ★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/15)

Melinda and Melinda — Woody Allen throws his two cents into the alternativereality forum. Two playwrights, one tragic and the other comic, are sitting in a New York bistro arguing their respective Weltanschauungs, when a tablemate proposes to tell a true story, and let the playwrights decide whether it's a tragedy or a comedy. We ourselves don't hear the story, beyond the first step of a woman arriving unannounced at an apartment door during a dinner party. Dissolve to the end of the story, and each playwright now gets to put his own spin on it, taking turns reeling out the plotline. The two tales are enacted by completely separate casts, excepting Radha Mitchell, the alternative Melindas. Like most of Allen's films, even at his lowest ebb, this one has a clear point of inspiration, an idea, a concept, a conceit. But it's a little more of a challenge than usual, a hard job with no easy solution, and what's certain is that Allen wasn't up to it: an empty structure waiting to be furnished. Though there are, for sure, some clever permutations of shared elements (the single-malt Scotch, the magic lamp, the eligible dentist), the two stories seem insufficiently differentiated, even down to their smothering buttery light: the tragic insufficiently intense, the comic insufficiently funny. It is sometimes, as we switch back and forth, hard to remember which is which; and ultimately hard to imagine, as the plotlines diverge, what the "true" story could originally have been. The whole thing feels a bit monotonous, and yet — the strength of the structure — we keep hanging on to see where it's headed. Mitchell, in what might have been a virtuoso role for a Meryl Streep or a Judy Davis, is herself insufficiently differentiated: kinkier hair and more cigarettes for tragedy. Put more harshly, she reveals not much range and not much personality. With Will Ferrell, Amanda Peet, Jonny Lee Miller, Chloë Sevigny, Brooke Smith, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and no Allen. 2005. ★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIS-SION VALLEY 20)

Million Dollar Baby — It would have been understandable if, after the exertions of *Mystic River*, Clint Eastwood were to revert to the relaxation mode of *Blood Work*, *Space Cowboys, True Crime, Absolute Power.* For a while, it would appear he had done just that. This sets up as a nice, light workout of fight-film conventions, smooth and steady, barely breaking a sweat. But ultimately it takes shape as more than just an old-fashioned fight film, really more a relationship film, with the Eastwood character — a gruff and guilt-ridden Irish Catholic trainer, manager, and cut man —



taking under his wing a feisty female fighter who becomes a surrogate daughter to replace the biological one with whom he has lost touch, and who in turn needs a surrogate father. The boxing, almost inevitably, is ridiculous, a blur of first-round knockouts, two punches, three punches, in total contradiction of the heroine's diagnosed handicap as a late-starter. While not nearly as ambitious, not remotely as career-defining, as Mystic River, it proves in the end to be a film of remarkable gravity and bravery. No quick knockout itself, it is more like a late-round TKO, a well-paced war of attrition. You will likely feel, at the completion of Eastwood's standard two-and-a-quarter hours, that you have come down a long road: been somewhere; been through something. The director, as always, takes his time yet doesn't linger, doesn't build things up too big, doesn't bleed them dry. He understands the value of understatement. He understands a ballad is not an opera. And where he, in the excruciatingly emotional Mystic River, sent out Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, and Kevin Bacon to do his crying for him, he here dares to give it a try himself, and he does quite all right at it. Significantly, Eastwood's tears are shed, in the presence of a priest, over the prospect — the very thought — of taking another life. He thus continues his self-imposed penance over the bodies he has left littering the screen in his wake. Which is to say, the wake of the Man with No Name, Dirty Harry, Josey Wales, et al. More than just the custodian of classicism in Hollywood filmmaking, Eastwood has become - in the broadest, most inclusive sense, not strictly a moral sense - the conscience of American cinema. Hilary Swank,

Morgan Freeman. 2004. ★★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 4/15)

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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 4/15; HILLCREST CINERAS; 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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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)

Off the Map — Arch and artificial memory film about a hippie family outside Taos in the Seventies, during the time of the father's great depression (the adult daughternarrator, looking back: "It was inescapable, my father's depression, like some fumigator's mist filling our lungs"), and about the IRS auditor who comes calling, gets laid low by a beesting, stays on to recuperate, and finds a new vocation as an artist. Off the planet. With Joan Allen, Sam Elliott, Valentina de Angeles, Jim True-Frost, J.K. Simmons, and Amy Brenneman; directed by Campbell Scott. 2004. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)



Oldboy — Action thriller from South Korea, directed by Chan-wook Park. (KEN, 4/15 THROUGH 21)

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 Miss Congeniality 2

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; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-NADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Robots — A follow-that-dream fairy tale set in a world of robots, anthropomor phized and sentimentalized to such extent that an assembly-required baby-bot will grow organically into a tot-bot and a teenbot 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 schmofit!") and the pretense of higher principles. Those

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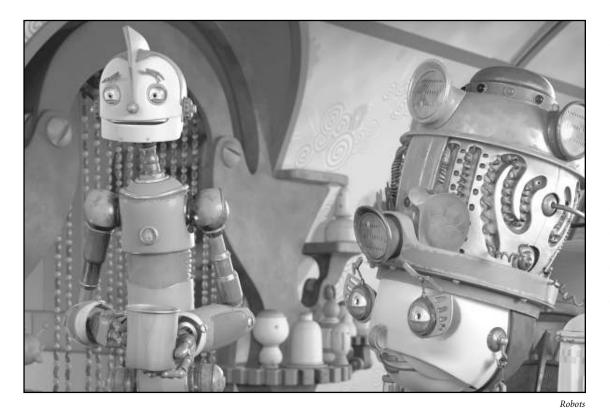
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exclusions should whittle down "everyone to a mere majority. With the voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Greg Kinnear, Jim Broadbent; directed by Chris Wedge. 2005.

 (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VAL-LEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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 SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE)

Sahara — "A Clive Cussler Dirk Pitt Adventure," trumpet the opening credits Those are of course two separate people Clive Cussler being the original novelist, and Dirk Pitt (wham! bam!) being his swashbuckling hero, who, along with his comical sidekick Al Giordino, is hunting a treasure-laden Civil War ironclad up the Niger River. Yes, indeedy. (Clues will be found in primitive "cave paintings" dating back almost a century and a half.) That quest happens to converge with the quest of a doctor from WHO who is tracking the source of an epidemic in Mali, and who happens to be Penelope Cruz. Total balderdash, but much more baldness than dash. With Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn,



Lambert Wilson, and William H. Macy; directed by Breck Eisner. 2005. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY

PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN: SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14)

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, THROUGH 4/14)

Sin City — Comic-book burlesque of the hard-boiled *film noir*, tougher than tough, cooler than cool, bloodier than bloody, sillier than silly. Robert Rodriguez adapted it — or more accurately, copied it — from Frank Miller's series of graphic novels; and he insisted, to the point of resigning from the Director's Guild, on sharing the direct-ing credit with Miller (besides bringing in his buddy, Quentin Tarantino, as a "guest director" of unspecified services). Different first-person narrators guide us through the

