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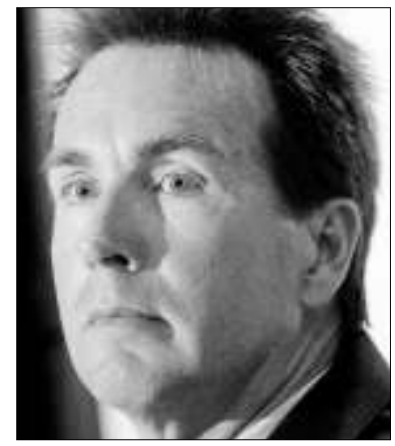

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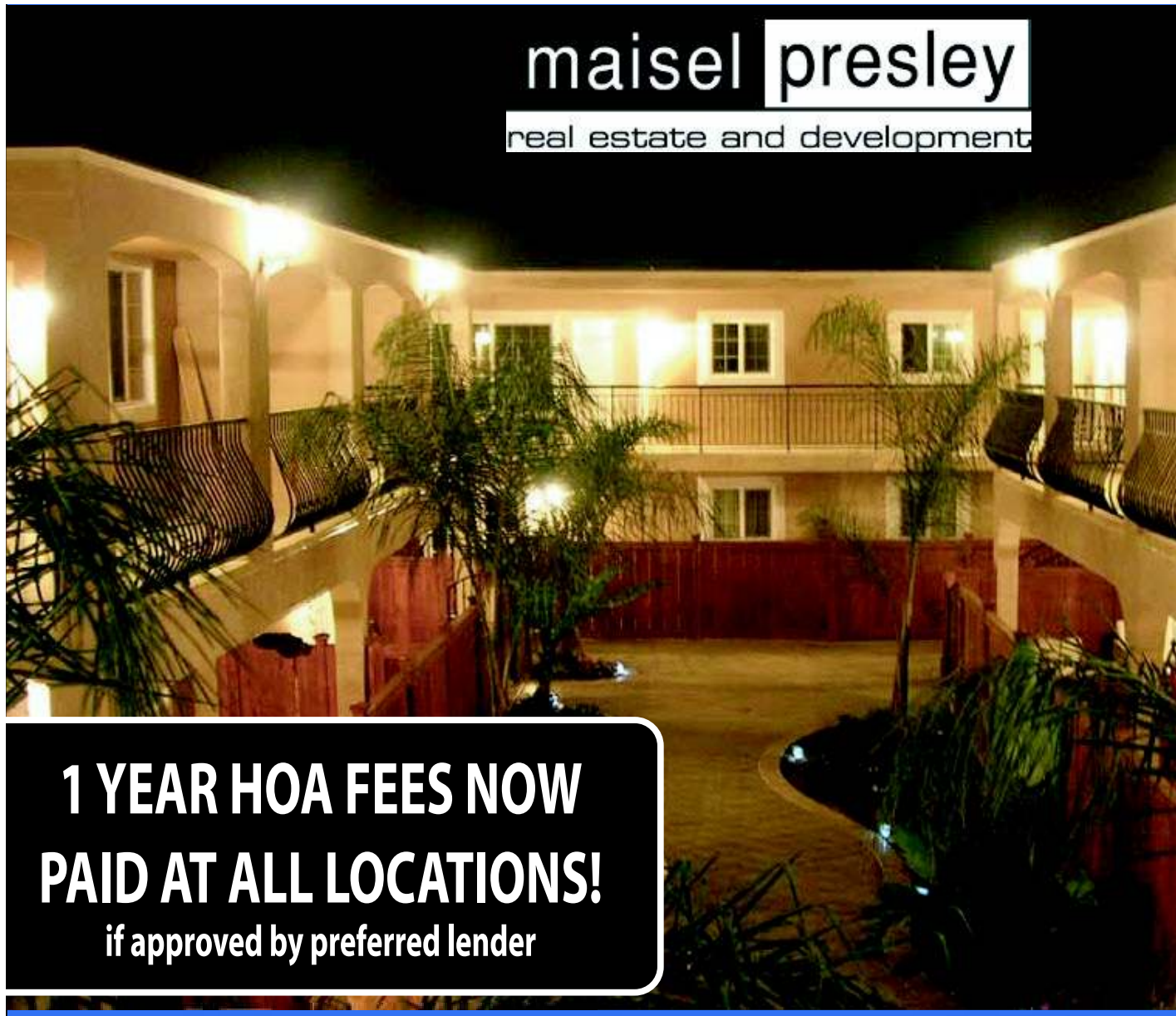

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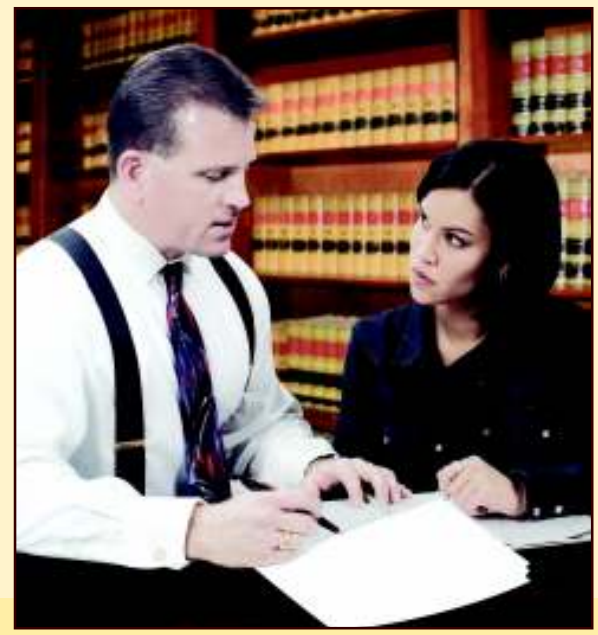

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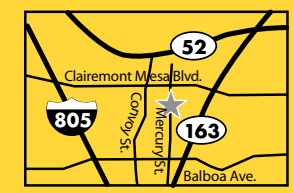

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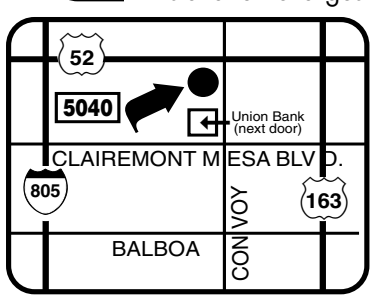

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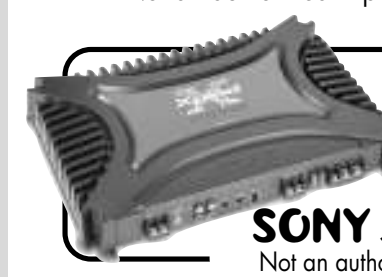

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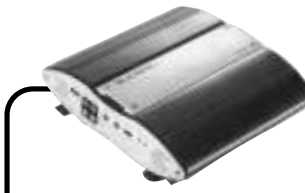

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Scandal city It might not be up to the level of Washington's **Abramoff** scandal, but the California Fair Political Practices Commission has filed a flurry of sanctions against San Diegans. First up is Ace Parking Management, the parking-lot contractor that for years has had a virtual monopoly on leases to operate city-owned parking facilities, including those at downtown's community concourse and Qualcomm Stadium. Last month Ace agreed to pay a $1500 fine for failing to report an October 10, 2004, contribution of $10,000 to the county Republican Party. The money helped finance a last-minute mailing on behalf of then–San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy**. By not disclosing its contribution in a timely fashion, Ace avoided being fingered by Murphy opponents **Donna Frye** and **Ron Roberts**.



Fred Schenk

A fine of the same amount was levied against the law firm of Casey, Gerry, Reed & Schenk. Partner **Fred Schenk**, whose website boasts that he is "the best asbestos attorney in San Diego," is the brother of ex-congresswoman **Lynn Schenk**, former chief of staff to Governor **Gray Davis**, who appointed Fred to the Del Mar Fair board. The law firm was cited for failing to report a late $10,000 contribution on October 22, 2004, to the "No on 64" campaign, which sought to defeat a measure that placed limits on certain liability lawsuits against businesses. Prop 64 won.

Finally, Milberg, Weiss, Bershad & Schulman, the former firm of attorney **Bill Lerach**, had to pay a $3500 fine for failing to report in a timely manner a late contribution of $50,000, made on October 28, 2004, also to the anti–Prop 64 campaign. … Democratic ex-congressman **Jim Bates**, unseated by the GOP's **Randy "Duke" Cunningham** after Bates was accused by female staffers of sexual harassment, has taken issue with how the punishment meted out to him by his House colleagues was characterized here a few weeks back. "You said that I was reprimanded by the House of Representatives," Bates said in a phone message. " 'Reprimanded' is a legal term that refers to the Ethics Committee making a finding and recommending the House of Representatives vote in the House floor on this matter and issue the reprimand. That never happened. I was given a letter of reproval, which is like a letter of warning."

RIP The champion of a bitter mid-1980s battle to create La Jolla's cultural zone, a six-block area around the intersection of Silverado and Prospect Streets — thereby scuttling plans by the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art to sell its historic **Irving Gill**–designed headquarters to condo developers — has died. **Susanna Sharkey Oxley** was 86 when the end came in the early-morning hours of December 24 at a La Jolla Shores rest home. A longtime resident of the upscale coastal community, Oxley once worked at UCSD as chief research assistant for chemist and Nobel laureate **Linus Pauling** and lived in an avant-garde house designed by architect **Rob Quigley**.



Susanna Oxley

But she was most famous for leading epic land-use battles in such heated controversies as limiting the size of commercial buildings in the Village, constructing a toxic-waste-burning plant on Torrey Pines Mesa, and saving historic buildings threatened with demolition, including those of the Green Dragon Colony. In September 1985, when the contemporary art museum was mulling a move downtown, Oxley organized a rally to promote downzoning of its real estate — then valued at $12 million or so — a move opposed by museum chief **Hugh Davies**. "That zoning proposal would tie our hands," he told the *Los Angeles Times*. "Anything that ties our hands will restrict our ability to raise funds." Other well-heeled institutions affected by the downzoning included the Bishop's School and the La Jolla Woman's Club, both of which occupy Gill buildings. Despite high-powered opposition, Oxley's cultural zone was ultimately approved by the city council in March 1986, and the museum remained in La Jolla, though it later changed its name to the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and currently is building a downtown branch next to the Santa Fe Depot.

Pet projects The City of San Diego may be running short of cash, but that didn't stop officials from issuing a year-end spate of contracts to high-priced consultants. For instance, on December 2, a "Public Outreach Services Agreement" worth $139,037 was awarded to the public relations firm of Katz & Associates to promote the city's controversial effort to blend recycled sewage water into its drinking supply. Beginning on January 1, the contract says, Katz is tending a website dedicated to the issue, as well as conducting "stakeholder interviews" and looking after 67 city residents assembled to back the toilet-to-tap program.



Then there was a December 16 contract for $50,000 to hire a "facilitator for real estate assets policies and procedures." Apparently a response to an avalanche of bad publicity stemming from a *Union-Tribune* exposé of poor management in the city's Real Estate Assets Department, the facilitator, "from a professional commercial real estate firm," is supposed to "encourage new ideas and build consensus in the development of new leasing policies and procedures."

On December 9, a $25,000 no-bid, single-source contract went to the San Diego State University Research Foundation to help the city's Office of Homeland Security write applications for federal grants: "With SDSU's knowledge and experience with our regional emergency response disciplines and systems they are the only academic or other institution that can step in and assist immediately vs. our spending regional staff time that we do not have, to educate and develop another entity."

— Matt Potter

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City and *U-T* In Log-Roll SNAFU

By Don Bauder

Ethicists often examine the "do" contract — "you do me and I'll do you." The advertising salesman sells an ad to a company, and lo and behold, the paper's business page shortly carries a puff piece on the enterprise. A Wall Street firm gets a multimillion-dollar investment banking contract from XYZ Company, and suddenly the firm's analysts pump out a bullish review on XYZ.

Inevitably, the newspaper and the Wall Street firm will claim there is a wall: advertising doesn't influence editorial, investment-banking fees don't influence research. But in this post-Enron, post–Peregrine Systems world, only naïfs believe in such walls.

Publications expect their readers to trust their editorial endorsements because it's claimed there are no cozy relationships between the paper and politicians. Supposedly, there's an ethical wall there. We're told there is never a quid pro quo — no favors being exchanged. Naïfs, beware.

On January 19 of 2004, First District councilmember Scott Peters and *Union-Tribune* editorial-page editor Robert A. Kittle had a discussion at a Martin Luther King Day breakfast.

Not long after getting back to his office, a bit after 10:00 a.m., Peters sent an e-mail to Kittle. "Here is the letter Casey Gwinn [then city attorney] sent in on Thursday evening, which I said I would get to you," wrote the councilmember. "Also, we will be in touch this week about LJ Mesa [La Jolla Mesa Drive] traffic. (I didn't mention it in front of Karin Winner, but I think your telephone poles come down this week.)" Kittle lives on tony La Jolla Mesa Drive. Winner is editor of the *Union-Tribune*.

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Scott Peters

guess I should quickly tell my neighbors that I've asked you to take down the telephone poles, so that both you and I get credit for this great achievement. ....Now, as for the traffic on La Jolla Mesa. It truly does pose a serious safety hazard, especially from the downhill traffic. Little ol' ladies from Pasadena careen down the hill at the blind curve (where my house happens to be- [redacted] at breakneck speed. 50-60 mph. It's the steep typography that is the problem, really. You accelerate much more quickly than you realize as you plunge down the hill. Maybe you could ask

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Above: e-mails between Kittle and Peters



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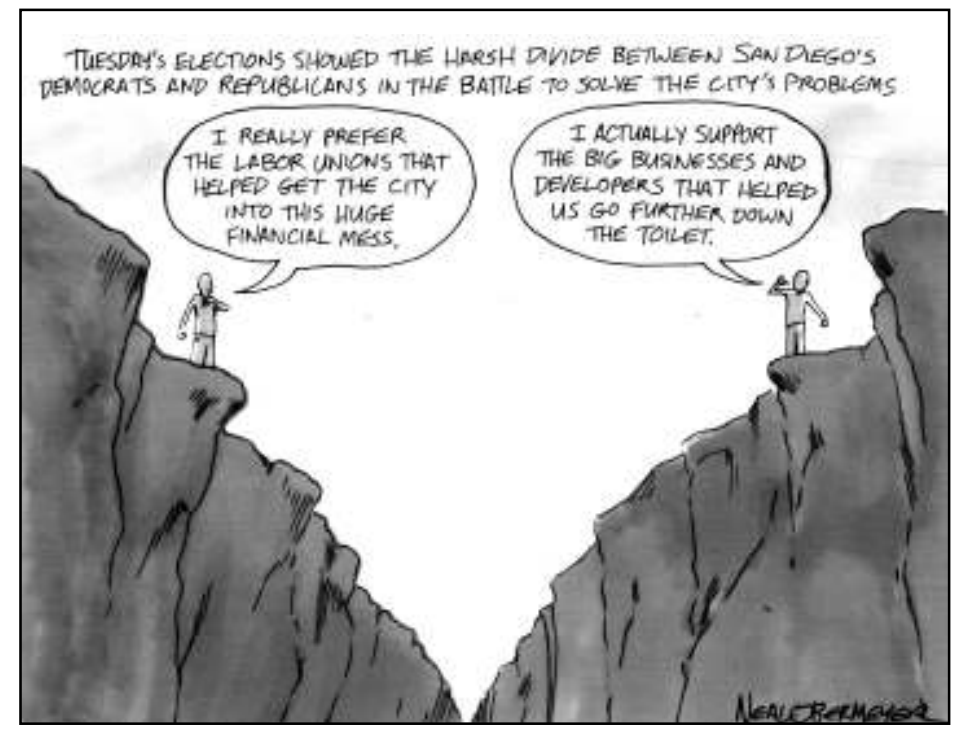

Bored on Wheels

By Ernie Grimm

You've worked hard, you've succeeded in your profession, you've gotten rich. And now you want a car that says those things to the people you blow past on the freeway. A Cadillac or even a BMW won't suffice. You need something exotic: a Lamborghini maybe, a Ferrari, or a Bentley. But before you spend well over six figures, Robert Mackey, co-owner and president of Luxury Toy Club, has a warning for you. "It is possible to get bored with a Lamborghini Gallardo or a Ferrari 360 or a Bentley Continental GT. It is possible."

Wouldn't it be a terrible bummer to buy such a car — average price of the three he mentioned: about $170,000 — and find yourself bored in a year? And boredom isn't the only hazard of owning an extreme luxury sports car. "The biggest hassle," Mackey explains, "with owning a car such as a Lamborghini Gallardo is maintenance. They can be a little temperamental. Then you have to have a special place to store them. A lot of us have kids, so it is not a fun thing to park a Lamborghini in your garage where kids are bringing bikes and baseball bats in and out."

Couple those problems with the high cost of insuring such vehicles, and owning one starts to sound impractical, irresponsible, and unjustifiable. That's the conclusion Mackey, who is 41, reached a year and a half ago while talking with a longtime friend and business partner. "Both of us had a similar interest in cars," Mackey says. "My background for many years out of high school was working for an auto racing team. We maintained cars for wealthy individuals and sold race cars for use on the track. We have always enjoyed fun things like cars, but we couldn't really justify going out and buying our own Lamborghini in terms of storage, in terms of cost, in terms of all the support necessary to have a $150,000, $200,000 car."