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

CENTRAL CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **The Amityville Horror** (R) Fri. (1:15, 2:20) 4:45, 5:35, 7:25, 8:10, 9:50, 10:35; Sat. (12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 3:10) 4:45, 5:35, 7:25, 8:10, 9:50, 10:35; Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 3:10) 4:45, 5:35, 7:25, 8:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu, (1:15, 2:20, 4:45, 5:35) 7:25, 8:10, 9:50; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 2:10) 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; Sat. (12:15, 1:35, 2:50) 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:15, 1:35, 2:50) 4:25, 5:20, 7:00, 7:50, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:10, 4:30, 5:20) 7:00, 7:50, 9:45; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35) 5:00, 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu, (1:35, 5:00) 7:35, 10:00; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 6:50, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:50, 3:25) 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 6:50, 9:35; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 2:15, 3:55) 5:25, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:25; Sat. (12:25, 1:20, 2:55) 4:20, 5:25, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:25; Sun. (12:25, 1:20, 2:55) 4:20, 5:25, 6:55, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu, (1:10, 2:15, 3:55, 5:25) 6:55, 7:55, 10:10; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:35) 6:45, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:30, 6:45, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35) 6:45, 9:30; Sahara (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 3:45) 4:55, 7:05, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; Sat. (12:30, 1:15, 3:15) 4:35, 7:05, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; Sun. (12:30, 1:15, 3:15) 4:35, 7:05, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:55) 7:05, 7:45, 9:55; **Sin City** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 3:30) 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 7:15, 10:05; **The Upside of Anger** (R) Fri.-Sun (1:25) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, **6** 4:50) 7:30, 10:15

DOWNTOWN 4

pril Gaslamp 15

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 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, 10:40; Sun.
 leac 6 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 2:35, 4:20, 5:20) 7:00, 7:50, 9:25, 10:10; Born into Brothels (R) Tri. 11, (1:20, 2:50) (2:5

Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 3:50) 6:05, 8:20, 10:25; **Constantine** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10, San 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.-Sat. (1:45) 4:25, 7:15, 9:55; 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. (12:05, 2:30) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; Ho**tel 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) (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. (12:00, 1:25, 2:55) 4:15, 5:40, 7:10, 8:25, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 1:25, 2:55) 4:15, 5:40, 7:15, 8:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 8:00, 10.15

Horton Plaza 14 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)

The Amityville Horror (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 5:30) 6:35, (12:00, 1:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00) (5:00) 7:05, 8:00, 9:00, 9:45, 10:20; Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00) 6:35, 7:05, 9:00, 9:45; DCI Classic Countdown Thu, 7:00; Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:40, 2:35, 3:25, 5:10) 6:30, 7:45, 9:15, 10:20; Guess Who (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:10, 9:55; Hostage (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05) 6:45, 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, 3:25) 6:15, 9:10; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:15; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 4:00)

7:35, 10:10; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 10:07) 12:50, 3:05, 3:50) 6:25, 7:00, 9:35, 10:00; **The** Upside of Anger (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:35) 6:50, 9:40

LA JOLLA

La Jolla 12 8657 Villa La Iolla Drive (858-558-2262) Not the Amityville Horror; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Sin City; Beauty Shop; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; Guess Who; Millions; The Upside of Anger; Robots; Hitch; The

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) 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 Fifth Element (PG-13) Sat. 12:00; Look

At Me (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Melinda** and Melinda (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:30 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55; Mon. (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55; Tue.-Wed. (2:15, 4:45) 9:55; Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 9:55; Off the Map (PG-13) 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

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262) The Amityville Horror; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Sin City; Beauty Shop; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; Guess Who; The

Ring Two; The Upside of Anger; Robots; Hostage; Be Cool; The Pacifier; Hitch; Mil-lion Dollar Baby

Mann Hazard 7

Mann Hazard 7 7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-574-7849) The Amityville Horror (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 4:50) 7:30, 10:30; Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00) 9:40; Bride & Prejudice (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:20) 7:40; Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 6:50; Millian Deulse Bebr (PG-13) Fri. Thu Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 5:00) 10:20; Sin City (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 3:40, 4:10) 6:30, 7:00, 9.30, 10.00

Mission Valley 20 1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) The Amityville Horror; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Guess Who; Sin City; Beauty Shop; Melinda and Melinda; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; The Ring Two; Ice Princess; Robots; Hostage; Be Cool; The Pacifier; Hitch; Constantine

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. (2:40) 4:50, 7:50, 10:00; Sat. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:50, 10:00; Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:50) 8:05; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:35, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:45) 8:00; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:20; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:25) 7:40; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:50; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri. (3:55) 7:20, 10:05; Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:10; **Sin City** (R) Fri.

(3:40) 7:10, 9:55; Sat. (12:40, 3:40) 7:10, 9:55; Sun. (12:40, 3:40) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:40) 8:15

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Oldboy (R) Fri. (4:25) 7:05, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:25, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:25) 7:05,

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) Dust to Glory (PG) Fri. (2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 12:30, 200, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30) 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Eros** (R) Fri. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:00) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Millions** (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **Walk on Water** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:10, 9:40

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Bugs! (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Night on Dream Mountain Sat. 10:00; **Rhythms of the World** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 3:00, 7:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Mon.-Thu, 1:00, 3:00; Roar: Lions of the Kalahari (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 5:00; Volcanoes of the Deep Sea (Not Rated) Sat. 1:00; Yellowstone (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) The Amityville Horror (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:00, 4:50, 5:20) 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Dust to Glory** (PG) Fi.-Thu. (11:40, 2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:20; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 11:45, 1:55, 2:25, 4:35, 5:05) 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:25; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (11:20, 12:00, 1:55, 2:35, 4:35, 5:10) 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:20, 1:55, 2:35, 4:35, 5:10) 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (11:20, 12:00, 1:55, 2:35, 4:35, 5:10) 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20;

Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 10:00; lce Princess (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:40); Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **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.-Thu, (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:50, 2:20, 4:40, 5:10) 7:30, 8:00, 10:20, 10:50; 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 Up-side of Anger (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:55, 4:45) 7:35, 10:25

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100) **The Amityville Horror** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; Sat. (12:00, 2:30) 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:30, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu (2:30, 5:30) 8:00, 10:10; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00; Sat. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:25, 9:50; **Fever** Pitch (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; Sat. (11:20, 2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (11:20, 2:00) 4:50, 7:35, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:30, 9:55; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Sat. (10:55, 1:25) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Sun. (10:55, 1:25) 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; 9:50; Sun. (10:53, 1:29) 4:25, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:10, 9:35; **Miss Con-geniality 2: Armed and Fabulous** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; Sat. (11:00, 1:55) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; Sun. (11:00, 1:55) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 5:00) 7:40, 10:15; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 5:15, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (11:35, 2:15) 5:15, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. (11:35, 2:15) 5:15, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 5:15, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:15) 7:50, 10:20; **Robots** (PG) Fri. (2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, (2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; 3at. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:15, 9:30; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (11:00, 1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Sin City (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:20, 10:05; **The Upside of Anger** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:50, 10:45; Sat. (10:40, 1:30) 4:30, 7:50, 10:45; Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 4:30, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:45, 10:25

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) The Amityville Horror (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (1:15, 3:55) 7:00; Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:45) 6:35, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. (1:00, 3:45) 6:35; Guess Who (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:10) 6:05; **Million Dollar** Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (3:15) 9:20; Sun.-Thu. (3:15); Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and

different, dovetailed storylines, but always with the same hammerhead tone of voice: "I'm gonna find that son of a bitch that killed you, and I'm gonna give him the hard goodbye." The baroque black-and-white photography, with digital dabs of color for a red dress, green eyes, blue eyes, golden hair, blood, etc., may at first be "visually arresting" (thank you, Newsweek), but over the long haul it's visually imprisoning. Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Benecio Del Toro, Jessica Alba, Brittany Murphy, Carla Gugino, Jaime King, Rosario Dawson, Alexis Bledel, Michael Madsen, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Powers Boothe. 2005.

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The Upside of Anger — Said anger belongs primarily to the mother of four daughters ranging in age from high school to college senior, and secondarily to the four daughters, after the husband and father absconds with his Swedish secretary. The mother takes solace first from a bottle of vodka (three bottles per shopping trip), and then from her next-door neighbor and new drinking buddy, a former Detroit Tiger and current talk-radio host. The daughters, three of them still residing under the family

Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30) 6:45; The **Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:30) 6:10, 8:50; Sun.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 6:10; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:40) 6:20, 8:40; Sun.-Thu. (1:10, 3:40) 6:20; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri-Sat (12:00, 2:55) 6:15, 9:00; Sun.-Thu. (12:00, 2:55) 6:15; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 3:05) 6:30, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. (12:15, 3:05) 6:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road The Amityville Horror (Not Rated) Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:05, 2:30, 3:55, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:05) 7:55, 10:30; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) **Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 1:15, 2:45, 4:00, 5:30) 7:15, 8:05, 9:45, 10:40; Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 8:10; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (5:10) 10:45; **Ice Princess** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:35; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) 6:45, 9:35; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:40) (0:43, 3:53, The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:25; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 6:50, 9:40; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:35, 5:05) 7:30, 10:10; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:30) 7:20, 10:30; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 1:20, 3:45, 4:20) 6:55, 7:45, 10:05, 10:45

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Fever Pitch; Sahara; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous: Robots

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) The Amityville Horror (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45) 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 5:15; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:15, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Sin** City (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45,

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262) The Amityville Horror; Dust to Glory; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Sin City; Beauty Shop; The Upside of Anger; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; Guess Who; The



roof, are a persistent handful. Joan Allen, in something of a tour de force, and some thing also of a tour de farce, really does convey the juggling act, the balancing act,

Ring Two; Ice Princess; The Pacifier;

East H Street (619-216-4707) Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:55) 7:15,

10:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:55) 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55) 7:15, 10:00; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13)

Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:45, 3:35, 4:10) 6:55, 7:20, 10:00, 10:35; **The Golden Blaze** (G) Sat.-Sun. (12:00); **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:00,

(1:50), 12:50) 7:00, 7:40, 10:25; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 9:40; **Hostage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:45, 10:35; **Ice Princess** (G)

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Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:45) 7:50, 10:45; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 1:40, 4:25, 4:45) 7:30, 7:50,

Hitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:45; Ice Princess (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00; The Paci-

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

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NORTH INLAND

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350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

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Galaxy 6 5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Amityville Horror (R) Fri. 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45;

Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:00

(12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Stin. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:45, 8:15; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fab-ulous (PG-13) Fri. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:30) 7:15;

Robots (PG) Fri. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00

(12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu, 2:30 (4:45)

7:00; Sahara (PG-13) Fri. 2:15, 5:15, 8:00

(12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun, 10:00

620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)

fier (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:00

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ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16

FALLBROOK

10:30, 10:50

Vogue

fier (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55, 5:25) 7:55, 10:20; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:45; **Sahara** (PG-13)

Robots; Hostage; Hitch

Rancho Del Rey 16

of multiple motherhood; and yet at the same time there's an element of circusy spectacle in the performance, aggravating the domestic disharmony, drowning out

10:45; Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:15, 8:00; **Sin City** (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:30

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **The Amityville Horror** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:15, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 3:15, 8:15; **Dust to Glory** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:45) 5:45, 8:00; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 10:15 (12:45) 5:45; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00,

RAMONA

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San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old *California Walk (760-471-3711)* **The Amityville Horror** (R) Tue.-Wed. (12:00, 115, 2:30, 3:40, 5:00) 6:00, 7:30, 8:20, 10:00, 10:45; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:25) 7:10, 10:10; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **Hitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:50) 6:45; **Ice Princess** (G) lion Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:50; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:25, 5:15) 7:50, 10:35; **The Pacifier** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:15, 9:40; **The Ring Two** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:20) (12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15) 6:45, 7:30, 9:45, 10:40; Sin City (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30) 6:15, 7:40, 9:15, 10:30; The Upside of Anger (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:15) 7:10, 10:05

the accompaniment, hogging the spotlight. Evan Rachel Wood, Erika Christensen, Keri Russell, and Alicia Witt make up an attractive brood, even beyond mere appearance.

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15 Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real 2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) The Amityville Horror (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:10,

1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:35; Sun. 11:10, 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Sun. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00; Mon. 2:00, 4:30, 9:15; Tue.-Thu. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:25; Sun. 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:10; Mon.-Thu, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45; **Her Majesty** (PG) Mon. 7:00; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20; Sun 11:00, 1:30, 4:05, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

The Amityville Horror (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Beauty Shop** (PG-13) Fri-Sat. 3:15, 8:15, 10:45; Sun-Thu. 3:15, 8:15; **Dust to Glory** (PG) Fri-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Guess Who (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45) 5:45; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu, 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7.30

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) Dear Frankie (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30) 5:45; **Melinda and Melinda** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Millions** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:00; Sin City (R) Fri.-Sat. 3:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu 3:00, 8:15; The Upside of Anger (R) Fri.-Sat 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:15) 7:00

And a slightly goofball Kevin Costner, a Detroit Tiger in For Love of the Game as well, has beneficially chased away his chronic clouds. The writer and director, Mike Binder, is a member of the cast, too, as Costner's radio producer, an average guy with average looks and average needs and average scruples, and in that role Binder is convincingly average. Behind the camera, he aspires to much more. (A good deal more, certainly, than in such undistinguished earlier credits as Blankman and Indian Summer.) Gripped by the American terror of dullness, keeping one eye on his cast of characters and the other eye on a hypothetically squirming audience, he maps out his plot and hones his dialogue as if he were racking up points on a pinball machine, with all attendant flashing lights and ringing bells. He wants to make an impres-sion, and immediately he wants to make another. (He will not even balk at a fantasy of an exploding head.) Such a quest for constant diversion can hardly help but produce sporadic diversion, roughly on a par with subpar James Brooks. 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: PALM PROMENADE 24: POWAY 10: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Walk on Water — Israeli intelligence agent on the trail of a Nazi war criminal, directed by Eytan Fox. (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/15)

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) The Amityville Horror; Fever Pitch; Sahara; Sin City; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous; Guess Who; The Ring Two; Ice Princess: Robots

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) Fri. 6:00, 8:50; Sat. 3:00, 6:00, 8:50; Sun. 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6 6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga)

(760-599-8221) **The Amityville Horror** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Fever Pitch** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; Sahara (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; Sin City (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; The Upside of Anger (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13 College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

The Amityville Horror (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 11:40, 1:40, 2:10, 4:10, 4:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Beauty Shop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:05, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Fever Pitch (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Guess Who (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; Hostage (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:35, 2:30, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25; The Pacifier (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:50; The Ring Two (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:35, 2:25, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) Call theater for program information

8:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Sin City** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu, 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; The Upside of Anger (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00

Ramona Twin 626 Main Street (760-789-3422)

SAN MARCOS

Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:25; **Guess Who** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (12:50, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; Tue.-Wed. (2:20, 5:00, 12:50) 7:45 10:00, 10:30; Thu. (12:50, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:20; Mil-7:20, 10:15; **Robots** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 4:20) 7:05, 9:35; **Sahara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.