But Mackey, who owns the Internet marketing firm E-Mail Networks, could justify owning these cars as part of a business. The plan: Mackey and his friend would buy a fleet of high-end European sports cars. Then they'd sell club memberships to people like themselves who enjoy exotic cars but don't want the cost and hassle of owning them. Membership in what they named the Luxury Toy Club would give access to the cars. "Once they are a member of the club, then they can schedule and drive the cars when they like. There is no possibility of getting bored because we always have new cars coming into the fleet. And in addition to the exotic or luxury automobiles, we also have what we call specialty vehicles, such as a ski boat, a corporate motor coach, a six-passenger airplane. Those kinds of things a lot of our members could own on their own, but they really don't want to because it doesn't make sense financially, and you have storage issues and maintenance issues. But we take care of all of that for our members. All they do is drive the car and have fun with it. We take care of all the behind-the-scenes stuff: detailing, maintenance, anything that needs to get fixed on the car."

Mackey delivers the cars to the homes or workplaces of members who have reserved them. While that member is out driving the 450-horsepower, $160,000 Aston Martin DB9 or the $124,000 Mercedes-Benz SL55 AMG convertible, Mackey and his crew detail the member's regular ride. Such service is not cheap. "It is kind of like joining a country club," Mackey says, "in the sense that there is a one-time membership fee that you pay; it is a lifetime fee. That ranges from $7000 to $20,000. And that allows a member and one other designated driver to operate the different automobiles and specialty vehicles. Then, as in a country club, since we are a club, there are monthly dues. Dues are about $1000 a month, and that provides for a certain number of days in the particular cars for that member. We really customized a program for each of the members, because everyone's needs are different."



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Robert Mackey



Lamborghini Gallardo

Kurt Stuber, who lives in Ramona and is a regional sales manager for Commonwealth Land Title Company, joined the club in mid-fall. It cost him $10,000. "Then there are quarterly dues of, I think, $3000. So it's about $12,000 in dues every year." (Mackey says it's $12,750, to be exact.)

In the first month and a half of membership, Stuber says, "I used club vehicles only twice. The very first one I drove of theirs was their yellow Lamborghini Gallardo. I have a young son, ten years old, and he and I took it up to the Laguna Mountains, through Julian, Sunrise Highway. It was great. We got to really open it up and fly around the corners. That was a fun day. Last weekend was the Bentley Continental GT. That is a beautiful machine. We had a baseball tournament in Palm Springs, so I wanted to take the Bentley out there. And, of course, that's a four-seater, so my wife could come with us."

For his $10,000 buy-in and annual dues of $12,750, Stuber gets up to 18 days' use of the club's vehicles per year. That breaks down to $1264 per diem in the first year, $708 per diem thereafter. Expensive? Yes, but Stuber, who already owns two high-end European sports cars — a Porsche 996 and a BMW M5 — says he joined Luxury Toy Club because "I thought this would be a fairly inexpensive way to drive some of the cars that I probably would never own."

Mackey declines to share financial details of the privately owned club, but he admits that, as a business concept, it's got obstacles to profitability. "An investment in depreciating assets is always a difficult one," he says.

That's especially true when the assets cost so much money. But Mackey figured the cars would be not only the club's inventory but also its chief advertising. "Rather than investing huge sums of money in different types of marketing that we are not sure would work," Mackey explains, "we invested that money in inventory. A lot of times [prospective members] find us because they see the cars. For example, I was in Carmel Valley recently with the Lamborghini dropping it off to a client, and a gentleman came up who had a Ferrari F30, and we started talking. As it turned out, he was looking to sell that car because he was bored with it. The best car that you can have right now, the Ferrari F30, and he was a little bored with it. I told him he could join our club and drive not only Ferraris but also Bentleys, Lamborghinis, Maseratis."

To protect these expensive assets, Mackey uses the tool of exclusion. "We are a very exclusive club," he explains. "We are only taking up to 50 mem-

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Just before 3:00 p.m. the same day, Kittle e-mailed back to Peters: "Thanks much. We're going to run Casey's piece on the op-ed page later in the week, not as a letter to the editor." Gwinn had written a letter about the Boy Scout/Balboa Park controversy. It ran as a signed commentary January 22, three days later.

Having dispatched with the Gwinn matter early in the e-mail, Kittle turned to political back-scratching. "I guess I should quickly tell my neighbors that I've asked you to take down the telephone poles, so that both you and I get credit for this great achievement," wrote Kittle. Next he went on to complain about speeding on La Jolla Mesa Drive. "Little ol' ladies from Pasadena careen down the hill at the blind curve.... Maybe you could ask the Traffic Division folks to assess the situation and suggest ways to mitigate the safety hazard."

Kittle signed off, "I look forward to your meeting with our editorial board. Ciao. Bob."

Such coziness. Shortly, Peters came in for his interview, and on February 18, the *Union-Tribune* endorsed him with these enthusiastic words, "We like Peters' reserved demeanor and hard work, and we heartily endorse him."

The e-mail exchange between councilmember and editorial writer raises a number of troubling questions. In pledging to do the favors, was Peters angling for the endorsement? Why was Peters carrying Gwinn's water on the letter that became a signed commentary? Gwinn had a large staff to handle such matters. Why did Kittle seem to be twisting Peters's arm in the same e-mail in which he appeared to be doing him a favor on the Gwinn letter? It wasn't even subtle. Shouldn't editorial writers be more circumspect about asking favors of councilmembers, particularly when they are about to appear before the editorial board?

Why did Peters give such fast action to Kittle's request both on the telephone poles and on the La Jolla Mesa traffic? Do all of Peters's constituents get two-hour service?

Why did Peters send Gwinn's letter to Kittle? There is supposed to be one of those walls: Kittle writes editorials, and Bernie Jones, editor of the opinion pages, decides what runs on the op-ed page.

Kittle says he and his wife moved into the La Jolla Mesa Drive house in August 2003. "The neighbors called us in to get acquainted. Everybody was complaining about the traffic," he claims. At the Martin Luther King Day breakfast, he took up the matter with Peters. After their conversation, "The traffic department people came out, looked at our street, and said nothing could be done," asserts Kittle. However, officials noticed a crack in the sidewalk that ultimately cost him $1200 to correct, he claims.

"The poles came down that week," confirms a neighbor of the Kittles, although he thinks that may have been in the works before the e-mail exchange. The poles that were removed that week were actually several houses from the Kittle residence, says Nathan Bruner, the city's underground program manager. Some poles closer to the Kittle house could not be moved. "Members of the community tried to make it happen," and they appealed to politicians, says Bruner, "but technically it was not doable." So the "great achievement" Kittle boasted of was not so great after all.

Kittle points to a purported wall. He was not saying, " 'Scott, you need to do this for me in exchange for an op-ed for Casey Gwinn.' I do not select op-ed pieces. Bernie Jones does," he insists.

Jones and Winner point to the same so-called wall. "I do make all the decisions" on op-eds, says Jones, although sometimes Kittle gives him a potential commentary without making any recommendation.

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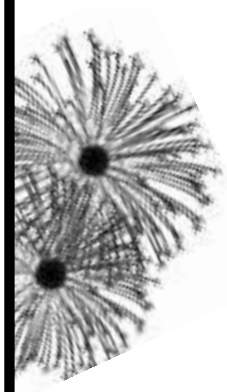



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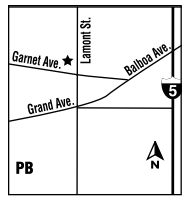

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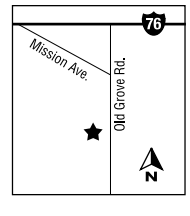

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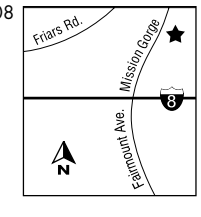

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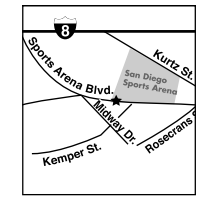

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Log-roll snafu

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"Bob is not in charge of oped," says Winner. Kittle and Jones "work together, but Bernie makes the ultimate decisions." Is the incident redolent of a quid pro quo? "I would not condone anyone engaging in a quid pro quo on this staff. I would be disappointed in Bob if there was a quid pro quo." Winner claims to have no idea why Peters went out of his way not to mention to her that the poles in Kittle's neighborhood would come down that week.

Was it appropriate to mention the telephone pole and traffic problems in the same message in which Kittle was discussing the Gwinn letter? Winner didn't answer the question. Claims Kittle, "I have the same right to ask my city councilman about a traffic problem as anybody else has."

I reminded Kittle, Jones, and Winner that I have spent more than 40 years as a financial journalist hearing about walls that don't exist. And I worked most of those years for the Byzantine *Union-Tribune*.

Peters's chief of staff, Betsy Kinsley, says Kittle's wife had also complained about the traffic. After the matter went through bureaucratic channels, "There were new signs put up. Some striping was added" to alert drivers, she says, but residents were still unhappy. Kinsley said Peters told her that he was toting Gwinn's pail because Peters "had a valid reason; Casey Gwinn was an elected city attorney." Huh? Makes no sense to me.

These e-mails go to the center of the cancers plaguing San Diego. For decades, the *Union-Tribune* has been entirely too cozy with the San Diego establishment and the politicians in its pocket. It's a major reason why the paper has been a lapdog and not a watchdog, and corruption has festered unreported. The tone and content of the Kittle-Peters e-mails are written confirmations of that unprofessional intimacy, which continues to this day. ■

CITY LIGHTS

Bored on wheels

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bers right now out of [two plus] million people here in the county. It really is a needle-in-the-haystack type of member that we are looking for, members that have the financial wherewithal to operate these vehicles. If they scrape a wheel, dent a bumper, things like that, there shouldn't be stress of how that will be taken care of, first of all. So there is the financial element of being exclusive. Next, there is the fun element of it and the social element of it. We really want members who are going to take care of the equipment and be part of a club environment."

Mackey envisions a kind of clubhouse/private showroom where members can ogle the cars, smoke cigars, and have a glass of wine or a cappuccino. At present, that facility doesn't exist. Luxury Toy Club is headquartered in the College Area. The vehicles are stored in the College Area, Carmel Valley, and La Jolla while Mackey searches for a permanent facility to house them all. "We have not wanted to commit to exactly where our permanent location is going to be until we figure out if there is a geographic center that is most convenient for our members. Because we've got East County members, we've got North County, we've got beach community, we've got La Jolla, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, a whole smattering. Surprisingly, they are not necessarily from where we expected they would be: La Jolla, Rancho Santa Fe, and Del Mar."

Kassandra Reina, Luxury Toy Club's tall, blond, twentysomething membership director, says the membership wasn't what she expected either. As she accelerates the navy blue Bentley Continental GT down Mission Bay Boulevard from 0 to 60 in 4.8 seconds, she confesses, "I was expecting most of them to be older gentlemen that maybe were divorced and looking for a younger woman. But most of our members are actually married guys who just have this itching to get into a fast car every once in a while." ■

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Overlooking Thomas

To Judith Moore, re: "Snowbound" ("Reading," December 29 and January 5). While your examples of snow in literature are wonderful, it would be a shame to overlook Dylan Thomas's "A Child's Christmas in Wales," a lovely, humorous, evocative story for all ages.

Whitney B. Robinson
via e-mail

Stupid Left-Handed Slap

I've been active in the real estate industry in San Diego since 1978. The reason I got into real estate is that I got my bachelor's degree at National University after a long time at San Diego State, being unable to work at the same time and finish. I loved Matt Potter's article ("A Year in Review," January 5); I thought it was great. I love the *Reader*. I read it regularly and send it off to lots of my friends in the more traditional news business. However, I think that there's a very, very left-handed, unfair statement in Potter's article that calls National University a "fancy degree mill." National University is in *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the top universities in the United States. It's accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges the same way that San Diego State is. My daughter's gone to school there, is working on her master's. I did my master's there also. I think it's a tribute to the State of California and the City of San Diego to have Jerry Lee and National University here, and it's unfortunate that that stupid, left-handed slap at National University by somebody that's clearly a San Diego State snob ruins the entire article for me. I think Matt Potter ought to retract that negative comment about National University because it's not only unfair, it's incorrect, and it taints the entire article.

Joseph W. Graham
La Jolla

Thank You

Thank you to your editor and newspaper for revealing the story of Polyheme and for acting as real journalists ("City Lights," December 29). We are all indebted to you for standing up and reminding all what being human is all about!

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Ridiculous

I am deeply offended by an article in your paper about poets dying young ("Poets Tend to Die Younger," December 29). I thought it was ridiculous.

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Lungful Of SUV Loathing

The December 29 "Driven" column, "The SUV Feeling," was one of the dumbest, most offensive things I have read in a long time. I don't think it was a joke. I fear it was an unabashed glorification of the SUV, lauding a wasteful, selfish, stupid lifestyle: "We're Americans, we're about image," an image of "everyone who wanted something that was bigger [than a minivan] to carry all the stuff," an image of romance, as the driver pictures himself chugging across *National Geographic* landscapes. If this SUV driver actually got out and *walked,* maybe he'd see beyond his illusory vision of himself and his vehicle — he's using three times as much gas (you know, that resource we're killing and dying for in Iraq) as he could use in a smaller, more efficient car, and polluting more, since the emission standards for SUVs are more lax. If he went to the store, would he pay three times the sales price and inhale a lungful of carbon monoxide just because everyone else was doing it? Will he regale his grandchildren with tales of all the gas he wasted, something they're bound to appreciate since they won't have any left thanks to him and people like him who drove their *sport utility vehicles* with all the "goodies" (just like all those explorers and conservationists) on all those trips to Starbucks.

Eileen Scamahorn
Solana Beach

Stealing Ollie's Girlfriend

I'm starting to think the reviewers of "Hometown CDs" have something against their hometown. I was somewhat dismayed to read the review of Christopher Cash's CD (December 29); I'm not sure "crap" is a word that is useful or appropriate in a CD review. A quick review of several other past "Hometown CDs" reviews revealed a distinct lack of enjoyment of any of the CDs submitted for review by Mary Montgomery. Ollie, on the other hand, seems to be outright venomous.

Look, folks, these are local artists who in almost all cases are spending their own dough on these projects. The SD live original music scene sucks enough ass as it is; why add to the suckiness by calling someone's stuff "crap" when you can just as easily say, "not really for me"?

I, for one, look forward to Ollie's next gig; I'd love to go, Ollie. Post your schedule so I can show up. I promise I won't tell you you suck (too loudly). I'll be too busy stealing your girlfriend.

Alan Zeleznikar
via e-mail

True?

This is regarding "A Christmas Story," from the December 22 issue. I just want to thank the author very much. It was a very special story. I'm wondering if it's a true story. It certainly was very touching. I read it on the plane on Christmas Day, on the way up to Los Angeles — I was on my way to work — and it brought tears to my eyes. He's a very special writer, a very special person, and I just loved the story, and I was just wondering if it was a true story.

Marie Walton
Crown Point

Ollie responds: It's all true.

Out Of Context

Your out-of-context quotation from me that appeared in the December 22 "City Lights" could easily be inter-

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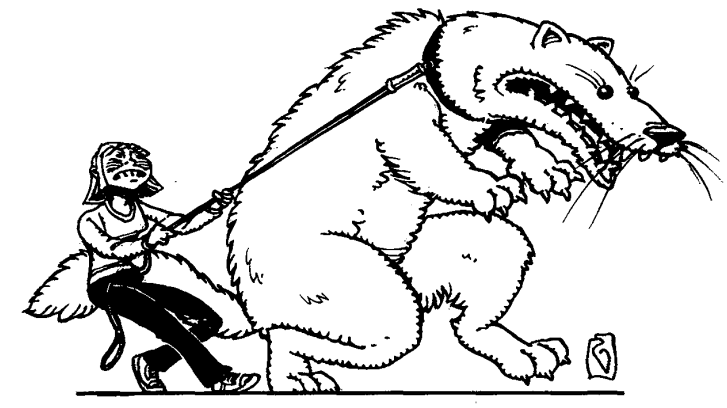

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Oh, Matt:
Ferrets. My problem is ferrets. I want one as a pet really badly. My friend has one, and they're just so cute and playful. But I'm told it's illegal to own a ferret as a house pet in California. What? Why? I can't imagine.

— Potential Responsible Ferret Owner, the net

Since 1935, in the wisdom of the State of California, keeping a ferret in your house is like keeping a moose or a black bear or a vulture or a cheetah or an elephant. It's on the state's list of wild animals not suited to curl up in your lap. The state also doesn't like the idea of importing a non-native carnivore that could threaten commercial ventures such as chicken and egg farms. That's not to say that plenty of Golden Staters don't own them. They're just illegal alien pets, subject to confiscation if the animal equivalent of la Migra gets wind of them.

Ferret fanciers say the animals are sweet, cuddly, playful, entertaining, smart, clean, devoted to their owners (insert here any other adjectives that might apply to a cross between a kitten and a Boy Scout). Detractors warn that they're members of the weasel family (wolverines, badgers, minks, sables, skunks, martens, ermines, otters, European polecats), very strong, wily, and fierce hunters, some of which will kill more than they can eat. This has led to the conclusion that some ferrets kill for the love of killing, not just for food. And their method of killing is generally to sink their long, needle-like canine teeth into the throats of their victims (rodents, mostly). A house pet only the Addams Family could love. Ferret breeders who raise and sell the type sold as pets claim their animal is much more benign than its wild cousins and has none of its killing instincts. They claim the domestic ferret couldn't live in the wild because it would be unable to feed itself.