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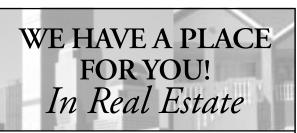
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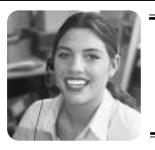
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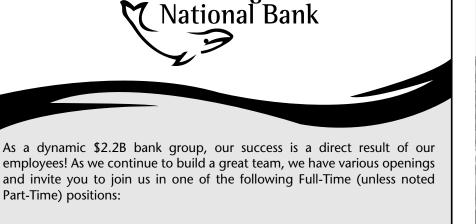
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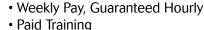
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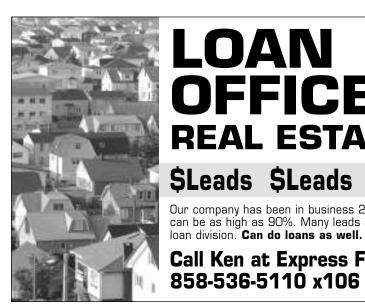
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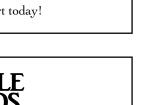
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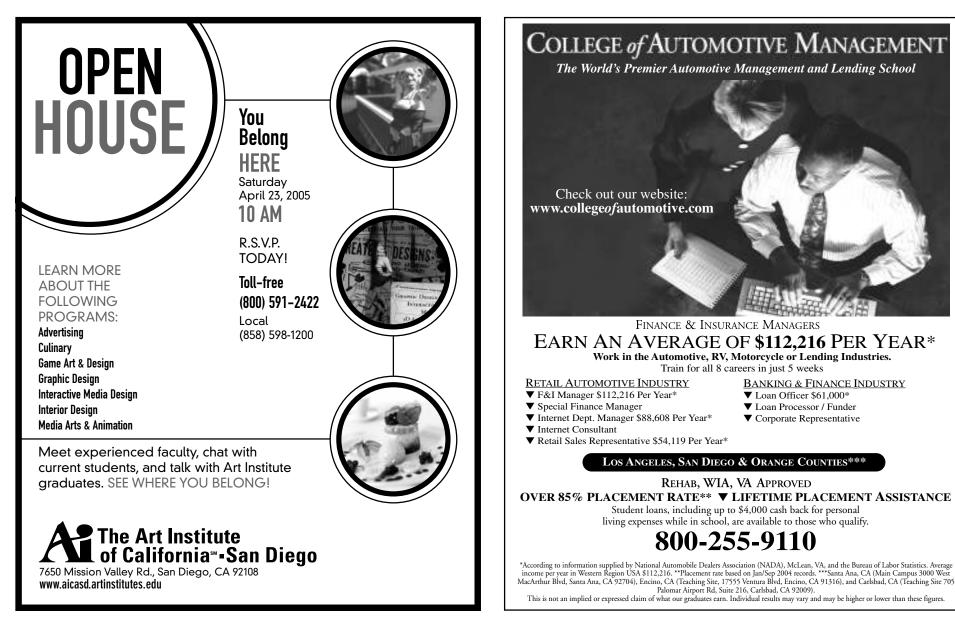
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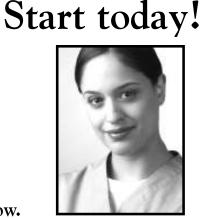
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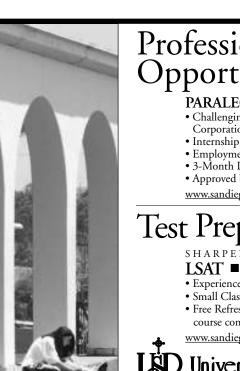
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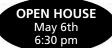


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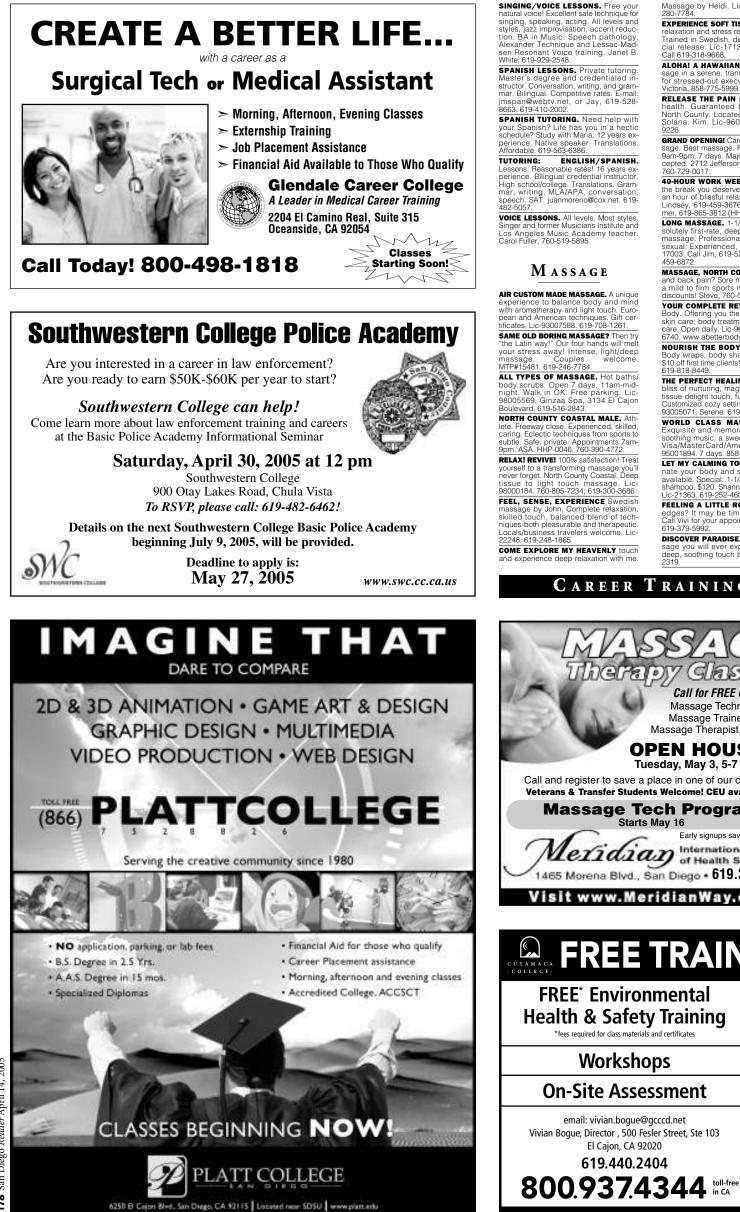


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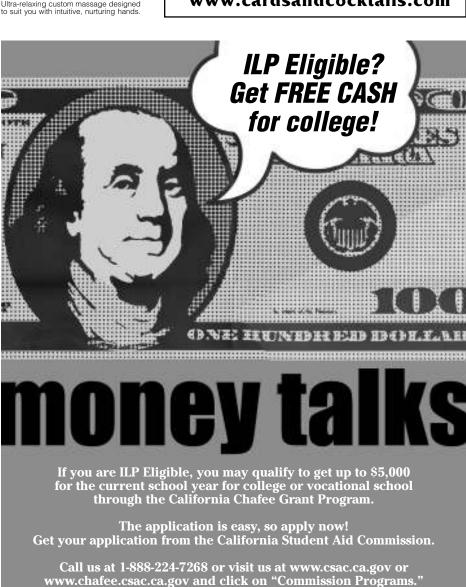
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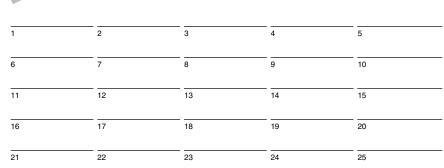
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College Area It's my last semester before grad-uation, so I'm actually working pretty hard. I'm going to Vegas this weekend to let off some steam. Last year I did the whole Rosarito thing for a weekend; my friends and I went to a foam party. You get pretty wet [at a foam party], but we were cool with it because we were down there to party. With work, school projects, and graduation coming up, there's really not enough time to make any big trips because you have to keep everything in perspective and get vour work done. I think you should have fun and be safe. Don't drink and drive; try to keep other people's safety in mind and not just your own.