According to ferret fans, the domestic ferret suffers because it's Cinderella in a family of evil stepsisters. Domestic ferrets can be descented, litter-box trained, and if handled properly they won't attack other pets or small children. They prefer playing with squeaky cat toys or having their neck scratched. Listening to ferret owners talk about their pets is like listening to Grandma talk about her grandkids.

But there are records of ferrets attacking babies. Articles in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that the animals had been drawn to the smell of milk, since in the wild they prey on nursing animals. But such attacks are rare, so it's apparently not characteristic behavior.

If a ferret lover has overwhelmed you to the point where you'll even move to own one, don't bother with Hawaii or New York City, two other locales that are ferretphoboic. There are other random counties that ban them too. If you'd like to join other ferret fans in their 12-year uphill battle to legalize the animals, go to *www.ferretnews.com,* Californians for Ferret Legalization. And I'm sure you'll be glad to hear ferrets have lobbyists in Sacramento.

HY MTTHW LC!
Why do radio stations have those consonant-filled names, like KQVO or KFMB? And why is there a disproportionate amount of the letter K?

— VWL-HNGRY IN NRML HGHTS

THR R 5 VWLS ND 21 CNSNNTS. When you dip into the alphabet, odds are you'll come up with a non-vowel. But it's actually a little more complicated than that. Since the 1920s, all radio broadcast stations have had to identify themselves with three- or four-letter call signs. At least once an hour they have to broadcast those signs. A worldwide system was set up to divide the alphabet among countries; the U.S. got N, K, W, and a share of A.(Canada got C, Mexico got X.) That meant all U.S.-related broadcasters had to use one of those letters as the first letter in their call sign. N went to the Navy, A went to the Army and Air Force, and K and W went to everybody else (commercial broadcasters, amateur radio operators). W was reserved for stations east of the Mississippi, K for the West (KDKA is Pittsburgh, PA, is one of the few clinkers in that system). The FCC gave commercial broadcasters the right to select the other two or three letters that made up their whole call sign. Rather than picking any old letters, when it was possible, stations picked memorable or meaningful designators. WNBC was the National Broadcasting Company's choice. WGN in Chicago was owned by a newspaper, so their letters stood for "World's Greatest Newspaper." A religious station in Kentucky picked WMTC, "Win Men to Christ."

There are more than 2000 stations in the U.S., so eventually you're going to run out of available combinations. POP and WOW and JOY and all the good words with vowels are probably going to go pretty fast. And you can make longer words by omitting vowels, which our brains tend to fill in automatically. KHRT certainly could stand for KHEART. So that's the story of all the Konsonants.

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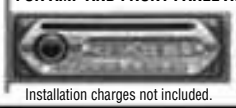

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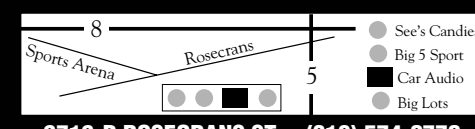

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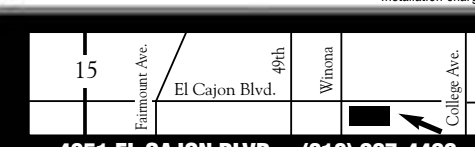

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By Patrick Daugherty

White Crane Spreads Its Wings

Two years ago I wrote a column about taking up the practice of Tai Chi Chuan, said I'd report back after a year. Last year. I checked in, promised an update in 12 months' time. Here we go again.

Tai Chi and me are an inexplicable match. I have an aversion of verbal mumbo-jumbo. Sentences like, "If the flow is swift it is difficult to resist. Coming to a high place, it swells and fills the place up, meeting a hollow it dives downward," scrape against my eardrums. I am not a patient man. Getting good at Tai Chi requires decades. Progress is imperceptible. There is nothing in my background suggesting that in the maturity of my life I would flounce around a public park attempting to move my invisible chi from one limb to the next. And yet, I've been taking Tai Chi three times a week for two years, and lately, have been practicing six days a week.

I am a student of the Yang form of Tai Chi, which has three sections and 108 movements. I wrote, two years ago, "Within one or two decades I should be able to demonstrate for you the Grasp Sparrow's Tail, White Crane Spreads its Wings, Embrace Tiger, Return to Mountain, Needle to the Bottom of the Sea, Wave Hands Through Clouds (five times), and Snake Creeps Low. Kindly check back then." Now, after two years' study, if I hold to my current elevated pace, I should be able to perform a passable rendition of the foregoing moves in ten years' time. This is hurling toward perfection at reckless speed.

I wish to be accurate. After two years' study, I have learned three sections and 108 movements on the right side. "Learned" means I can lurch through a set, but it is nowhere close to the real thing. The difference between a Sifu's Tai Chi and my Tai Chi is the difference between a mule and a Kentucky thoroughbred; you can tell they're somewhere related, but it's hard to tell exactly where that where is.

This year I'll start learning three sections and 108 movements on the left side. There is, up ahead, reverse breathing, moving chi within the body, weight shifting, and…more than you could possibly want to hear.

My first teacher is a man I'll call Yee Yuen. He's been practicing Tai Chi for 50 years, is a master, gives workshops in Germany, England, Israel, Hawaii, and all over the United States. He's small, maybe five-foot-five, bald, has a slight belly, and speaks with a Chinese accent. Before we get dewy-eyed, Sifu Yuen is also a retired Los Angeles high school teacher, lives in a modest house furnished in college-freshman flea-market decor, is married to an overweight real estate broker 30 years his junior, shops at Costco, and carries a cell phone on his hip. His Tai Chi is slowly moving water, one continuous flow.

Sifu Yee Yuen holds classes in a city park, and I thank him for that. Tai Chi is meant for outdoors. Class runs 90 minutes, breaks down as a half hour of standing meditation, half hour of Chi Gung (exercises meant to cultivate your mojo), and a half hour of Tai Chi Chuan.

After a year and a half, I left Yee Yuen, not for his Tai Chi, which is impeccable, but because of his old-school Chinese-style teaching. Yee Yuen does a set of Tai Chi, you follow, he might say a few words at the end, and then you go home. This style obviously works; it's been used for hundreds of years, but it didn't work for me.

Now comes one of his ex-wives. She showed up to teach class while Yuen was doing a workshop in England. Mireille, 49, was born in France, left home and hitchhiked to Nepal when she was 17, stayed there a few years with side trips to Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, then on to Morocco, then England, then to Venezuela, where she began teaching Tai Chi. Then, California, where she met and married Yuen. There goes 20 years.

She and Yuen had two children, she became a Tai Chi master, they divorced and found new partners. The pair treat each other with obvious affection because they have children in common. Each reeks of integrity and they work at it.

She is a brilliant, enthusiastic teacher. She will break down one move into parts and, most importantly, will tell me the same thing 1000 times. I credit her for moving my Tai Chi from *stumble* up to *lurch*. I would hand over my last dollar if she asked for it.

I always practice outside. I've developed a stash of beautiful places. I drive to a particular spot, depending on my mood and the weather. I don't feel enlightened or blissed or righteous during or after practice. I practice Tai Chi Chuan because I'm drawn to it. I don't ask why.

The Vegas Line

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	Saturday		
SEATTLE	9	41	Washington
DENVER	3	44	New England
	Sunday		
CHICAGO	3	30 ½	Carolina
INDIANAPOLIS	9	47 ½	Pittsburgh

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Proposition	Odds
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Washington will win by 7 to 12 points	10 to 1
Washington will win by more than 43 points	125 to 1
New England will win by 1 to 6 points	4 to 1
New England will win by 7 to 12 points	6 to 1
New England will win by more than 43 points	100 to 1
Carolina will win by 1 to 6 points	4 to 1
Carolina will win by 7 to 12 points	6 to 1
Carolina will win by more than 43 points	100 to 1
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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Wesleyan
Address: 11330 Campo Road, Highway 94 at Jamacha Road, La Mesa
Founded locally: 1954
Senior pastor: Dr. Jim Garlow
Congregation size: about 2800
Staff size: 14 pastors
Sunday school enrollment: about 1800, including small groups
Annual budget: $5 million
Weekly giving: $90,000
Singles program: yes, one for under 35, one for 35+
Dress: dressy-casual
Diversity: mostly Caucasian, a fair number of African-Americans and some Hispanics and others — "pretty much the diversity of East County."
Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Website: *www.skylinechurch.org*

"One of the primary concerns of every human being on the planet is, 'Does my life really count?'" says Pastor Jim Garlow. This was the impetus for Garlow's three-week series, "Be More Than an Obituary: How to Invest Your Life for a Return." The series opened Sunday, January 8 — the 50-year anniversary of the death of five Christian missionaries at the hands of the Auca Indians in South America.

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"Are you ready to worship the Lord?" cried the youngish man in the rumpled dark sport coat from the stage as he led the congregation to join the choir in song. "Get up on your feet now!" Over the thrum of a bass guitar, piano, and drum set, everyone boomed, "Every day with you, Lord/Is sweeter than the day before." The production was tight — the congregation knew when to go silent and let the choir strut its stuff, and several soloists belted out smooth riffs above the din. Still, the service featured less music than usual, so as to make room for the guest speaker: David Howard, a veteran missionary and the brother-in-law of Jim Elliot, one of the five men killed in 1956.

Pastor Garlow glided onto the stage in a short-sleeve linen shirt and dark, loose trousers. "Worship Him with the clap offering!" he exhorted the applauding crowd. He asked everyone to introduce themselves to two people they didn't know, and ran through a series of church announcements.

Then he began to preach. "John 12:24: 'I tell you the truth: unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.'...You can live out a dream that's much more profound, much stronger, much more impactful than what you would ever have come up with" by "laying down your life so that God can raise it up."

David Howard joined Garlow on stage, and the two sat on high chairs and conducted a prepared interview about Eliott and his companions. Howard, a chipper 78, presented Eliott as an intense Christian: a college student who went out for wrestling to prepare his body for missionary work, who regarded parties as a waste of time and celibacy as the Christian ideal (at least, until he fell in love). Only after reading 1 Timothy 6:17, "God has given us richly all things to enjoy," did Elliot embrace — with characteristic intensity — the life of fun.

Throughout, Garlow and Howard got help in telling the story from a DVD documentary on the subject, which played on the TV MONITORS that dotted the auditorium. Elliot and his companions (along with their wives and children) traveled to Ecuador and set out to evangelize the violent Aucas. The men made contact by lowering a bucket from a circling plane and so exchanging gifts with the Auca; eventually, they had a friendly meeting with a couple and their chaperone. But the couple later blamed the men for separating them from the chaperone, and when next they journeyed to the Auca, all five were killed. "They had guns," said a man on the DVD, "but they said they would never kill the Aucas, because 'They're not ready for heaven, and we are.'"

Two of the widows later returned to the Aucas and succeeded where their husbands had failed. And Elliot's widow Elizabeth has recruited hundreds of men into missionary work by telling his story. Howard estimated that "possibly 40 percent of the Aucas now know Christ, and the one who killed Nate Saint" — one of the five — "ended up coming to Christ and traveling across America with his widow to tell his story. He now travels with Steve Saint, Nate's son."

Steve Saint wrote an account of these events entitled, "End of the Spear," and a film based on the book is due in theaters later this month. Garlow encouraged people to bring others, especially the unchurched, to see the film. And he asked them to consider whether they were being called to join either a "short term trip missions project," or even "full-time professional missionary service." His own call, he said, had come after hearing a similar account about Paul Carlson, a medical missionary in the Congo. "When God called me to the ministry, He directed me to Philippians 1:29: '...that you not only believe on my name, but you suffer for my name's sake.'"

A young man sat at a synthesizer and began to bring music up out of the silence as Garlow asked Howard to lead a closing prayer. Heads bowed as Howard said, "Loving Father, we thank your for the commitment of those five young men who gave themselves so totally to you.... Your Holy Spirit is speaking to someone in this room, I believe that firmly. I pray that the spirit of God will give no peace to those people until they commit themselves totally to you.... I pray that you will send from this church right here many of them out to parts of the world where the Gospel has yet to be heard. In Jesus' name, Amen."

What happens when you die?

"Well," says Garlow, "depending on whether people have embraced Christ as their savior and lord, it will indicate whether they go to a Christ-less eternity or to an eternity with Christ. The Bible doesn't tell us much about either heaven or hell, but it gives us the impression that hell is not a good place, and heaven is pretty wonderful. That's the best I can tell you."

— Matthew Lickona



JIM GARLOW

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content	★★½
delivery	★½
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Music	
congregational	★★½
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A flying elbow from a nearby partygoer landed smack in her left eye, knocking her cold and leaving a purple-blue bruise.

–EVE KELLY

She was dancing a mean tango with a rose in her teeth. She and her partner then displayed the decisive steps of the cha-cha. An hour later, when the party broke from ballroom dancing into freestyle, my sister was forced to quit. A flying elbow from a nearby partygoer landed smack in her left eye, knocking her cold and leaving a purple-blue bruise. That was the end of the New Year's Eve party for Sis. She left with an icepack on her sore eye.



I felt so bad for her that the following morning I decided to help find some makeup help. She was feeling a bit sheepish about showing up at work with the big shiner.

First call was to the Mac cosmetics counter at Macy's. "We have a product in Mac called Studio Finish Concealer [**$13.50** for .24 ounce], which tends to be the best product to use for covering any black eye," explained the saleslady. "It comes in two sizes. It is also used as a foundation because it provides such full coverage. Our colors are in two ranges: what we call NC and what we call NW. NW tends to be a little bit warmer, and it's what we would recommend underneath the eye. Because of the warmness in that color, it tends to blend better when you are trying to cover such a dark surface, like a black eye. Sometimes you will have to mix the two," she added.



What are the steps for applying the product?

"When you are putting concealer over any area, especially underneath the eye, you always want to make sure to have that area well moisturized. Make sure to use an eye cream when you have a black eye — that is going to help take any of the swelling away. Make sure that any area that you are going to cover with makeup is well-moisturized because if it's not, you will be able to see the makeup. The whole point of the makeup is to make it look as natural as possible. So an important key is to have the skin moist. Then put the concealer on. Some people do put powder on over it. My personal preference is not to because I think that is when you begin to be able to tell."



The saleslady answering the phone at the Shiseido counter had another product suggestion. "Shiseido has a product called Optimal Cover Concealer [**$22** for 20 grams at Nordstrom], which is pretty thick. It will even cover a person's mole. If you put that on, dab just a little bit and finish it off with the translucent powder [**$27.50** for a case with powder at Nordstrom]. I had a discoloration after a laser peel. I was walking around trying to find out what product worked the best and nobody could cover my spot better than this Shiseido concealer."

"We would probably use what's called Ideal Light Brush-on Illuminating Concealer [**$24.50** for .07 fl ounce at Macy's]," offered saleslady Michelle at the Estée Lauder counter. "It's a luminating concealer. We would probably use an 07 or something with a pink tone — because the pink kind of cuts out the purplish and blue tones that a black eye will have — instead of a yellow which would kind of make it stand out. It is really pinky, so you have to put a foundation over the top of it. The foundation is the Individualist Natural Finish Makeup [**$32.50** for one ounce]. It is our newest one, and it has flawless coverage. The powder goes on top of the foundation and helps to set the makeup and keep it in place. The loose Lucidity Translucent Powder is what I would recommend [**$29.50** for .75 ounce]. And we would also use a concealer brush to apply it, just because it gives a more flawless, even look."

The Clarins Counter recommended "our concealer called Instant Light Perfecting Touch [**$26** for .07 ounce]. That would work for a black eye, and we have three shades."

The Clinique lady pointed me in the direction of a different line. "There is a line called Dermablend," she informed me, "that is specific to covering birthmarks, scarring, that type of thing."

I called Ulta Salons & Cosmetics in La Jolla, which carries Dermablend, to get some info on the product. "It really covers anything — tattoos, everything," said the saleslady. "There is a foundation and a concealer, but what I put on people with severe dark under-eye circles is a product called Smooth Indulgence Concealer [**$18** for three ounces at Ulta]. It's a little bit creamier, and it covers the dark right up. It comes in four different colors. First moisturize the area and then apply the product and finish with a powder to make it stay. Dermablend has a transparent powder [**$18** for one ounce at Ulta], so anybody with any skin color can use it. In my personal experience, it is the best product for coverage," she added.

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MS. SIMON'S CENTURY

by Josh Board



I got an invitation for a New York party. I thought that was a long way to go until, reading on, I realized that it was in Rancho Santa Fe. There's always great food and wine at the parties there, though the wine would cause me slight embarrassment (more on that later).

The party was for Laura Simon, who was turning 100.

I arrived at the gated community an hour late. All the guests were seated and eating when I walked in. It was kosher food, and the Jewish foods that I hate. (My grandmother is rolling in her grave.) I walked to the bar, poured myself a drink, and scanned the room for a place to sit. I saw a lot of yarmulkes, and a few skin yarmulkes — bald spots. There were rabbis. There wasn't an available seat at the table, so I sipped my wine and watched the two musicians play.

An attractive blonde came over to get a drink. We made small talk. I told her I was from the *Reader*, and she told me she liked it when the *Reader* made fun of Rancho Santa Fe residents. She invited me to sit at her table. When I mentioned the rich people at Rancho Santa Fe parties, she said, "Yeah, well, you've already had your first faux pas. You poured your wine in the wrong glass." She grabbed a wine glass and poured me another. We headed to her table, where I met her husband. They told me that they were neighbors of Laura's.

I discussed writing with a friendly woman sitting next to me. When she got up to say a few words, she mentioned her husband, Don Harrison. I knew there was a Donald Harrison who had written for Jewish publications in town, and I often wondered if he was the father of a girl I dated in the early '90s. When she sat down, I asked her if she had a daughter named Sandi. It turned out that the Harrisons were Sandi's parents. I didn't want to ask too many questions about her, because I thought it would be awkward for them to talk about Sandi with one of her old boyfriends.

> "They ran out of forks, but I'm done with mine. You can use it."

As I looked for a fork, one woman said, "They ran out of forks, but I'm done with mine. You can use it." She washed her fork in the sink for me. The food I tried wasn't as bad as I remembered Jewish food being. (My grandmother can stop rolling.)

It was the cake I was looking forward to — it was huge. It had to be to hold 100 candles. I heard the usual birthday-candle jokes. One person talked about it being a fire hazard. Another said, "This cake really lights up the room!" Another person said, "There is no possible way she'll blow out the candles." She did. It took her a few tries, as it was difficult for her to lean over the big cake, but she did it.

The people who got up to speak about Laura had interesting and funny things to say. Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin, who is in his early 90s, laughed about finally being invited to a party in Rancho Santa Fe. He then complained about having only one minute to speak. He told a story about seeing Woodrow Wilson at a train station in Oceanside.

It's interesting when older people talk about historic events. Laura mentioned hearing the news of the *Titanic* sinking. She said she had to ask her mother what an ocean liner was.

Laura's son, Mayo Simon, had some touching things to say. He's an accomplished playwright from New York, who has written for Broadway and the movies. A guy at the party told me that Simon wrote Judy Garland's final movie, *I Could Go On Singing*. He also co-wrote the science-fiction film *Westworld*. I was curious if he was on the set with James Brolin and Yul Brynner or if the writer just turns in the script and is done with it, but I never got a chance to ask him that. I also would liked to have asked him if he was satisfied with how his film *Marooned* turned out, and what he thought of the late Gregory Peck's (a San Diegan) performance in it. (*Marooned* also starred Gene Hackman in one of his first roles.)

I wanted to discuss movies with Simon, but thought it might be tacky when the other guests were approaching him to



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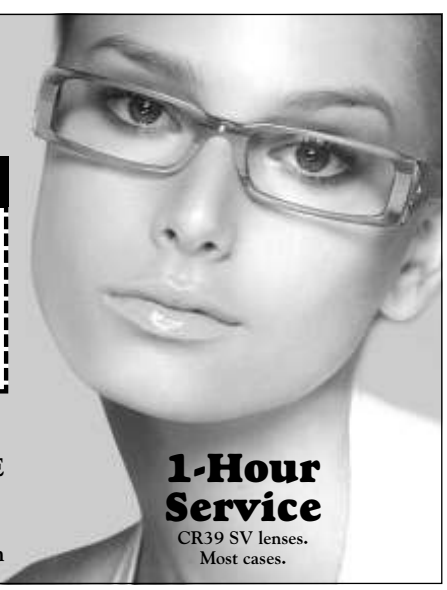

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tell him how lovely his mother was.

I also thought about discussing with him screenplays I've written, but remembered how I feel when people approach me at parties to pitch story ideas for the *Reader*. I decided against it. Besides, Simon's 100-year-old mother was shopping a book she wrote called *I Am Still Here*. I'm sure he would be more concerned with helping her find a publisher than pointing me in the right direction.

Laura's great-granddaughter got up and spoke. She flew in from art school in New York, and got teary eyed as she spoke, which had the rest of us in tears. There's an 80-year age difference between Laura and her.

Two high-school students were at the party to show a documentary that they made about Laura. It was fun listening to her talk about her life in it. Working at age 13, earning $6 a week; being married for 82 years. And to think, I got tired of my last girlfriend after a month!

The blonde neighbor who had approached me earlier at the party would occasionally smile at me or come over to make sure I was enjoying myself. When she told me she was from Jersey, I was surprised; I didn't notice an accent.

A rabbi talked and joked. I wondered why the rabbis and priests I've seen at weddings try to be funny. They rarely are. Yet everyone gives them courtesy laughs.

As I was leaving, Mrs. Harrison handed me her daughter's e-mail address. That was nice of her. I drove away wondering if I should e-mail Sandi to say hello, and how to do it without coming across as a pathetic ex-boyfriend pining for the past. ■

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Foxtrot Bravo

by Barbarella

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

— Mahatma Gandhi

"We live like kings," Dad said. The last pill from the colorful assortment in his hand disappeared into his mouth, thus completing Dad's morning ritual of swallowing vitamins, aspirin, and herbal stuff like ginkgo biloba, ginseng, and bee pollen. I remembered the sticker he had placed on the door to the kitchen pantry when his four daughters still lived under the same roof. It read, in bold, black letters printed from one of his high-tech machines at work, "**Hey, take your vitamins!**" This was one of a series, the others being the sticker on the door that led to the garage, **Hey, lock the door!**" and the sticker placed cleverly on the inside of the medicine cabinets in both bathrooms, "**Hey, floss your teeth!**"

Everybody can use a compliment — not bullshit, sycophantic, obsequious ass-kissing, but a legitimate compliment.

Dad set up his breakfast between stacks of paper on his glass dining table: a bowl of Frosted Flakes, a banana, a tall glass of orange juice, and a cup of Lipton tea. I sat across from him with my own bowl of the sugary flakes I grew up eating.

Over the years, Dad has never let us forget how lucky we are to have our health, each other, a job to go to, and a place to call home. While riding with him to Costco the other day, Dad pointed out a man with no arms walking down Washington Street. "That's got to be rough," he said. "I look at him, and I think, I have *nothing* to complain about."

I used to live with Dad in his Mission Hills condo. Now he shares the space with my sister Jenny, who affectionately calls Dad "Foxtrot Bravo," an aptly suited military nickname that stands for "Fucking Buddha." With the acerbic wit she gleaned from our inner-city New York relatives, Jenny came up with the playful epithet shortly after moving in to my old room. With these two words, she is able to make fun of Dad (who frequently uses the term "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot Oscar," or "What the fuck, over?" when he is taken aback by something) for his military background *and* mock him for his new age-y, Zen-like outlook on the world. Though Dad balks at the lack of respect he says he gets from his children, it is clear to us that he is proud of his youngest daughter's gumption and her superior skills for repartee.

Dad wiped a bead of milk from his whiskers with one hand and retrieved a pamphlet from the pile of papers to his left with the other. He passed it to me and I recognized it as the newsletter from Make-a-Wish Foundation. In it were listed the names of children with life-threatening diseases, their wishes, and the wish-granters who helped make these wishes come true. My father has been a volunteer wish-granter for the nonprofit organization for seven years. When he's not traveling for business, he handles up to three wishes a month.

"Isn't it hard?" I asked him once, years ago, after I had accompanied him to greet a family at the airport and broke down shortly thereafter.

"Not at the time," Dad told me. "During my participation, the family's happy, the kid's happy; what happens, it's magic. They're not focusing on the disease, not lamenting possible outcomes; it's a good time. Then I bid them farewell and I go on to the next kid. I get to be like the butler in that old show *The Millionaire*." Dad explained that each episode of the 1950s program began with the butler knocking on someone's door to deliver a check for one million dollars from his boss, a mysterious philanthropist.

I set aside my bowl and skipped through the pamphlet, stopping only for the circled names, those children my father had helped. I thought about some of the stories Dad has told of his Make-a-Wish children and their families — of how happy Valeria was to receive her princess-themed bedroom, and how excited Carlos was when he got his DJ equipment. With the donations the foundation receives, these kids can have almost anything in the world. It always baffled me that they ask for so little — a trip to Disneyland, a new computer, to be a fireman for a day.

"I don't know how you do it," I said, more to myself than to Dad, but still, he answered.

"Like I've told you, it's not hard when I'm there," he said. "But many times, it's hard when I leave. I think about how much love is in these families — it's palpable — and they don't have a pot to pee in, but, you know, they're tight. And then I think of my kids, you guys are all healthy. Okay, so maybe you're fucked up psychologically," he joked, "but you're all physically healthy."

Dad stood up from the table. "Come with me, I want to show you something," he said. I followed him to the computer set up on a desk in the corner of his bedroom. After a few minutes of scrolling through his e-mail inbox, Dad located the pictures he was looking for and opened a slide show on his screen. He narrated

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each image for me. They were photos of his last trip to the orphanage in Tijuana that he visits with other members of his church once a month.

"This kid's been there for a while," Dad said, pausing on a photo of a little boy around four or five years old. "He has the longest lashes; you wouldn't believe it." He clicked to the next image of a young girl laughing in the arms of a woman. "They desperately need hugs." Facing the screen, he wiped at his eyes. Then, after clearing his throat, he added, "I stay in the kitchen most of the time. You know, kids have snot and shit all over them, so I tell them '*afuera*,' which means outside." But I know he is kidding, because the next picture is of Dad with a child on his lap, a book in his hands, and a warm smile on his face.

My father, who many people know as C.C., works long hours and traveled over 100,000 miles last year. Yet he still finds time to volunteer for whatever he can. Once a week as an Airport Ambassador for Traveler's Aid, he roams the terminals to find people in need of help. Last week Jenny joined him at a local church to feed homeless people. He ushers at most venues in town (so he can see shows for free), and of course, he is active with Make-a-Wish and lends a hand whenever he can for his home away from home, Midtown Church of Religious Science.

When asked, "How do you fit it all in?" my dad consistently answers, "We all have 168 hours in a week. You do with that time what you wish."

Walking back to the dining room to clear our dishes, I asked Dad, "Why do you spend so much time doing this stuff rather than reading or something?"

"I read a lot," he responded.

"Come on, you know what I mean," I said.

"I do it for a selfish reason. It makes me feel good." We took our seats back at the table and Dad explained further.

"I really believe that if you're doing well, you should reach out and help people. If you can make somebody else's life a little easier, in any instance, on any occasion, you should do it. I know all the cleaning ladies at work by name. When I see somebody shining the floors [they're retired Navy guys], I tell them, 'That looks great!' And you should see their faces. Everybody can use a compliment — not bullshit, sycophantic, obsequious ass-kissing, but a legitimate compliment. It really is rewarding. And it's easy and it's cheap, it doesn't cost you a fucking dime. And it makes a difference in their face...so I imagine it makes a difference in their life."

Dad's eyes glistened with moisture. "You can change somebody's life for a day," he said. "Before I go to bed, I think, what did I contribute to the world today? What did I do worthwhile? And every day, it's always something." He got up and went to his room, and returned with a Ziploc baggie in his hands. "Here, I want you to put this in your wallet," he said, retrieving a small slip of paper from the bag, which contained at least 50 such slips. "I have one in mine."

I turned the white slip over to see the words printed in large, bold, black letters: "**Be Grateful!**"

"Thanks, Daddy," I said. "I'll do my best." ■

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The popularity contest is over. Texas hold 'em has won. We're all in.

Some approximations state that over 20 percent of Americans play hold 'em poker on a regular basis. Thirteen networks currently offer poker programming. San Diego's own *Union-Tribune* offers a weekly syndicated column devoted to the subject. Official entries for the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas — Texas hold 'em's main event — have risen from 532 in 2000 to 5619 this past year. And in the fastest-growing sector for hold 'em — online poker — the numbers are even more astronomical. At least 15 websites offer real-money online poker games, with some of the sites reporting nearly $1 million a day in earnings. It's estimated that as many as 50,000 people in the world are holding real or virtual cards as you're reading these words.

Two thousand three was the boom year for Texas hold 'em. That year, television audiences were let in on the deep strategies of the game: the Travel Channel introduced lipstick cameras inside the poker tables that allowed people at home to see what those playing could only guess at — the players' hidden cards.

Also in 2003, Chris Moneymaker (yes, that's his real name) brought the Internet to the forefront of poker con-

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"That woman over there," he said, nodding in the direction of an older Asian lady with sunglasses on. "She's been here since late last night. I think she's been taking naps under those glasses."

sciousness. With one $40 buy in at a satellite tournament event online, he qualified for the World Series of Poker and then went on to the live main event in Vegas and beat 839 of the best players in the world, earning a $2.5 million first prize. Not bad, considering it was his first live tournament.

High-stakes, no-limit Texas hold 'em poker, if it's a sport at all, is an *extreme* sport. The analogy — jumping off a cliff with an elastic band around your ankles — isn't too fanciful. Betting all of your chips, risking every last bit of what you have, letting it ride on a single chance is nothing short of an all-out, intense, existential rush.

You know the feeling. Your stomach tears and goes two ways, half popping into your throat and half plopping down to your lap. Like when you pass an approaching cop car, and in your rearview you catch him banging a U-turn to follow you. Only thing is, at the poker table, you've got to keep it all inside. You need a "poker face." You've got to contain the butterflies that broke out when your stomach tore in two: no veins twitching in your throat, no tremors in the hands, not a bead of sweat. Your demeanor has to remain an illegible map, as your heart doubles pace in a snap.

Good poker players, among other talents, must develop a mastery of themselves. Their minds control the trifling matter of their bodies' physiological effects. They grow cold, at least at the table, at least metaphorically. "Ice in the veins," we say, or "a cool character."

Master players are not just masters of themselves and their own physiologies, they are also masters of math and anthropology. Studying odds and opponents, the best card sharks squeeze luck into her least possible trace.

If there's a problem in all this new popularity, it's among the young, or, more specifically, among that segment of potential players who don't have disposable income to risk. Bruce Roberts, the executive director of the California Council on Problem Gambling, told me that 70 percent of California teenagers have gambled in the past year. "And the trouble with a lot of them," he said, "is that they use their parents' credit cards, tuition money, whatever it takes." Roberts went on, "It often starts out harmless, but then they get hooked." Roberts also told me the average onset age for problem gamblers is 12 years old. "That's when they place their first real bet," he said.

I probably placed my first bet around then, but I never got hooked.

One reason may have been that I wasn't a consistent winner at cards. Sure, I've won enough for a few compact discs or dinner, but I've also lost everything I came to play with. Which is to say I've never become a poker expert. A half-friendly night game over Jack Daniel's with coworkers, an hour or two at the tables on my annual trip to Vegas, and that's about it. I hardly ever play.

But just the other day, I was getting my car fixed — dead battery — and there was a card room a few doors up from the service station. I had an hour to kill, so I bought into the $3 to $6 hold 'em game with $40. The way I see it, it's like going to the zoo or SeaWorld or a Padre game or Playhouse play. Forty bucks' worth of fun.



Or not. I dished out 40 bones to be dealt in two hands.

First, I folded rubbish — no loss — and then, before I could settle in, before I'd drawn a few dozen breaths of musty card-room air, I was dealt "the nuts." The best possible hand in all of Texas hold 'em poker: pocket aces. My luck!

I stayed calm, glanced a second time at the unmistakable good fortune — A/A! — and resolved immediately to drive it all the way, all out, and let the chips slide to whomever they would. You can't get better starting odds than A/A.

I was first to act, and two guys called my maximum $6 bet. The flop came 2/3/8, three different suits, garbage. My hand was beyond nuts. One guy folded, but the other raised my maximum bet and called me when I re-raised. The turn was more garbage, and the guy called me again. In no-limit, I would've gone all in, no matter how many chips I had. The river was another 2. I bet again, but this other guy called again, and when we flipped our cards up…no! He had a third deuce. He'd been calling me with 10/2 off-suit. Total garbage. But in this case, it was enough. I'd been beaten on the river, three 2s to my beloved "bullets."

I just love the language of poker. It's rich with colorful, figurative terms, many of which have integrated with our American vernacular. Ace in the hole, wild card, call the bluff, when the chips are down, cash in, stack up, pass the buck, up the ante, blue chip.

The terms and phrases of Texas hold 'em, in particular, sound like something other than a card game. For example, you'd been limping, but you had the best kicker and top pair on the flop, and the only one in it with you was a total calling station, so that by the time the turn came, you went all in, because you knew he needed more on the river than you. Sounds like something out of an ancient religious text.

By most accounts, the history of poker spans more than 600 years. Similar card games were played in Persia and China, eventually migrating to the United States through Europe, until variations on today's poker swept widely through the American West in the early 1800s.

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offer poker throughout the day. The Village Club in Chula Vista is one of the oldest in continuous operation, with a history dating back more than 50 years.

San Diego boasts its share of professional poker players as well. In the 2005 world series, 36 San Diego County residents reported winnings.

One of the bigger winners, a man who finished in 327th place, taking home $14,135, was Alpine's own Chris Psillas, aged 69. When I called him to ask if I could interview him, he was open to the idea and friendly. Then I mentioned maybe sitting in and playing poker with him.

Psillas, whose rusty voice and dense accent are as Greek as togas and baklava, said, "Wait a minute. You're a writer who waits tables. You're too smart to jump out of planes with no parachutes. You don't go deep-sea diving without air tanks. You don't want to play poker with me. You should sit behind me and watch me play."

I wasn't convinced. How much would Psillas bring to buy in with, I wanted to know.

"I always buy in with $1000 for an afternoon," he said. "But I bring another $1000 to re-buy if I have to."

Alrighty, then! I reckoned I'd just watch.

Psillas's regular haunt nowadays is the Village Club. "One of the best big games in all of San Diego," he said. Psillas plays there about four times a week.