Mike Wilson Student La Mesa

This past weekend I went camping with some friends near Ensenada. By accident, we didn't camp near the other Americans who were down there. From the time the sun came up in the morning, everyone was playing mariachi music and there was no way of ignoring it. That's about the time that we'd break out the beer, tequila shots, and margaritas. We spent the days barbecuing and surfing. At night we went into Ensenada. A couple of the guys who went got into some trouble. It was their first time in Mexico and they went to go buy some cocaine. One of the guys got a knife put to his throat. They lost their phones, money, watches, and even their shoes. Maybe those guys should have stayed in the campsite where it would've been safer. That was kind of fun. This coming weekend, a friend of mine is renting a house in Rosarito; it's a whole different world down in Mexico. It can be dangerous down there; I don't recommend anyone trying to buy drugs down there.



Dennis Sheehan Student

Linda Vista $\overline{I}_{asleep}^{drank}$ eight days straight. I fell asleep with my shoes on, which then allows my friends to do whatever they wanted to me while I was passed out. Passing out with your shoes on usually means that your friends write or draw on you. I woke up with a penis on my cheek, but I washed it off pretty quick. One night we went camping in Malibu and decided to go hunting boar. No one told us there were boar, but no one told us there weren't boar in Malibu. It might have been a booze-induced hunt; I passed out and my friends left me on a stranger's doorstep. My friends knocked on the door and ran away. They thought someone else could take better care of me.



Emily Salveson Student/surfer/artist Linda Vista

danced for three hours on the bar at Señor Frogs in Cancún for free shots for me and my friend. Me and my friend did this while her parents ere watching; they were shocked It was all about the free booze, which was important because we didn't bring enough money. We were dancing in skirts, so you could definitely see a lot. We were wearing bathing suits underneath, so it wasn't that big of a deal.



Kate Pope Student Linda Vista

definitely didn't dance on any bars, but I watched as my friends did. My twin sister and I went on the Corona yacht during a yacht race in Santa Barbara. Our friend owns the yacht and he invited us. It was pretty fun, and there weren't any sleazy boys or anything. My sister was playing the drinking game flip-cup, and she swallowed a quarter.



 $Allison \ Pope$ Student Linda Vista

When we sailed to Santa Barbara, it was with seven other sets of twins. We set sail from Malibu to Santa Barbara. The reason for all the twins being together was [an event] put together through twinworld.com. My sister and I aren't on it, but our friends are. The website sets up advertising; we were in the running to be the next Double-Mint twins. [With all those twins together] it was to save humanity, the dolphins...I don't know. It only took four hours or so. Lots of free booze and hot twins. We want to date twin guys; we don't want to marry them.

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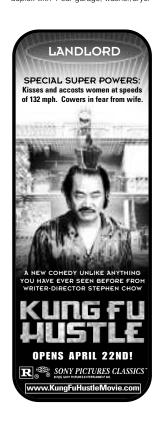
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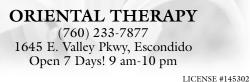
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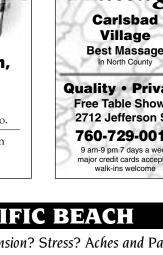
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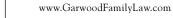
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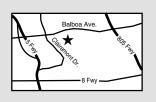
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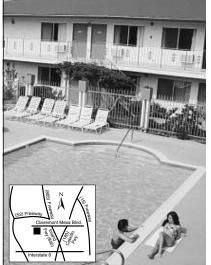
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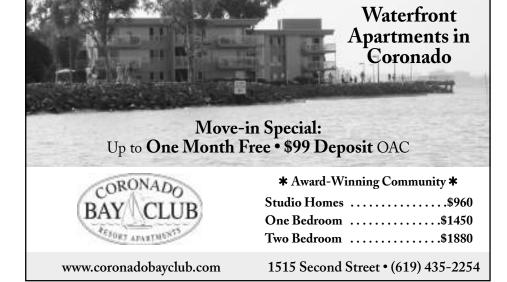
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LEAD STORY

- Defensive back Randall Gay wore a New England Patriots jersey as a member of this year's winning Super Bowl team, but when one of his former college professors tried to order a personalized jersey in tribute to Gay in mid February, she was turned down. The National Football League's official online merchandiser, NFLshop.com, refused to imprint "Gay" on the back of a Patriots jersey because it was a "naughty" word, one of 1159 the shop has banned. Two weeks later, after the website Outsports.com picked up the story, the word was removed from the list.

Government in Action

- Public Servants in Action: (1) New Hampshire state Rep. Christopher Doyle, 26, was arrested in March and charged with slapping elections supervisor Gail Webster, 61, to the floor on election night after learning that he had lost his race for town selectman in Windham. (2) Shirley Martin, a member of the school board in West Orange, Texas, was convicted in February of disorderly conduct for threats against colleague Beth Wheeler. At a meeting, Martin had continued speaking after her colleagues had ruled her out of order; subsequently, Martin told Wheeler, "I'm going to stomp a mud hole in your ass."

 Despite state funding problems in health care and other areas, New York's Department of Transportation completed a \$3.3 million beautification project in January in which intricately decorated "flora and fauna" designs of bronze were inlaid in two 2400-square-foot granite wall coverings whose purpose was to decorate an underpass below New York City's Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. According to the New York Sun, the walls are beside an off-ramp that's across a pedestrian-unfriendly street from a Burger King, and the site was selected primarily because it is at the

intersection of the jurisdictions of three community boards.

- The St. Petersburg Times, profiling retired pro basketball player Matt Geiger in February, described his \$13 million, 28,000-square-foot suburban mansion: 40 satellite-equipped TV sets include 18 that are wired so he can play video games with his high school friends; his 27 exotic animals that roam the grounds have earned him an unspecified "tax break."

- According to a February Cox News Service dispatch from Mexico City, the government nearly killed its export market for mezcal, a liquor similar to tequila that is traditionally sold with a worm floating in the bottle. Bureaucrats had recently proposed to ban the worm because of its high fat content, even though as much as 70 percent of mezcal sales are based on the worm (it has alleged sexual or hallucinatory powers). The politicians changed their minds.

Great Art!

 At New York City's "LMAKprojects" gallery in February, artist Emily Katrencik gnawed sections of the drywall separating the gallery's exhibition space from the director's office for 30 minutes a day, five days a week. Katrencik said she concentrates on thinking of "the things in the wall that are good for me, like calcium and iron." But, she said, "I prefer cast concrete because it has a more metallic flavor.'

 The mother of all of those recreation-room paintings of dogs playing poker is the series of nine originals by Cassius Marcellus Coolidge in 1903, sponsored by a Minnesota advertising company. In February, two of those masterpieces were sold by the Doyle New York auction house for a total of \$590,400. Explaining the high price, Doyle's director of paintings pointed out that the auction coincided with both New York's Westminster Dog Show and the recent popularity of televised poker.

Unconventional Medical Care

 (1) Sally Hampton, 64, testified in February against the man who hit her with a beer bottle in a brawl last year in Immokalee, Fla., sending him to a 12-year sentence, but in the interim, Hampton has been recovering from brain surgery. As doctors examined her after the attack, they discovered and treated an unrelated tumor that they would not have found in time had she not received the beer-bottle concussion. (2) In December, Bill DiPasquale came out of a two-week coma at Massachusetts General Hospital, five minutes after a friend whispered a message from their boss, who had said, "You tell him to wake up, get out of bed, and get his ass back to work.'