Psillas's résumé as a poker pro was impressive. He'd played since he was a youngster growing up on the Mediterranean island of Rhodes and became a professional in 1990, when he took a job as a prop at Viejas Casino. Props, or poker proposition players, are hired by casinos to start games or to keep shorthanded games from breaking down. Psillas told me he's made in the vicinity of $100,000 every year playing poker since he went pro in 1990. His biggest take in a single sitting was $28,000. (And his biggest loss was around $11,000.) He quit being a prop last year and decided to focus on tournaments instead. To this end, last year was the first time Psillas played in the World Series of Poker.

So I got ready to learn a thing or two from a pro and I headed down to Chula Vista.

The Village Club has two rooms, with 12

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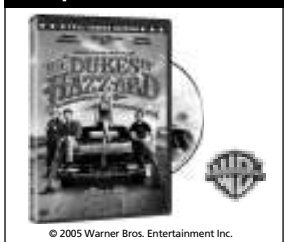

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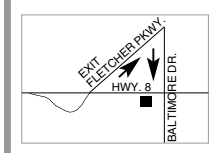

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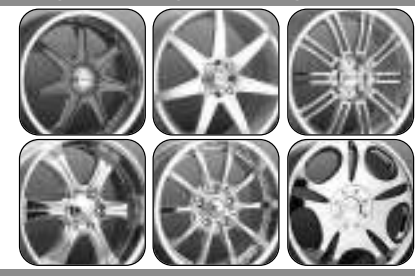

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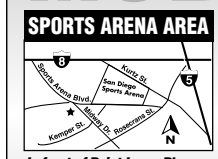

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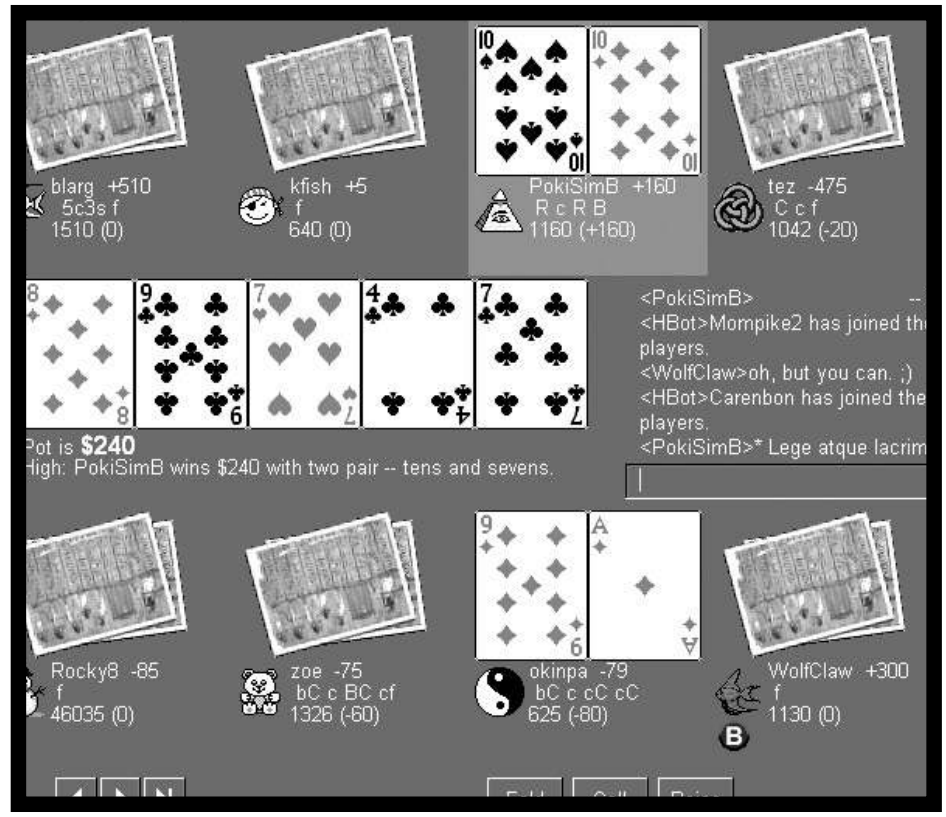
tables total. There's a small bar and a tiny kitchen that serves superb noodle soup and egg rolls, as well as sandwiches and other meals. There's a cashier as well as an ATM. Of the 12 tables, 1 is for blackjack, 3 are for pai gow, and the rest offer variations on hold 'em.

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the Village Club is comfortable enough as card houses go, with cushioned seats and air-conditioning and an extra foot or two of space between each table. It has the obligatory surveillance cameras, the televisions showing sports and CNN with the sound turned off, the low drop ceiling, the patterned industrial carpeting.

The guy who usually runs the floor at the Village Club is Cowboy Joe Simpkins. Or rather, Cowboy, just Cowboy.

Cowboy himself is an old pro. Played the world series, worked at Viejas, made a good living. From what I could tell, he was an amiable, efficient, effective floor manager. He always seemed to know what was going on in the room: organizing games, keeping an eye on potential problems, and the whole time maintaining good humor and chatting with me while I waited for Psillas to arrive. The whole time I was there, I never once heard anyone call Cowboy anything other than Cowboy. He answered the phone "Cowboy." And, of course, he sported snakeskin boots, a leather vest, a bolo tie, a Stetson hat, gold horseshoe earrings, glitzy rings, and a goatee.



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Cowboy gave me a little overview of some of the players in the club that day. But instead of a litany of old pros, he focused on another kind of card player. "That woman over there," he said, nodding in the direction of an older Asian lady with sunglasses on. "She's been here since late last night. I think she's been taking naps under those glasses."

Cowboy went on, "We get a lot of folks who play for days straight. We had one woman once who played for days straight, never slept, and started to stink, so we had to send her home." And then he told me about the queen of the days-straight players. "This one lady who still plays here from time to time, she used to play hold 'em for two or three days in a row, never going home, never sleeping, but she's had two heart attacks, so her doctor won't let her do that anymore."

And speaking of doctors, Cowboy told me about one plastic surgeon from Tijuana who was on his way to play that day. "All the big-money players are licking their chops," he said. "The doc never wins. Comes up here with two, three, maybe ten thousand dollars sometimes. Drops it all in a day or two and then drives back down."

There was another player who'd apparently called ahead, rushed down, played for about 40 minutes, and then hurried back to work. Cowboy told me he usually loses because he plays too many hands. "The way to win is to be patient," Cowboy said. "Sit down for four or five hours and play only when you've got good cards. But if you get behind in a 40-minute session, there's no time to play smart and catch up."

I started looking closer at the players who filled the tables that day. There were men and women, beards and clean chins, reading glasses and tinted glasses, manicures and hangnails, gentle demeanors and toughened thugs, red eyes, big hats, brimmed hats, bald heads, long hair, big bellies, athletic bodies, suits, shorts, T-shirts, blouses, button-downs, iPods, Asians, Caucasians, blacks, Latinos, 20-year-olds, and octogenarians: you name 'em, they were holdin' 'em. About 75 players, one o'clock on a Thursday afternoon.

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After I looked around the room for a while, I listened. The murmuring hum of people chatting bubbled beneath the sound, that particular sound peculiar to poker rooms: the clink and chink and click of chips. Poker players might be said to have a manual fixation, if there is such a thing. They shuffle, finger, slide, sift, lift, drop, paw over, and otherwise never let go of their piles of chips, at least not until they lose them. You can tell the hard-core players by the nifty juggling tricks they've mastered after hours and days and years of sitting with their stacks. Perhaps all the chip touching is a player's way of identifying with what's at risk. Or maybe it's nervousness or even boredom: there's nothing else to play with. I wonder what these players do when they play at home, online. Practice chip shuffling to stay in the mood?

For my part, I'm a notorious chip fumbler. It takes me a long time to count the chips out — they fall out of my fingers — and I know that anytime I touch my chips, everyone at the table knows that I'm inexperienced at poker. But I've learned to use that to my advantage. I almost always appear nervous, knocking over my stack and trembling and trying to count. But that makes me a good bluffer. Because it looks as if I have a big hand when I bet. At least that's how I hope it looks.

After an hour or so, my poker pro, Chris Psillas, finally showed up. He's a shorter man, kind of roly-poly, with big-rimmed glasses, a white mustache standing out against his permanently tanned skin, and smile lines scored around his jolly eyes and wide Greek mouth. One indicator of the kind of person Chris Psillas is: everyone who seemed to know him at the poker room seemed to like him. Although maybe that's just good poker, pretending to like your regular opponents.

Psillas shook my hand and led me over to the big-money table. He bought in with $1000 for a no-limit game with $5/$10 blinds.

"You have to know when to stop playing," Psillas said. "That's a big mistake players make. They push it beyond their limits." Psillas told me he knows to stop when he's won about $3000 or $4000. And if he loses the $2000 he came with, well, that's what he knew he was risking when he showed up.

I sat down behind Psillas, and he was dealt his first hand. Nothing. Another hand. Nothing again. He chatted cordially with me, regardless of whether he had cards

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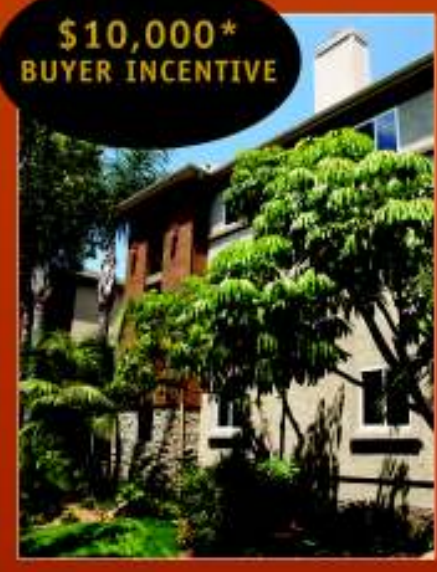

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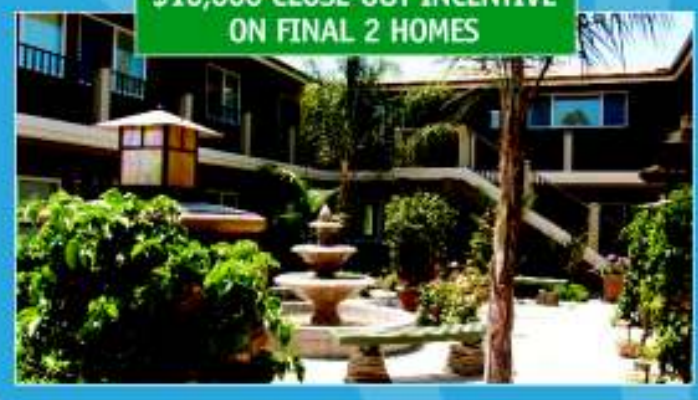

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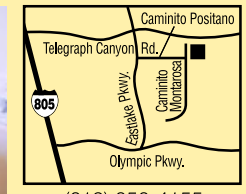

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or he was waiting for them, but he said that if he got involved in a big hand, he'd have to concentrate.

In case you've been living in a monastery for the past few years, here's a quick rundown of how Texas hold 'em is played. Each person at the table is dealt two cards face down. These are your pocket cards, or hole cards. There is a round of betting. Then three cards are placed on the table face up. These are called "the flop." The flop consists of common cards that fit into everyone's hand. There is another round of betting, as there is after a fourth common card ("the turn") and a fifth common card ("the river") are revealed.

Whatever else Texas hold 'em is, it's also a game of rhythm. And the rhythm of hold 'em is s-l-o-w. The hands take a minute or two, at most, and the chances are your two cards aren't going to be very good, which means you fold them and watch your opponents play. Fold and watch. Fold and watch. Fold and watch. A slow rhythm. And it's important to remember that you're not doing nothing while you're sitting there folding and watching. You're supposed to be learning what kinds of players are sitting at your table. Are they tight? Loose? Wild? Aggressive? Scared? It's important to be able to anticipate what your opponents will do when you have an opportunity to bet into them.

And then, every so often, you get a hand you think you can play. It's time to bet, so you tailor your bet to four elements: where you are on the table, how much money you hold in relation to how much your opponents can bet, what kinds of players your opponents are, and what kind of cards you have.

Psillas folded a bunch of small hands as he started, and after each tossing in of the cards, he half-turned to talk to me, telling me little anecdotes, tidbits of wisdom, pieces of information. "Every poker player's superstitious," he said at one point. "Me too. But not to the degree that I won't change my shirt if I'm winning in it." Later, he told me, "It's easy to blame the dealer or say you lost because you took the bus. And maybe it's true! You don't know with luck."

After about ten hands of folding or calling and getting no action, Psillas at last had a hand to play and an opponent or two to play him. His J/10 suited turned into a club flush on the turn; he went all in, and, boom, just like that he was up about $600. It hardly seemed to register with him, just another day at the office. And even with the big win, his stack was only about fourth biggest.

A few hands later, A/Q off-suit turned into a pair of queens on the flop, which netted Psillas another couple hundred. This started a little run of sweet hands: pocket kings, suited connectors, pocket jacks, and such. This made me feel more

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secure, as I sat behind Psillas and tried not to bother him. I had worried that I might adversely affect his luck.

But Psillas seemed to enjoy having someone to talk to. He whispered to me in his gravelly voice, and I picked the meanings out of his accent. Some Psillas wisdom: "When players talk about their hands, they're always lying." Or, "Everyone thinks they're the best player in the world. I don't. I just want to be good enough to travel a lot and enjoy myself and make a living." And, "Poker is good for society because there are so many rich people who are bad players. Poker helps redistribute the wealth."

As I wrote down what Psillas was saying, someone wondered who I was. "He's my agent," Psillas deadpanned. "I'm going to be a movie star."

Later, Psillas told me his wife Andrea plays poker often and plays well. "She learned from me by sitting there the same way you are now."

And I was learning pretty quickly. For one thing, you pay more attention when there's a lot of money on the line. After Psillas bluffed out another player and won with nothing, he threw in his cards and refused to answer as the other player asked three times, "What did you have?" Psillas turned to me and said in a low voice, "Never show your cards unless you have to. So many players are proud of their hands or proud they bluffed you, and they show their cards even after they've chased you out. You should never do that. Never. It tells the other players too much about you."

Psillas began having "bad beats" after a hand where he tried to chase a less-experienced player sitting next to him. He called a $75 bet with nothing, a 5/6 off-suit, and after a worthless flop, he raised $100, trying to steal the pot. But the less-experienced player was not to be chased. Turns out he had pocket aces. He called, and Psillas lost the $175. "I didn't play that well," he admitted to me, quietly. "But I thought I could scare him away. I should have gotten out earlier."

After losing another $300 on pocket jacks, Psillas told me, "No recipes are correct all the time. There are no laws in Texas hold 'em. A strategy that wins big one hand can lose you everything down the road. That's just the way it is."

The last hand I watched Psillas play, he lost $400 because two less-experienced players (younger, more nervous, had made some dumb bets earlier) ended up with a straight and full house, respectively. Those hands obliterated Psillas's top pair and good kicker and leveled his stack down. I told him I was going to head out so that his luck could swing back toward the positive, and he smiled and patted me on the back. "No, no," he said.

I called Chris Psillas the next day and asked him how he'd done. "I ended up winning about $700," he said. "I played for about three more hours."

With his old-world Greek accent, Psillas had a tone like a wise ethnic uncle built into his voice. He sounded as if he urgently meant whatever he was saying.

I remembered Psillas telling me the day before that he always had "about $100,000 free to play poker with." Where did all that money come from?

"I came to the U.S. in 1961," he said. "I had a

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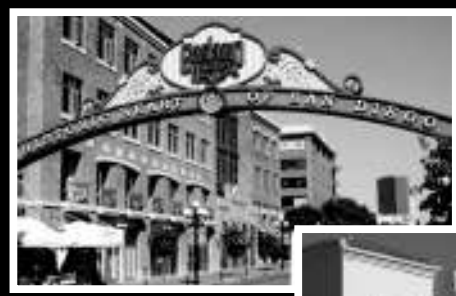



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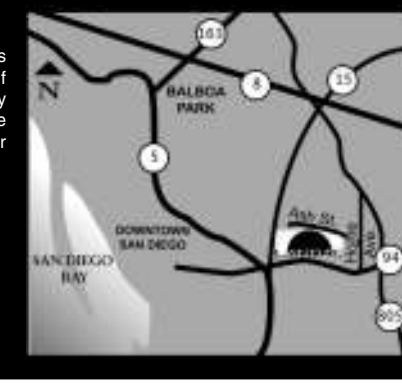

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service station in the beginning, and then I went into the seafood business. I had a furniture factory in Costa Rica. I was a deep-sea diver for a while. I have done all kinds of things, and I made good money."

And what got him into playing poker professionally?

"In 1990, I divorced my wife, my present wife," he said. "We got divorced, but then we got married again. So I got divorced, and I sold my business, and I came to the U.S. from Costa Rica, and I came to the West Coast because I heard there was good poker out here, and I wanted to play poker. I became more proficient and more regular — instead of playing two times a week, I was playing four times a week. That's when I ended up being a prop at Viejas, and that's how I got into the World Series of Poker."

Psillas won his way into the world series by taking first place in a satellite tournament. Satellites are smaller tourneys that are designed so that the top money winners can go on to larger, main events. Psillas paid a $1000 buy in for the satellite he won. To play in the world series without winning a satellite, players had to dish out a $10,000 entry fee.

What was the World Series of Poker like?

"The computer gave me a third-day entry," Psillas answered. "There were something like 6600 players there, with 2200 starting on the first day, 2200 the second, and the rest of us beginning to play on the third. So I started Saturday, the third day, and I survived. Then I went to the next day, where all three remaining groups play together. And I survived the second day. And the third day, I was very cold. The first day, I had $96,000. The second day, I ended up with about $37,000. And the third day, I just tried to stay alive and get in the money, and I did. For my initial $1000 investment, I won over $14,000. Top 500 finish. Not bad."

Is there any special quality that separated the average poker player from the elite poker player?

"First of all," Psillas said, "I'll tell you, I'm a down-to-earth guy. So the elite, I don't know. This idea of the elite bothers me. It bothers me in literature, it bothers me in social status, it bothers me in the quality of a human being. There is no elite. Anyway. Anyway. Okay, so I am a humble man, and I just like to make the best out of it. But what makes me better than the bad players is that I'm a winner. I get ahead. And I'd say I win because of my experience. Because of many years of playing. And I guess I have a knack for it. You know, you can't be a good mechanic if you don't have a tendency to like nuts and bolts. Some people cannot be good players. They play their entire lives, and you wonder, are they stupid? Do they have some kind of mental defect or



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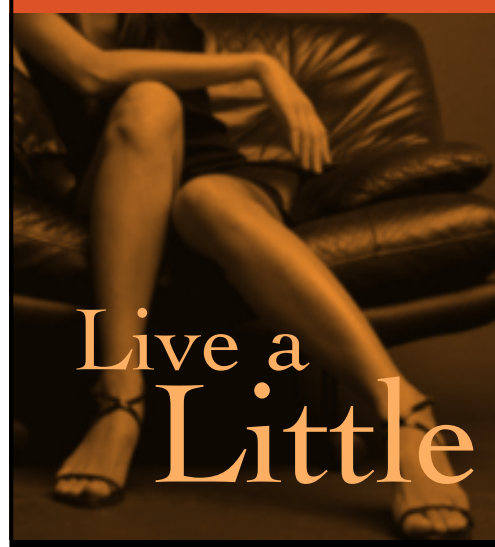

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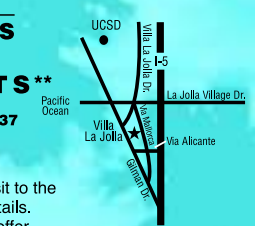

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something? They play so bad, for 50 years. But I have a certain knack for playing poker. I don't know why."

On my way to asking another question, I made the mistake of implying that poker is not, as they say, an "honest living." Psillas jumped on those words. "Why do you make this distinction?" he asked me, clearly stung. "In the old times, being a poker player was a degrading thing. But now, it has a following on the television, and people play for millions of dollars. It's not something to feel bad about anymore."

I wanted Psillas to tell me about reading people. How did he do it?

"More than reading people is knowing people. In other words, very few people have very distinct body language at the poker table. But you have to see patterns of how people play. Are they always risky? Are they always conservative? If you play with someone for a long time, for instance, and you never see him raise one time, and then, all of a sudden, he raises somebody, then what's he got? He's got a good hand. And you know this because he's a very tight player."

What patterns did other players notice in him? Could they read Chris Psillas?

"Most players know that when I bet heavy, they should get out," he said. "But I take risks also. But not to the extreme that I'll go all in on nothing, let's say. I don't think I'm very easy to read, because I don't express a lot. If I bluff or if I don't bluff, I don't have different expressions. Or maybe I do, and I don't know it. But I'm not the kind of guy who bites his lips or does something with his hands."

What about superstition and religion and the spiritual side of poker?

"For one thing," Psillas answered, "I don't think God will come down and help you play poker. So forget religion. But superstition, yes. Always I do stupid things, like I'll take my ring off and put it in my pocket, and then I'll laugh at myself. When you lose, you try to find the reason why you lose. You do realize that luck exists. And it's bigger than the people involved. You know, this isn't pool or chess or any of those games where the person who plays better usually wins. In poker, you can play 50 hands against someone who knows more about poker and who has played longer and who wins more, but you can beat him 49 times. It can happen in poker. Any player can win at any time. But, of course, that's why you don't talk about, oh, I won today or I'm losing this week. You have to talk about the whole year. Because your luck cannot be against you for a whole year."

But in the long run, doesn't luck even things out, 50/50?

"No," Psillas came back. "Because in the long run, what makes you better is your skill. Luck always balances. But your skill is the difference. It's what will make you win more from me or make me win more from you, over time. This is inevitable."

What did Psillas think about the recent boom in poker?

"Ten years ago," he said. "There were only three tables of hold 'em at Viejas Casino. Today, you'll have 15 games going at any given time. And all these new players, the majority of them, are losing their money. It's good for the business. Really good for casinos. Do you realize that the rake from casinos, in the big games we play, is about $140 an hour? That means a casino can

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"And TV created it," he went on. "That, and the fact that this guy, Chris Moneymaker, won the World Series of Poker the first time he ever played a live game. He only ever played online before, and then he's in the biggest tournament in the world, and he played so stupid it was pathetic. You know, almost every hand he won was not a playable hand. Except for one good move he made in the whole thing, when he went all in, and the other guy had Q/9, heads up on the last table, and the other guy didn't call, even though Moneymaker was bluffing. It was an excellent move. But anyway, Moneymaker made a great contribution to poker, getting other people to play more and more in bigger games."

Then Psillas thought a moment. "Or, I don't know if it's a contribution, actually," he said. "Maybe it's more of a social problem. Because now we see kids from the U.S. who, instead of going to school, they're playing poker. And they tell you that. They say, 'Look, I can make more money doing this. I don't have to finish my studies.' So young people today, maybe they tell their parents they're going to school, and their fathers send them money to become engineers, and instead they go to the casino and play poker. It's not good."

But the boom in poker must be good for an experienced player like Psillas: more novices from whom to take large pots!

"There have always been bad players," Psillas said. "And there are more of them now. But the thing about these youngsters playing today, most of them are educated in how to play poker. They've read all these books; they've seen hundreds of hands on television. There were no books or televised poker games back in my day. I'll tell you what it's like. In the old days, to be the captain of a boat, you had to go start from cabin boy and end up as captain 35 years later, maybe, if you had the brains and the capacity. But today, you go to school 4 years, and you come out and you're mess captain, and then 4 years more, and you're full captain. And you can do the same thing in poker." ■

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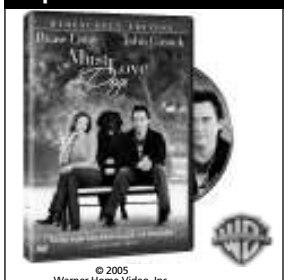

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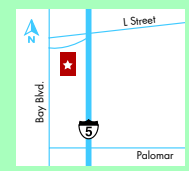

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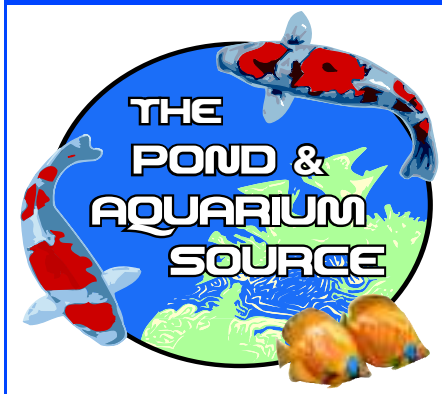

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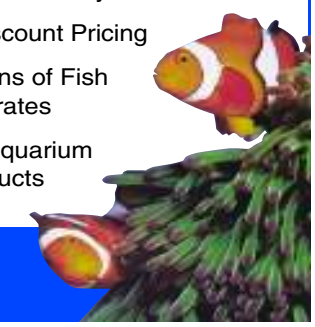

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I CONSUME SLIGHTLY LESS THAN A GALLON OF DIET COKE A DAY, MOSTLY IN CAN AND FOUNTAIN-DRINK FORM.

Caffeine is my life support. I drink tea and coffee. I drink iced tea like a crazy man because it is my favorite. At Starbucks, I opt for the black iced tea, sweetened. It tastes delicious and it's cheap (in Starbucks terms).

Another form of iced tea that I indulge in is Arizona Iced Tea, raspberry, lemon, or green-tea flavored, I down these canned slices of heaven with much enthusiasm. I buy them by the box at Costco. If I'm out and about and need a green-tea fix, I stop by Vons for a gigantic bottle.

I can't explain my love for iced tea. It's not an addiction because I can function fine without craving it. Nor does it have an effect on my mind or behavior. I do not drink iced tea because it contains caffeine. In fact, caffeine does nothing to wake me up. I just like the taste.

Coffee is my other lover. Frappuccino. Macchiato. Latte. Bring it on. Coffee is warm, creamy, and sweet. Sometimes I drink it iced. My current favorite is Starbucks' Pumpkin Spice Latte topped with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon. Coffee always tastes good with friends. Again, not an addiction. Coffee is more like an obsession. I don't drink coffee or iced tea daily. Maybe a couple of times a week. I try not to spend too much money because it can get costly, especially Starbucks.

— Derrick Sun, Mt. Carmel H.S.

Until a couple months ago, the caffeine in coffee and soda made my life complete. Then I realized that I didn't need to be taking in so many calories and all that sugar every day. Before I quit, caffeine had control over me. The first thought that would crawl into my head as I rolled out of bed would be...Starbucks! There was no better way to begin my day than with a steamy white-chocolate mocha. The caffeine gave me the energy to help me live up to my loquacious reputation!

Later in the day, when the clock struck 12, the thing I desired most to drink was a crisp, cold cola to wash down my food. At lunch, everyone around me slurped sodas, which made them hard to resist. When the tiresome school day finished, arriving home would only be satisfying when greeted by a Coke. So, most days, I drank one or two of them in the afternoon.

Last summer, I visited Starbucks about 10 to 15 days each month. Usually boredom overtook me in the afternoon, so I would walk to the popular coffee spot with a book or my iPod and enjoy a cool Frappuccino for a few hours. To me, that was the ideal summer vacation!



There would be times when I experienced a craving for caffeine if I hadn't consumed any. I have to admit that sometimes I still get cravings. For instance, three weeks ago I felt my stomach pleading for a Coke, so I opened the refrigerator knowing that I would find one. I didn't give in to the yearning that I felt, but it was a close call!

— Alexis Sebring, Carlsbad H.S.

Ah, caffeine...the magical ingredient that makes your heart beat faster and speeds up the blood in your veins. Who can live without it? I am a caféholic. I have at least one caffeinated beverage a day, whether it's a Coke or my all-time favorite, Wild Cherry Pepsi. After drinking only one, I feel revved up for the rest of the day (though I refuse to "drink sweet" before 10 a.m.).

Caffeine can often bring people together in friendship, but drinking it solo has its perks. I do, however, have to limit how much I drink. My stomach tends to do an Irish jig if I drink more than three caffeinated beverages, so I tend to limit myself to two; instead of my stomach reenacting *Lord of the Dance,* it goes into a more modern type of movement.

Sleep is almost always impossible when I have had a soda or a sweet drink after 8 p.m. My adrenaline keeps roaring, so I try to do power pilates to burn it off. That can take anywhere from one to three hours, depending on the soda and caffeine level. My parents are always on me about how much soda I drink. One time, I forgot to give my dog fresh water, so my parents told me I couldn't drink anything for a whole day so I'd know how it feels. Not only did I become thirsty right away, but I was also teased by my ten-year-old cousin. To have someone say, "Ahhh, ice-cold Pepsi. Mmm..." nearly drove me insane.

I don't remember when I started having caffeinated drinks, but I asked for them a lot when I was younger. Usually, the answer was "no," so I suppose that fueled my craving for sweet, syrupy sodas. I guess you could say I have a habit.

— Lee Ann Gonzales, Monte Vista H.S.

Just like thousands of teenagers worldwide, I have been sucked into the caffeinated-drink phenomenon. My two main drinks are coffee and Diet Coke. Grow-

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ing up in a household with a refrigerator stocked with Diet Coke and the smell of coffee each morning, I did what most people would do: I picked up my parents' habits.

I didn't like caffeinated drinks until the stress of adolescent life kicked in. As a kid, I liked sweet drinks such as hot chocolate and Sprite. As I matured, I began to acquire a taste for the "adult" drinks. I began to drink coffee and diet soda frequently, and suddenly a cup of coffee for breakfast became a part of my daily nutrition; diet soda accompanies my lunch and dinner.

My friends and I get together for coffee at least once a week. I spend a minimum of $20 a week on caffeinated beverages. I've even developed a tolerance to caffeine. Though it helps me get through the day, coffee doesn't prevent me from sleeping. I can drink a cup at 11:00 at night and half an hour later fall asleep. In fact, caffeine puts me to sleep. I feel the speedy effects for a short period of time, but I always have a crash and I feel more drained than before I drank that cup of coffee. Despite the drawbacks, I continue to flood my diet with caffeinated drinks. Otherwise, I begin to feel irritated, drowsy, and sometimes I even get headaches. I am hooked.

— Marion Finocchiaro, Grossmont Middle College H.S.

Like so many other Americans, my daily caffeine intake is high. I don't view this as a bad thing, however. To put it into perspective, the drug in our sodas prior to 1903 was cocaine (Coca-Cola...get it?). Caffeine is partly responsible for my good grades in school, my aversion to sleep, my popularity in school, and my good looks. It's a wonder drug.

Some drug addicts like to smoke crack. Others enjoy injecting it. The professional elite of America satisfy their caffeine need with a $4.25 Vanilla Mountain Espresso Double Shot (extra whipped cream) from Starbucks. Your annoying coworker prefers to tweak out on Red Bull all day. My caffeine drink of choice is Diet Coke (DC); its shimmering aluminum body, sugarless but sweet nature, and beautiful price tag draw me in. I consume slightly less than a gallon of DC a day, mostly in can and fountain-drink form.

A favorite nighttime activity of mine is putting on CNN's *Headline News* and relaxing with a pack of David's Sunflower Seeds and an ice-cold DC — until I'm rudely awakened by the rise of the sun. DC was the main motivation of my purchase of a mini-fridge. Running downstairs became a hassle.

Four years ago, I bothered my girlfriend enough to go on a date with me. I was secure with myself and ordered a DC at dinner, despite the feminine reputation it possesses. She laughed at me. Guess who's addicted now? DC has fueled many memorable all-nighters in which we shared passion.

My mom used to try and limit me to one soda a day. Parents of America, this strategy sucks and should not be implemented. It made me want it more, made the whole thought of drinking DC and caffeine an exciting event. She's cool about it now and keeps the fridge stocked.

— Patrick Cole ■

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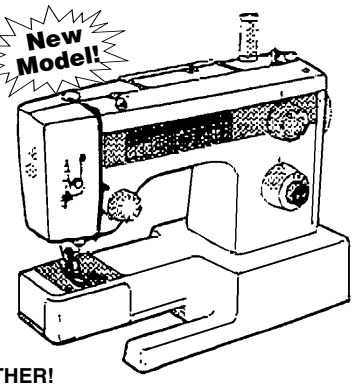
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Hollis Gentry

Fattburger Broke My Heart

Hollis Gentry is playing sax in one of those places in the Gaslamp where the price of a martini hovers around the double digits.

It is a quiet night, perked up by a woman — Gentry's girlfriend — who is dancing to the music by herself. Gentry, in coat and tie, is part of a horn section that is playing behind a singer who is doing his best to deliver the standards loud enough to keep people from talking during the performance.

In due course, each of the horn players gets a solo break, and when Gentry takes his, he belts out a few silvery runs while he watches the Padres game unwind on the big-screen TV.

I ask him about it later, when we hook up on the sidewalk out front. Did he see the final play of the game?

"Yeah," he says. "And there was a movie on one of the other TVs. It was a Tom Selleck flick. I was watching that, too."

Then, casually, he asks, "Did you bring your horn?"

No, I say. I did not. I am surprised that Gentry even remembers that I play, given that it's been a good decade since we last saw each other.

Back in 1969 when we were both sophomores at Crawford High School (54th and University), Gentry could already do the jazz thing — he could improvise; he could make up his own solos. And he spoke jazz — y'dig? — all before his 15th birthday. A child-sized John Coltrane, a friend had once called him.

Crawford, designated as a magnet school, is what brought Gentry to white, middle-class Crawford ("the La Jolla of East San Diego," he now calls it). I played the baritone sax in what Mr. Foster, the music teacher, named "The Stage Band." Foster got us arrangements written by young composers like Clark Gault and Don Ellis.

"I was probably playing over my head at the time," Gentry says. He could barely read music then. His ear got him by.

After school, Gentry played jazz with seasoned musicians in Webster Jackson's band. "Playing with these older guys in the garage. . .it was, like, 'Okay, young Hollis, whatcha got? Whatcha got, son?' "

At Crawford, Gentry formed his first serious fusion group, which lasted into college. He named it Power, homage to the soul/jazz group Tower of Power. "Power became the black-community band," says Gentry. "It didn't matter — if a black act came to town, Power opened for it." When Barry White's Love Unlimited Orchestra played the Community Concourse in 1974, Power was indeed the opening act, which earned them an invitation to join the show. Gentry and bandmate Nathan East took leave from UCSD and went on tour. But when the tour canceled due to White's health, Power was sent home early.