Thieves Who Think Big

Management at the Globe Hotel in Topsham, England, reported in February that a guest had dismantled and removed the shower unit from his room. ... Norwegian Arild Nicolaysen told reporters in February, after arriving at his mountain cabin for the weekend, that the in-ground swimming pool was missing (steel lining, plastic liner, filter, hoses, and pipes). ... In March, police in Lindale, Texas, arrested two men who they said had taken a house apart, brick by brick, board by board, over a three-month period and sold the materials for drugs.

Surreality

 Tennessee state Sen. John Ford testified in a juvenile court hearing in January that his childsupport payments should be reduced, in accordance with a state law that he had introduced on behalf of fathers with many children. Ford owns two homes, lives part-time in one with his ex-wife and their three children (with another on the way)

and lives part-time in the other with an ex-girlfriend and their two children. Hence, he said, he should have lesser payments to a third woman, who is the mother of his ten-year-old daughter.

Least Competent Criminals

 In March, accused securities swindler and fugitive Frederick Gilliland, living in Canada, was tricked into coming back across the border for a free meal. A private investigator offered to buy Gilliland lunch at Brewster's in Point Roberts, Wash., and then alerted authorities, who intercepted Gilliland as he approached the restaurant.

Recurring Themes

 The police-report column in Massachusetts' Newton Tab newspaper on March 16 listed a "hate crime" committed by someone who left the familiar Nazi symbol on the dirty window of an SUV. The police report read: "On the rear hatch someone with their finger traced out 'wash me' and below that was a swatz sticker symbol."

Below the Fold

 Apparently important to actor Robert Blake's acquittal on a murder charge in March was the lack of credibility of the prosecution's witnesses, including an alleged methamphetamine abuser who once thought his house was surrounded by large, horned animals and "people dressed like sagebrush or Joshua trees." To testify that drug users are unreliable witnesses, the defense presented a UCLA psychopharmacologist who revealed that in the course of his own drug use 25 years ago, he had once crawled into a cage of monkeys that were smoking crack cocaine.

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HOME INVASION

Location: [600] South Grade Road, Alpine Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on 3/23/05

Synopsis: The victim stated he was walking into his garage when he was attacked in the doorway. He described the suspect as a white male wearing a camou-

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flage jacket and pants along with a dark-colored stocking cap covering most of his face.

The suspect bound the victim's hands and covered his eyes with duct tape and then demanded money. After taking an undisclosed amount of money, the suspect fled the residence. Several minutes later the victim's girlfriend arrived, freeing her boyfriend from the restraints.

RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY

Location: [4500] Utah Street, North Park Time/Date: 6:31 p.m. on 3/25/05

Investigation: A wheelchair-bound white female in her 50s and her white female caretaker, 20s, and two other people, were robbed at gunpoint by two black male



suspects. The caretaker went to the bank to cash a check for the older female. She

returned with the cash, and as they were putting it in a small drop safe they got a visit from a known black male who is also in a wheelchair.

After the black male [left], two other black males in dark clothing, armed with 9-mm handguns, entered the residence through the open front door and held all four

occupants at gunpoint. They demanded that the victims hand over the safe, which they put in a green backpack.

No one was injured. The black male in the wheelchair

was detained for questioning.

POLICE PURSUIT

Location: 3202 Mission Boulevard. Mission Beach Time/Date: 6:46 p.m. on 4/1/05 Nission Isthmus Ct Blvd **Island** Ct Ventura Pl ж W Mission

Report: [We] responded to a call of three males in a white Ford Explorer causing a disturbance at the Roberto's Taco Shop. We arrived to find the vehicle gone, but located it in the parking lot at Belmont Park. Two of the suspects had walked away. The driver was still behind the wheel. When an officer on foot attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect accelerated towards him in an attempt to run him over.

The suspect then drove onto the freeway, hit a parked Ford F150 and headed eastbound on West Mission Bay Drive with police units in pursuit. The vehicle drove to Quivera Road where it went up and over a grass-covered divide, hit a light pole and crashed into a parked vehicle.

The suspect exited the Explorer and was taken into custody.

SHOTS FIRED

Location: [3700] Franklin Avenue, Mountain View

Time/Date: 6:05 p.m. on 4/1/05



Incident: Two Hispanic males, 16 and 17, were driving in a Chevy Suburban. They parked the vehicle around the corner from the listed address and approached the residence on foot. One of the suspects fired four rounds from a handgun at two males who were standing on the front porch. The victims ran inside the house and were not hit. The four shots hit the house. One round went into the living room and just missed hitting an elderly female who was inside.

STABBING

Location: Birmingham Drive at Lahoud Drive, Cardiff-by-the-Sea

Time/Date: 9:15 p.m. on 3/26/05



Incident: Matthew B., 20, was in a car being driven by Jennifer W., 21. W. saw an individual she knows as Arturo G., 24, with an unknown Hispanic male walking eastbound. B. told W. to pull

over. She did. B. got out of the car and began arguing with the two men. G. and B. began to punch each other. W., still in the car, looked away from the fight momentarily to check on traffic. When she looked back, B. was hunched over and moaning. B. yelled to W. that he had been stabbed. G. and his companion ran away and W. drove B. to Scripps Encinitas Memorial Hospital. Sheriff's deputies contacted B. at the hospital. All B. said to them was that the fight was over "stupid stuff."

STRONG ARM ROBBERY

Location: Intersection of Poinsettia and Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 2:29 a.m. on 3/28/05



Summary: The B. brothers and a friend, Kevin M., 19 years old, were walking back to their vehicles after spending time on the beach near the Carlsbad State Beach Campground, They were confronted by three Hispanic males in their late teens to early 20s. The suspects demanded the victims' wallets and displayed at least one handgun. M. turned over his wallet but when the B. brothers attempted to flee, the suspect(s) open-fired, striking each of them in the lower leg. The suspects left in a dark-colored (possibly silver or gray) Honda sedan, which may have been occupied by the fourth suspect. — Michael Hemmingson

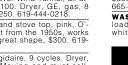
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SUZANNE FINNAMORE

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE BIG YELLOW BALL

The planets are coming, the planets are coming! I mean, they're disappearing. Sort of. It's a solar eclipse, babies. Everyone under his or her desks. Or is this the day we look at the sun through a pinhole in a piece of cardboard or else we go blind? Confusion reigns.

According to my master Internet astrologer, Jeff Jawer, "A Solar Eclipse in Aries suggests that when we start pushing hard in a new direction (Sun in Aries) we may go too far too fast. The eclipse implies that the personal will (the Sun) encounters emotions, old patterns and unconscious forces (the Moon) that require special consideration."

Jeff's advice? "Slow down and take some time to reflect on who you are and where you're headed, so that you can avoid catastrophes and make the most of this special event."

But. It's a rainy Friday in Marin and everyone is hotfooting it out of town for higher ground. Spring Break is next week and parents are whisking their children off to Aspen and Hawaii and China. They're breaking their necks to get the hell out of the San Francisco Bay Area, the same exact area that other people are desperately trying to get to. Everyone jump up in the air and trade places! It's a holiday! A school holiday, which means that we have to actually take care of our own children. This makes people in Marin sulky and a bit shattered. We don't get to play. It's the children's turn to play. And it's raining like crazy; it's near biblical.