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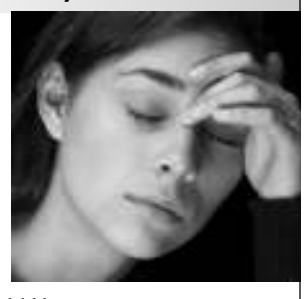

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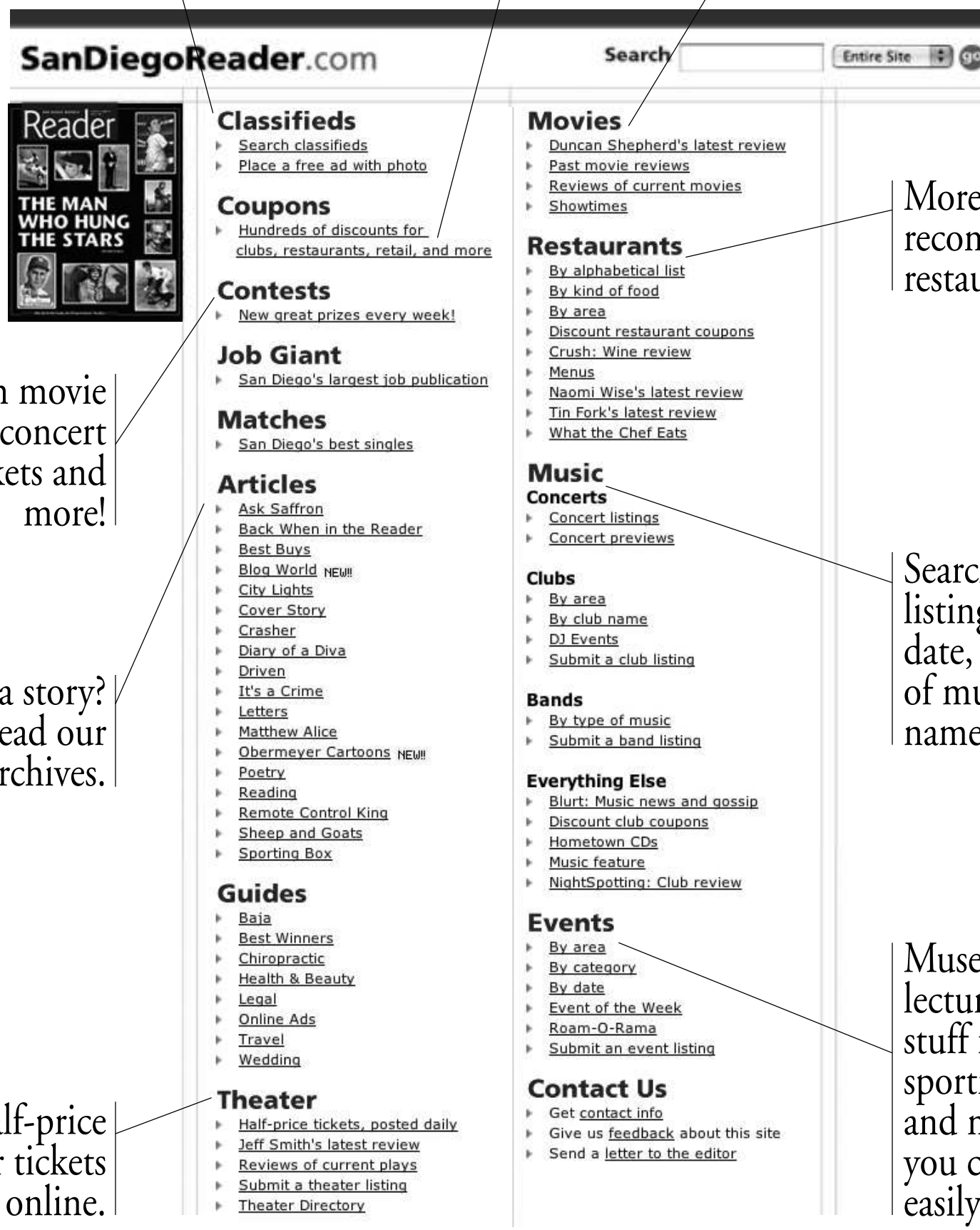

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jumped out at my ass. And Cannonball says, 'Go ahead and play it, Hollis…but I couldn't. I was too mystified by it. It was so emotional. I just wanted to sit with it for a little bit. So, he walked out and I sat there, man, and I started cryin'."

Adderley recorded a demo of Power's originals and was going to shop it around when he suddenly died of a heart attack. "Not only did we lose a great friend and an icon, but our dream collapsed, and the band kind of drifted apart after that."

Gentry and East found steady work with a band that would eventually become San Diego's Fattburger. "We had an incredible run together," says Gentry, "which culminated in an album in 1986." The album got airplay.

Then, Gentry says that he was asked to leave Fattburger. They accused him, he says, of taking too much attention away from the group. "Fattburger gave me, like, 90 days to play out my tenure," he says, "which totally broke my heart. It really hurt…that they would do that to me."

But pianist Carl Evans says that's not how it happened. "The real problem was that Hollis had a lot of personal problems that were interfering with the business of the band," he says. "He's notorious for that stuff. It became a matter of liability for lawsuits. He would book gigs and forget to tell us, and then we'd get a call from him saying, 'Where were you guys?' "

I ask Evans what the real problem was. "In a nutshell," he says, "there was way too much partying going on."

"That's bullshit," Gentry says. "There's always gonna be an occasion where somebody's gonna miss a gig or two, but nothing outside the realm of what is normal. Otherwise," he says, "I wouldn't be working now. Nobody would hire me."

Gentry has since played road stints with jazz pianist David Benoit and pop-jazz flautist Dave Valentin. At 45, he is a grandparent. Gentry's daughter Taura is 26, his son Hollis IV is 25, and the grandbaby, Hollis V, is 2. The walls of Hollis's North Park apartment are covered with pictures of Gentry: on-the-road shots, posed stills, photos of Hollis stabbing the air with his soprano saxophone. He lives alone, save for the company of his cat of 16 years, Chaka. The apartment is chaos in boxes. There is a bicycle ("I ride it every day"), finished crossword puzzles on a table, ashtrays full of butts.

"I'm still movin' in," he says.

"How long have you lived here?" I ask.

"A year and a half."

Gentry's career seems momentarily stalled; his future appears to lie in four cardboard boxes on the floor of his music room — his new CDs, he says, which he must now sell to recoup both his own and his investor's money. He points to two more boxes on a shelf: "Carlton's and Benoit's sheet music," he says, "in case they ever call me to come back to work." ■

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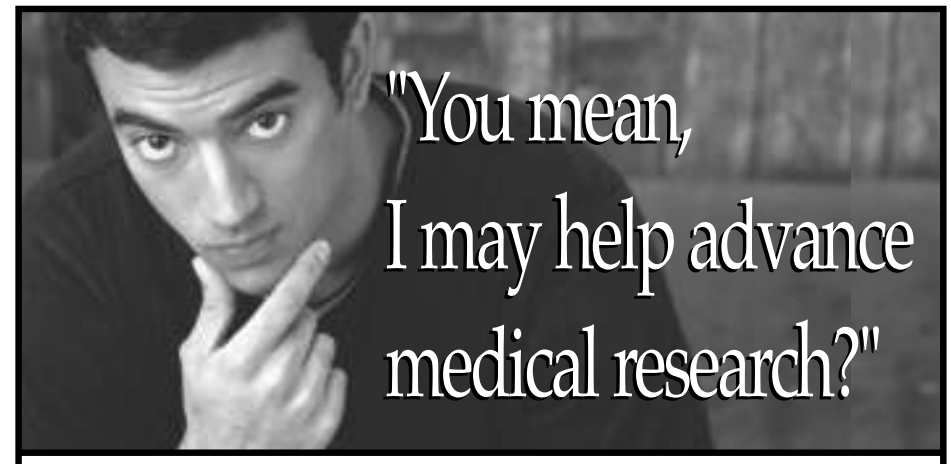

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According to the photographs displayed in the mock-Tudor shopping square five blocks from here, I was living on the original street of Old Del Mar. In the 1880s a resort hotel stood on the several lots nearest the bluff. What remained were five small white cottages, designed originally to accommodate those elaborate rituals which occupied elder Victorians on any approach to the ocean. Now artists had taken them over, as they had taken over much of the rest of the block. Near as I could tell, my neighbors included four visual artists, five sculptors, two action architects, three musicians, a landscape gardener, a woodworker, a yogi, a nuclear engineer who had become a humanistic psychologist, a professional volleyball player, and two dancers. There were also, I think, two playwrights and a poet, but they were quite private about their work, and I knew them only as sunset jugglers. You will know them, and all others here, as shadows of their former selves. Their names do not match, and their actions, while true to the spirit of the street, are in detail imagined. What they say is also a gentle fiction, as was once the street itself.

Bob Pike, one of the action architects, claimed that it was the particular view from our street which attracted all the artists. Standing on his porch, itself constantly in a wildly organic state of repair, he looked out past the swing hanging from the Monterey cypress to the eroding bluff and the ocean beyond. "It's like this. You come to California to see the world being itself, falling apart, building itself up again, ocean and rock, weeds, quakes. And this street is it: dead-ending into a concrete drainage ditch and old wooden piles, and the Santa Fe railroad tracks beneath, between the piles and the bluff, and the gopher on the bluff, and the landslides down about a hundred feet to the beach below." He walked over to one of his contoured black-and-blue cement walls. "You know, this wall is not here to protect my garden — it doesn't even go all the way around. It's here to emphasize my sense that everything on this street is in motion, and that artists only catch the misleading instances of rest. That's why my architecture is the way it is, you know. You design for the encounter between the people and the place."

Cathy Morrison, the other action architect, agreed. She and her housemate Monk Pritchard, a sculptor, created what they called a kinetic habitat. Everything in their house moved, some of it at their command, some of it when they least expected. "For instance, three nights ago it was quite cold. The house decided to curl up. Oh, I know that sounds a little mystical, maybe even a little like Edgar Allan Poe, but that is what happened. Monk and I came home to find the walls curving inward, the furniture clustered together, the hot water faucet leaking. It was great." Cathy showed me some of her blueprints for a house that could levitate. "It's just a dream right now, but we're serious about it, even so." I was fascinated by a ten-foot-long hollow wooden cylinder hanging from two thin beams in the ceiling. An example of tectonics, Monk explained. "Look it up, go ahead. Tectonics is, first, the art of building functional beautiful things, and second, the science of earth structure. When I found that out maybe two years ago, I got inspired. You see, this cylinder is a sculpture, a finely-tuned seismographic device, and a musical instrument, all in one. Tectonics. However the environment changes, the cylinder registers the change: wind, geological shifts, sunlight, temperature." Monk tapped the elegantly fluted surface. "B flat today." He checked some lovely arrows painted on a woven rug. "Point four oh five degrees off level." He thought for a few seconds. "A good day tomorrow, I bet. Good surf, mostly sunny, high 70s." Cathy interrupted, "Of course we're not weather prophets. It's just that in a kinetic habitat, you become, well,

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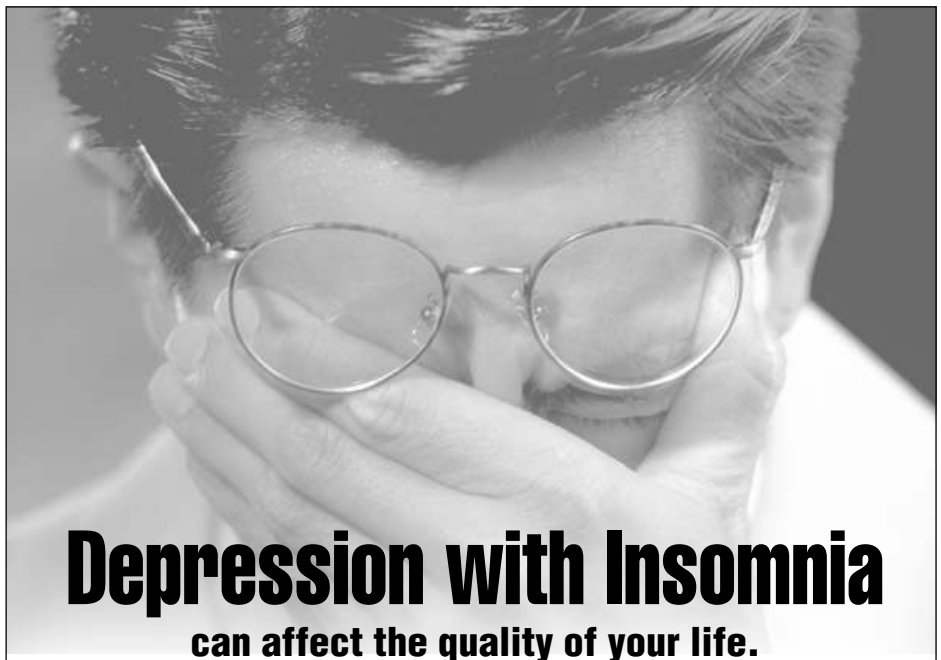

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sensitive to things, and what you design is basically an extension of that sensitivity. And when you walk down this street, you sure can feel that sensitivity we all have to our environment."

Could you? On the front lawns of half a dozen houses, other sculptors had mounted their works. I asked them about the relationship between their projects and this street, this environment. How sensitive were they to Tenth Street?

"Plenty." Art Madison was speaking, as he usually did, with a thin cigar in his mouth. "I've molded these pieces here to resemble, exactly, down to the scars and little bits of grit, old-time redwood surfboards. They were big heavy mothers, yet somehow they had a grace to them, they were more a part of the ocean than what we get nowadays, plastic, foam, polywhatever. And I don't think I would have been moved to make these pieces if I hadn't somehow caught the old-timeyness of this street. These redwood boards, they're historical, almost ancient. Like redwoods. And this street, it's historical, oldest street in Del Mar, goes back to the Civil War. More than a hundred years old, scars, grit. See what I'm saying?"

Raul Josephs also sculpted pieces modeled after surfboards, but he believed in creating total environments. Scattered between the surfboard forms were others that evoked flippers, wet suits, bars of wax, goggles, suntan lotion bottles. "Sure I'm affected by this street," he said. "Sure. Maybe not its history, but I came to this street a couple years ago 'cause I needed to feel the ocean and be by myself, quiet. And this street has the ocean and it has quiet. Maybe being historical makes it quiet. A kind of awe, you think?" I stared down at some of the wet suits splayed across the grass, admiring their sense of anatomy. Raul noticed my admiration. "They're like skins, aren't they? And once you wriggle out of them, you're almost unrecognizable. I guess that's the way this street works; it's so old you can sink back into being unrecognizable, or you can make something really exciting because you have a better finger on all the changes."

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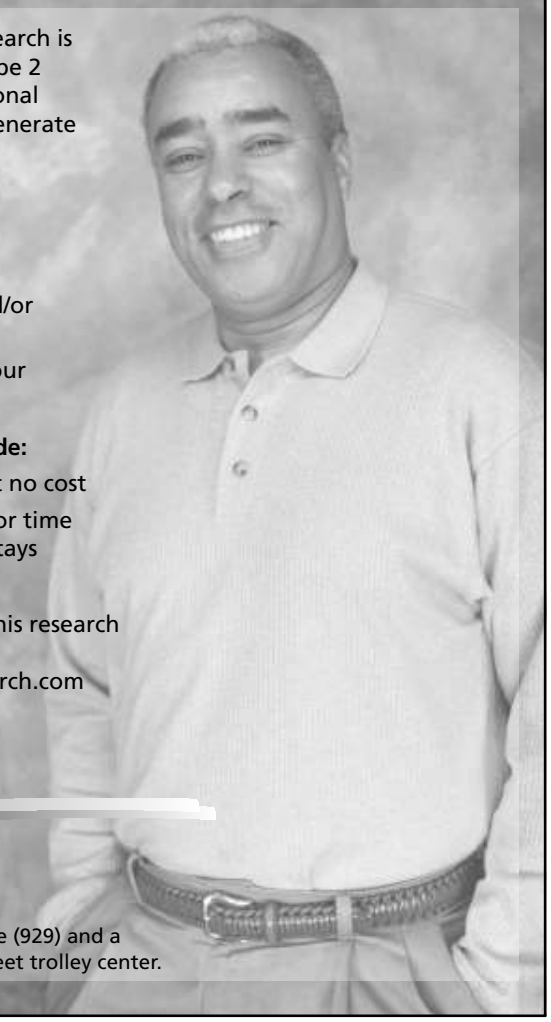

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Gopal Matucek, a printmaker who did most of his lithography at studios 20 miles south in San Diego, wanted his living space to be separable from his artistic space. "But I was also looking for a space that would be inspiring or at least aesthetic." Gopal was worried that the street was becoming so crowded with faddish artists that it would soon be nothing more than another Laguna. His friend and neighbor, Artur J., a more radical artist who called himself a progressive cultural worker, saw the crowd of artists on Tenth Street as a missed opportunity for organizing. "I'm against all this competition that capitalism sets up between artists. Here we are living around so many artists, and we should be sharing things. We should be making art in unison, fighting injustice, violating the fascist copyright laws. Instead, everyone is just blind, solitary. All power to the people and all people to the paint pots. Groovy slogan, huh? I made that up myself."

Actually, there had been some cooperation between the artists. They had labored together to fix up a playground on the one vacant lot near the bluff: the cypress swing, an herb garden for the blind, a miniature Frisbee course, a volleyball net, a barbecue pit, a few colorful crawl spaces disguised by ice plant. There had also been a block party devoted to the issue of a young vagrant woman whom the neighborhood hoped to adopt as a model for figure-drawing classes. The landscape gardener, Lou Northcott, had teamed up with the woodworker, Kevin Noritaki, to rehabilitate the street sign. The yogi (who has preferred to remain anonymous) counseled several of the artists when they found themselves at spiritual/aesthetic sticking points, and Ed Feinman had used journal therapy to improve the jump shots of the professional volleyball player.