I live on the top of a steep hill, so if the rain goes on forever, my house will be the last to slip its foundation. I will be the last to surf down, standing on the roof in a red chenille robe, not unlike the Grinch. I will surf down into town and blow my horn of catastrophe, as the astrology suggests. No, this cannot happen and I must take measures: my astrologer has advised me, after all

I am to Slow Down. For a writer who works from home, this means: a) Slip into coma

b) Die

c) Go back to sleep I am glad they did not suggest I speed up, because that would make me anxious (see: Work). No: It said my unconscious needs special attention. I take this to mean, cheesecake. Unfortunately, I ate the tiny Meyer Lemon cheesecake from Studebaker Bakery last night. (In Marin, we shun regular lemons and always use Meyer lemons, which may be Jewish lemons or magic lemons, but we do know they are superior lemons — in some fashion that shall remain a mystery.) Desserts have taken hold at my house, for some nefarious reason. I ate a small cheesecake, and then had a scoop of Breyers chocolate ice cream as a chaser. So. My unconscious is sated but my ass is climbing up my back, getting bigger and starting to become shelf-like. I can rest my cell phone and wallet on my ass while I am standing in line at the store. This is not good: I consider this a Catastrophe. though I doubt it is to the scale that astrologers suggest. I await a greater catastrophe, unless I slow down. So I am writing this very,

very slowly.

If you haven't begun to die from boredom yet, I will tell you a brief story involving the garbage situation at my ratchety little dryrotty house.

If there is anything worse than stumbling out of the house at dawn with a six-year-old in tow who hasn't put his shoes on yet and whose socks are now



caked with mud and headed toward one's car mats, it is stumbling out of the house to find the garbage can not just broken into and its contents spread thickly down the driveway. It is stumbling outside to find the garbage can...gone. Missing; MIA at the very least, and possibly a homicide. Wher-

COMING NEXT WEEK: White collar crime: notes from the underbelly

ever that garbage can is, it may now contain a body. We know not what we do when we innocently set that can out on Thursday night for the garbage men. We step into the Unknown, here in Marin. The deer and the opossums and the raccoons and the wild dogs (see: Wildebeests) are all after one thing: sustenance. And don't tell me there

isn't a dollop of malice involved when they manage to drag the garbage can away to, like, Novato. They are thumbing their noses at us house-poor homeowners in our German cars. They are saying, in effect: "Fuck you, we were here first." They are saying, "NOW go find your garbage cans,

you greedy white scoundrels, you. By the way, the T-bones were fantastic. Next week, we would like to request more roughage. Kohlrabi, maybe. We will let you know."

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He tells me, "I was riding rodeo for several years, riding saddle bronc, and I got hurt bad. I broke 16 bones. So while I was in the hospital I thought, I've got to find a new hobby. One time I was over in El Centro, and the announcer was saying, 'In chute number three we have the second oldest cowboy here today, and he's 26 years old; and right behind him at 43 is Bob McCoy, the oldest.' Rodeo guys are young.

"So I designed the track roadster, and when I got out of the hospital, I built it. I raced it for eight or nine

vears at El Mirage, at the dry lakes, and at the Bonneville salt flats." "You only started racing in your

40s?" I ask. "Oh no, I've been racing since I

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"Did you build the roadster yourself?" I ask.

"My friend Dennis Miller, he did all the welding and a lot of the designing. He's really the builder, but I was the one directing, and I worked on it day and night too. I don't weld. I tried welding, but I melted everything I welded on. It took me a year to build the car, from the time I got out of the hospital."

"And how much did it cost you," I ask, "to go over 200 miles an hour?" "No idea," Bob admits. "To have

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My dad uses the same word to describe women he finds both ugly and attractive ---only the inflection in his voice changes. For attractive women he rocks back in his recliner and clutches his chest, the wind knocked out of him, "Woof!" For ugly women he leans forward, shakes his head, wrinkles his brow and barks his disapproval, "Woof!"

His taste doesn't follow the classic definitions of symmetry, shapeliness, and grace. If Teri Hatcher slinks onto the screen he does his "ugly" woof.

"C'mon, Dad," I protest his choice of woofs. "If she walked into a bar downtown she'd be the best-looking woman in there. You'd be so intimidated you couldn't even speak to her.'

"Nah, she's not my type." I know what he's going to say next. He's said it a thousand times in ten years. "Now, Lois from Channel 3 News, that's a hot woman."

Lois from the news is a faded beauty anchorwoman in her early 50s who wears a black turtleneck sweater and sports jacket. My father is certain that she's a covered cauldron, boiling over with passion and when she lets her hair out of its tight, librarian bun she's an insatiable love monster.

"Did I ever tell you about that time she was reporting on the snow level?" he asks.

"Yes, several dozen times in the last week alone," I answer. This doesn't stop him.

"They were reporting on weather conditions. One reporter says, 'Chains will not be required for the weekend,' and Lois says, 'Yeah, but whips will come in handy.' Boy, I tell you, she's naughty. She just needs a young buck like me to show her a good time." My dad is 58, with the dirty intentions of a 16-year-old.

"She's old." I sav.

"She's younger than me." He has me there.

"She's married. That other anchor, that's her husband."

"She'd throw rocks at him after one night with me."

No amount of logic will ruin it for my dad. He flips the channel to 3 and waits for the news. He sips his beer and flicks his ashes into the overflowing tray on the end table next to his chair. When the shot pans to Lois, he leans back, takes a slow drag, and through the escaping smoke growls, "Woof!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

2004 WORLD JUGGLING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS ESPN 3, 11:30 A.M.

Ooh, I'm tingly with anticipation. This particular event is the hotly contested "ball competition." Looks like ESPN ran out of poker tournaments and car races to fill their 24-hour lineup of "sports." I can only bide my time until I'm crowned Bellvbutton Lint Champion, as the network scrambles to fill time slots.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 **BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER** FX, 1:00 p.m. I thought I saw the last Buffy the other day. When my roommates got home they asked me how my day had been, and I answered, "Horrible. Just horrible. I think I saw the last Buffy. I think she died." They asked me which episode it was and how she died. I told them and they replied, "Uh, no, dude. That's the second time she died. She comes back to life and..." I cut them off by holding my hands over my ears and yelling, "Mlah, mlah, mlah!"

THE BEAUTICIAN AND THE BEAST (1997) USA. 2:00 P.M.

I looked into the mirror. My oily hair had thinned out up front, and it sat pressed against my forehead. I didn't want to fight the heat of summer with a dark-brown coat of shag on my noggin. The clippers buzzed, and where they raked across my scalp only a hedgerow was left. Wisps wafted into the sink.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 **100 HOTTEST HOTTIES** VH1. 5:00 P.M.

"Hottie" has taken the place of "Diva" as most abused word in the language. In protest, I'm forcing myself to work "haughty"

into conversation at least twice per week. The stares of bewilderment tell me I'm on the right track.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

WALKER, TEXAS RANGER KUSI, 2:00 P.M.

I heard a radio interview with Chuck Norris. It was just sad. Norris still thought he was a badass and told the host that it would take less than eight seconds for Norris to kill him. Yep, Elvis was a black belt too.

In the first episode Skylar and four of his friends

spent the better part of two days convincing a

tony spa to give him a makeover and new

wardrobe. They were on the phone with sec-

retaries, coordinating a limousine, and one of

them made fake studio passes. The whole time

I was watching, all I could think was that they

were working awfully hard so they didn't have

Last week in jujitsu class my right index fin-

ger was broken. I have a futuristic blue-alloy

splint on it. I call it my bionic finger of death,

and I'm annoying the piss out of my friends

by making whirring and clicking sounds like

R2D2. When they ask me to stop, I hold my

injured digit up and in a robot voice say, "THE

BIONIC FINGER OF DEATH WILL NOT BE

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MONDAY, APRIL 18

CON COMEDY, 1:00 A.M.

to work.

KARATE

ESPN2, 11:00 A.M.

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I found the MP3 of Pat O'Brien leaving a drunken message on a woman's answering machine. You can imagine what it entails if you haven't heard it already. It's the sort of hilarious comedy one can only find funny if one has left or received the same painfully uncomfortable message. The sound of recognition from my own past blunders grates on the ears.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 COOL HAND LUKE (1967) MAX. 6:05 A.M.

The fountain of endless movie quotes. If anybody asks me why I name my truck "Lucille," I immediately break into a Southern accent and shout out, "My Lucille!...That's Lucille, you mother-head. Anything so innocent and built like that just gotta be named Lucille." Only a rare few have understood me. Story of my life.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 THE INSIDER

KFMB. 7:30 P.M.

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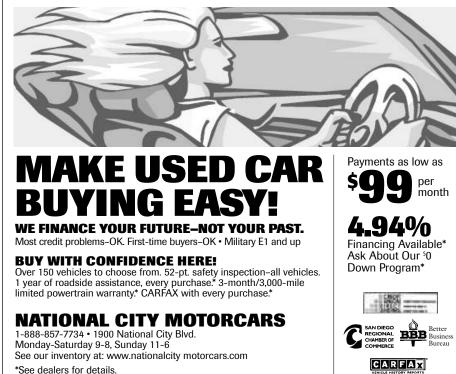
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<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

Have you ever had a bad date? I think it is safe to say that many people have had this experience. But have you ever had a bad date with yourself? Possibly only I can accomplish this.

My idea was to attend the opening Friday night of "The Animation Show 2005." From the Ken Cinema flyer: "An all-new collection of the best shorts from around the world presented by Mike Judge (King of the Hill, Beavis and Butthead) and Don Hertzfeldt (Billy's Balloon). Highlights include Bill Plympton's hilarious Academy Award nominee Guard Dog, the exciting and spectacular computergenerated Rock Fish; a hysterical encounter with mad doctors in Ward 13, the gorgeously colored shapeshifting of Georges Schwizgebel's The Man with No Shadow; and Hertzfeldt's long-awaited epic The Meaning of Life. Wonderfully entertaining and imaginative, the program features award winners from many top film festivals."

I am not a true animation enthusiast these days, but the show sounded like fun: a night out and away from dwelling on recent bummers, a few laughs while doing a job I really like. I would probably interview a few audience members afterward.

I certainly enjoyed cartoons as a kid: Rocky and Bullwinkle, etc. And when my son was very young I would re-enjoy the medium with Inspector Gadget and several others.

That may have been part of the trouble in trying to view "The Animation Show" that night. I started remembering my son as a little boy, happy and laughing, as opposed to 27 years old, schizophrenic, and severely depressed, with a recent history of suicide attempts. He is in a board and care home now and rarely smiles. Our phone conversations are short, terse, his responses like telegraph messages. Communication is often cut off quickly if he can't "concentrate on conversation" or is in the middle of a video game. He is emotionless. The clinical term is "flat affect" and is a manifestation of both his illness and his medication.

During the first animation, Guard Dog, by Bill Plympton (whom I knew briefly in New York when he was illustrating Screw magazine), I started remembering other things. Those years in Manhattan, where I married my son's mother after living together for six years, and the years of marriage in San Diego, which I ruined. Recent bummers gave way to the bittersweet past, sweet in the past, bitter now, markers of my failures. My night out was poised on the brink of an abyss of self-pity, regret, a leaden heart.

I have heard more than once that I am self-indulgent and feel sorry for myself too often in print. This is likely true, but I have heard from roughly an equal number of people who, by all indications (their compliments), truly enjoy reading about other people's unhappiness.

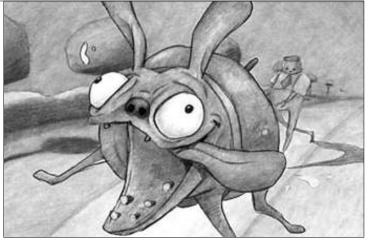
Mentally present again at the Ken, watching Bill Plympton's animated dog conjure imaginary threats to his master (grotesque but funny, bizarre, surreal), I look around at the audience. Elderly couples are represented here and there, teenagers, young men and women in their 20s, and plenty in middle age. They collectively remind me of science-fiction fans I became familiar with at conventions when I was writing the stuff. They exuded a kind of nerdish enthusiasm, no offense.

Ien Drummond's FEDS ("Food Education Demo Specialists") is an animated interview with those who offer free samples of food products in grocery stores. The interviews were genuine; the visual was creative, fanciful, and oddly realistic. Again, at another time I would have been more amused, but I was sliding down that blue drain of bad nostalgia and dwelling on my foundered career as a science-fiction writer, a youthful dream now more dead than disco. Publishing a dozen short stories in magazines and anthologies and a single SF novel, today I cannot get arrested in fiction publishing.

It was at the Ken Cinema on New Year's Day 1991, I believe, that I saw Jim Jarmusch's Mystery Train with a woman friend of six years. She was a waitress near where I worked at Hunter's Books in La Jolla. We immediately liked each other. Nothing romantic; we each had other relationships. Going to a movie together would be the first time we would have seen each other out of our respective workplaces.

Four and a half years after those New Years we began "keeping company" and sleeping together. This signaled nearly nine years of, for the most part, tremendous amounts of fun, laughter, and affection. At one point we both decided to quit drinking, and she did, quit flat. My record was eight months with other stretches of six months, four months, and three months over a period of six years. I finally drank the friendship, the relationship to death. And now, sitting in the Ken, remembering that first time I was ever here for Mystery Train, I was overcome with this reality.

The next few animation shorts were clever if sophomoric, I thought, at least at the moment. One, a series of abstract images involving leaves and geo-



The Guard Dog

metric shapes with a voiceover of someone reading a Robert Frost poem. He was never my favorite poet. This short was credited to David Russo.

Ward 13 is an Australian contribution concerning a patient, after a bad fall? (I wasn't paying attention) in a hospital, wrapped in bandages, the hospital full of comic grotesqueries and, as the flyer promised, mad doctors. It only put me in mind of my many recent hospitalizations and also recent alcoholrelated incarceration.

I had to leave the theater. I got on the number 11 bus, which took me on a tour of torturous memories along Adams Avenue and Hillcrest, my old neighborhood where I had bought a house with my wife when my son was young. I passed restaurants where I and my longtime lady friend from La Jolla ate Italian and Thai and laughed like fools.

This gathering depression was not situational, clearly. I had been off psych meds for too long. Had I been on a date with anyone but myself, I would have put a hopeless pall over the evening.

Saturday morning I went to County Mental Health to see if I could restore prescriptions for antianxiety and antidepression. Since I was a cardiac patient, they sent me on my way, advising me to see my cardiologist.

At the trolley station I met a young couple making out. Cristal and Eddie. I asked them what they did Friday night, and Eddie told me, "We went to Fiesta Taco, then Baskin & Robbins, and then at Blockbuster we rented Mr. 3000."

Cristal told me that in two weeks they would have their last big date. She was moving to Texas. I turned to Eddie and said, "I bet you're gonna miss her," and Cristal started to cry quietly. I gave her my card and told her to call me about that final date; it would make a wonderful story.

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