Nonetheless, some residents were disappointed that the beauty of the street had not led to many peak experiences. They came to Tenth Street expecting an exciting collective experiment in the arts, and they found instead a short dead-end street with no lampposts and no sidewalks. "It would be okay," Toni Giambattista said, "if you could dance in the streets and get other people to join you. But that just doesn't happen here. Too many cars,

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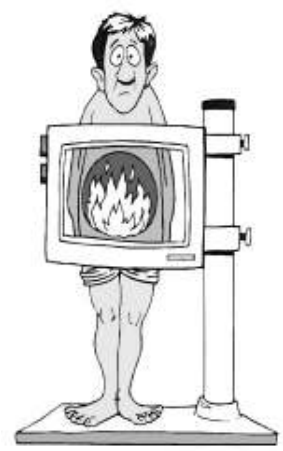

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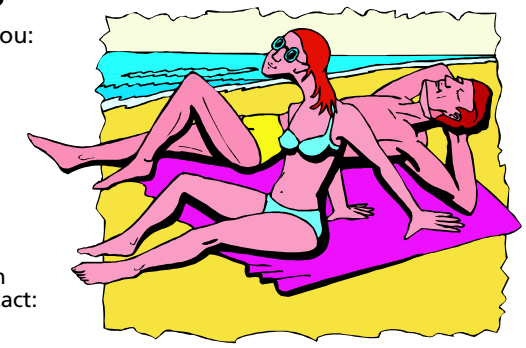

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It is Sunday afternoon now on Tenth Street. I am back, visiting, four years later. I can hear the synthesizer music of one new arrival (a former physicist), whose wife today is out in the yard fashioning a garden in felt and cotton cut to resemble begonias and fuchsias. A watercolorist is having a garage sale two doors down, and people are walking by carrying seascapes, stormscapes, and old paint-by-number sets. I have promised to help set up lights for a jazz concert this evening on the patio of one of the oldest houses, restored to its original façade. The house still bears a marker from the bicentennial celebrations, and every so often photographers from local papers come around to catch it in a different pattern of publicity. The concert will feature a bass player and a guitarist, resident talent. They usually meditate for 30 minutes just before their performance, so a group of us will prepare a power center for them on the patio under one of the jacaranda trees.

Somehow, I am not sorry I left. ■

— *Cal Bauser*

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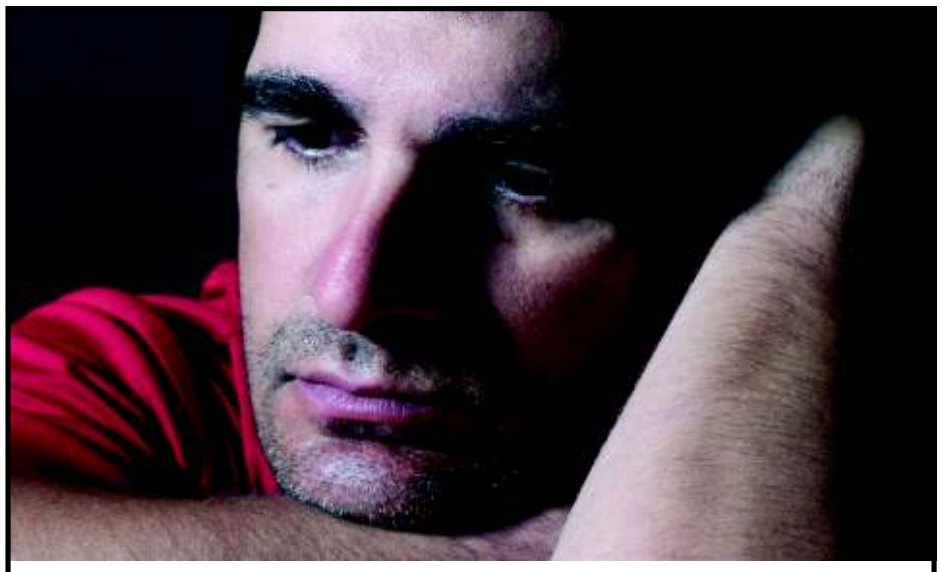

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Genetic Transfer

Chuck McPherson remembers, from the age of three, musicians like Cannonball Adderley, Barry Harris, John Coltrane, Paul Chambers, and others dropping by the McPherson home in New York to play with Dad.

"YOU GOTTA MAKE MONEY, MAN! Tired of being broke, man!" Charles McPherson Jr. — son of alto sax giant Charles McPherson — grins as he shouts over the music blaring from the boom box on the table. The music we're listening to is his: conventional black pop from an album he's recording in Palm Springs. The songs grab with the traction of good tires, but their commercialism jolts me, given my experience of Chuck as a straight-ahead jazz drummer and his father's reputation as one of the most uncompromising jazz musicians in the business. The sweet sax parts I hear floating over the electronic burble of Chuck's synthesizers and drum machine are played by Charles McPherson, Sr.

We're standing in Chuck's living room in the cottage in La Jolla that also serves as his father's office and studio. On the coffee table before me are two books that Chuck has borrowed from the library: *The Africans* by Ali Mazuri and *The Laws of Success* by Napoleon Hill. Dressed today in knock-around pants and a sleeveless T-shirt, Chuck is taller and more gangly than his father, his round face showing little resemblance to Dad's angular features. He came here from New York 11 years ago as an 18-year-old to spend time with his father. Although I've chatted with Chuck after his gigs and we used to play basketball together at the rec center, I know little about him. Our previous dialogues have been all-form, no-content affairs.

So we start with the basics, including his name. Chuck carries his father's considerable legacy right on his driver's license. And these days, that's exactly where he'd like to leave it, despite his obvious reverence for the man who has also been his mentor. "I don't want people to think that all of my merits are just based on the fact that I'm his son," he says firmly. "A lot of people might think that makes my path easier, but in reality, it's much harder. Expectations are higher. If I had the same ability that I had right now and he wasn't my dad, I'd get a lot more adulation." Lately Chuck has taken to calling himself Charles Edward (his first two names) professionally.

The upside of the legacy, of course, is not to be dismissed. Chuck remembers, from the age of three, musicians like Cannonball Adderley, Barry Harris, John Coltrane, Paul Chambers, and others dropping by the McPherson home in New York to play with Dad. He tells me about Mom presiding over huge, joyous meals with everybody afterwards. (I decide not to tell him about the time my folks brought me Gregory Peck's autograph.) Chuck's ready with the story of his first "gig" at age eight, when he messed around with his dad's group after their date at the Waldorf-Astoria. "I jumped up there and kept a little time on the cymbals," he recalls. "*Channky chang, channky chang.* After that, everybody was like, 'Yeah, you did all right, Chuckie!' "

Chuck normally emanates the kind of kinetic energy that can drive a band all night. Today he seems reserved while picking his way through his memories. But the bebopping cadence of his voice returns as he describes his early efforts, starting at age 11, to master an instrument. He covers his brief fling on guitar (during which he played in a kids' band with current drum celeb Omar Hakeem on bass) and a more sustained go at trumpet, which he quit after being undermined by his bandleader's less talented and jealous son.

Despite the setback, Chuck's passion to play music could not be diverted. He was captivated by the funk music of the time and took up one of the rhythm instruments that propelled it, the electric bass guitar. At the same time, he began studying the acoustic bass with the orchestra at his New Jersey high school.



(From left) Chuck McPherson, Charles McPherson, A.J. Croce, Jim Croce

But his efforts on bass ended as abruptly as those on trumpet. During a theft in the school band room, vandals knocked over the bass, breaking its neck. Faced with having to leave the orchestra because he had no instrument to play, he watched the marching band practice and had the vision of his reprieve: "I said to myself, 'Instead of playing the bass fiddle, I'll take that rhythm and put it into the bass drum.' "

Chuck's teacher liked the idea, too — the band needed bass drummers. After a week, however, Chuck had memorized all the drum parts and had a serious case of Improviser's Itch. "In the music we rehearsed, usually the bass drum was just on the first and third beats, like very simple, right? So I said, 'Hey, let me spark it up a bit.' And so these guys would start playing and I'd be [playing air drum as he vocalizes the beat] *boom chikka chakka chikka chakka b-boom chi b-boom chikka chak b-b-boom chak chikka chak boom chakka chik…*" He goes on for 16 bars or so, a James Brownian rhythm growing more rap-like by the measure. "Funk it up a bit. The guys in the band were like, 'Yeah, man, you're the one right there!' So, I said OK, I'm cool, I'm on the bass drum, and I played in the marching band for a semester."

Using school instruments, Chuck worked his way up to the whole drum set at age 15. Although he still saw himself as a bass player on a holiday, friends kept calling to ask him to drum in their bands. So the accidental drummer got serious, encouraged by his father, who liked what he heard on the rare occasions when they were together. (The McPhersons had divorced a few years earlier, with Charles Sr. moving to Connecticut and the rest of the family to New Jersey.) He enrolled in workshops with noted pros Freddie Waits and Charlie Persip, learning a range of professional skills, including reading music. But it was Dad who taught him to love jazz.

"I didn't *dis*like jazz," Chuck remembers, "but I didn't have aspirations, like, 'Yeah. I want to grow up and be a jazz drummer.' That was the farthest thing from my mind. My friends weren't into it at all. Then I went to visit my dad one time, and it just went off like a light bulb, clicked, you know what I mean? He was playing these Bird [Charlie Parker]

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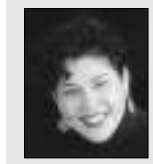

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records and talking about music. I'll never forget it, *Swedish Schnapps* was the name of the album, and he played that record and it just hit me!"

Chuck began studying the techniques of bebop innovators like Max Roach and Kenny Clarke from their recordings. He got further support from a classmate, Kevin Jones, a conga player who knew the music of Charles Sr., and made the name association with Chuck. The two began jamming together and poring over Jones's considerable jazz record collection, which sealed Chuck's conversion.

By this time, Charles Sr. had moved west and taken up residence in the La Jolla cottage his mother owned in front of her home. Chuck, meanwhile, was at odds with *his* mother's second husband and felt a need to reunite with his real father. When he called him to propose that he spend the summer there, Dad had a counterproposal: Come out and play on my next album.

Telling the story now, Chuck's voice is subdued. He seems reluctant, without refusing, to expound on the non-musical aspects of the companionship he sought. "It was important for me just to be around him. I was totally into music at that point, and I needed to be…sometimes you hang around musicians even if they're not related to you, just for guidance. I needed that guidance."

It's easier to talk about the record. "He was like, 'Hey, man, I'm gonna use you on the date, and I want you to get ready for it.' I was like, 'Hey, cool, I'll get ready for it, man.' I was very excited about it but very nervous, because — though I was motivated to do it and it was a great opportunity — musically, I wasn't really ready for it, man."

Ready or not, though, he played on the record (the 1979 Xanadu release *Free Bop*, which includes the McPherson Sr. composition "Chuck-a-luck" and also features Kevin Jones on congas). The experience was sobering. "I can remember listening to it and saying, 'Well, man, that's pretty good, but you got a long ways to go.' It wasn't like I did that record and all of a sudden started ego-tripping. I didn't go out of that studio feeling good."

And what did your dad say about your performance? "He said it was good but pretty much the same thing, you got to work on it."

Does he think his dad's offer had been motivated more by fatherly than professional considerations? "Yeah, he was trying to give me a start in my career. If you're gonna be a musician, you need to start doing it at 18 or 19. This is when you make your mistakes."

But Dad's generosity, which continued throughout the summer as Chuck played on many of his engagements, wasn't exactly gift-wrapped in tissue and little bows. Charles Sr., who in my experience is one of the gentler souls on the planet, was apparently a harsh and demanding teacher. Chuck laughs, "He's not gentle about music. He pushes you. It's like, 'If you want to learn this instrument and be in this business, then we're gonna work this out,' know what I mean?"

Chuck had asked for guidance, and he was getting it in the same brusque way that Charles Sr. had gotten it at the same age. Still, he admits,



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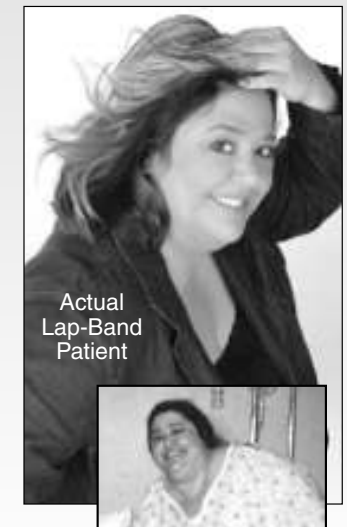

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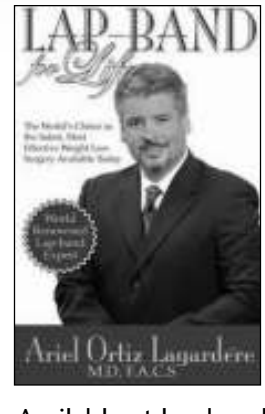

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Even when the lessons took place in public. "I learned a lot about music right on the job, put up or shut up, do it now, man. One time I was taking a drum solo and I was really just terrified to solo. It was at like a really brisk tempo. All of a sudden I just stopped. He turned around and made this incredible angry face and said, 'Why did you do that?' I remember feeling like three feet tall." He laughs, doing a Robin Williams-like impression of an incredible shrinking man pleading in a tiny voice, *Help me!* "A lot of times he does that, but I don't pay that much attention. That'll ruin the way I play. But, yeah, he did it then and he does it now.

"When my dad yelled, he would explain after what you should be doing. 'When you take a drum solo, you don't just begin banging on the drums and just playing, man. You got to play the song, just like you were a horn player or a pianist.' Now, when I play a drum solo, people can hear the tune. When it comes to music," he adds, "we're just two men playing in the band and he's the bandleader…"

He's just finishing his point when the phone rings and he excuses himself to answer it. Someone is calling about a demo tape he had mailed to addresses gathered off record albums. The caller is a Paris J. Smith from "the neighborhood" in New York. Chuck's goodbye: "Paris, be cool, man. Boom. Hey, man, sounds like a winner to me, man. All right, boss. Be cool."

Chuck flies back into the living room after hanging up the phone. "This cat called me from New York, man!" he gushes. "I mailed my tapes to a management company, and this is some rap group named EPMD, but they got platinum records out. He just called me up and said, 'You got any more material? Mail it to me. We loved that cassette!' " Within a minute or two, he is calmer. EPMD's enthusiasm has been duly noted and marked for a future *professional* response.

A week later, wanting to hear the rest of Chuck's demo tape, I call him to arrange picking up a dub the next night. We make a date to go to Elario's jazz club afterward for the last set by the esteemed Cedar Walton trio and Billy Higgins, both of whom have recorded with Chuck's dad.

At the cottage the next night, he's dressed in sweat clothes, having just come from playing basketball and lifting weights. James Brown — the good, good stuff from the prime of his career — is blaring from a cassette in the boom box. "I've been getting back into James Brown, man," Chuck shouts, showing me a remaindered bio of Brown he recently purchased.

While he runs the dub, we enumerate our musical faves. Embellished by Chuck's gift for impressions, this becomes a full-bore musical revue. When it comes to '60s soul tunes, Chuck mimics the vocals, hooks, and rhythms of each in impeccable vocalese. When the topic switches to Miles Davis, Chuck says, "He's got that tone, man, it's like a whisper!" and picks up a tarnished trumpet lying on the piano to blow a fair approximation of it.

After Chuck showers and dresses, we drive the couple of miles to Elario's. The music hasn't started yet, so Chuck walks up to a stout man wearing a conservative coat and slacks and starts a congenial conversation with him. He then introduces me to Cedar Walton. Eventually, a smaller, bearded man, natty in a brown suit with red shirt and dark tie, walks over. Chuck and he begin a good-humored exchange, with Chuck supplying most of the verbiage while the other man beams and laughs. This chap, I've figured out, is Billy Higgins.

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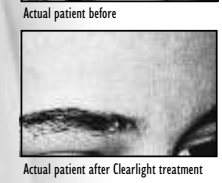
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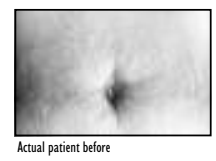
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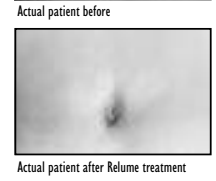
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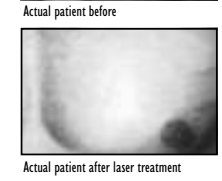
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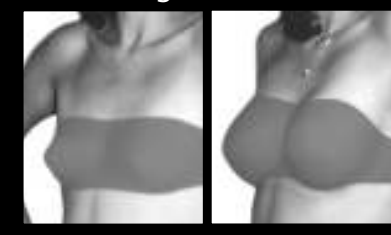

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player, Tony Dumas, when he walks by, then turns to engage another acquaintance, a young man leaning on the door frame at the club's entry. He has that unmistakable look of a jazz musician hanging — hiply underdressed, cigarette dangling from his lower lip, slouching in a way that tells you he's not just another casual patron.

The performers walk to the stage in the front of the room and, after Walton makes a brief welcoming, begin playing. Higgins's interplay with Walton's dense, melodic improvisations is so subtle that at times it sounds like an overtone emanating from Walton's piano. "He's got some serious touch, man. Serious," Chuck says to me, listening with one ear as he yaks with the Hanger, also a local drummer.

After the show, Chuck has some parting compliments for Walter and Higgins as they leave, then we rejoin the Hanger at the table. What has been mainly musicians' gab widens to include me as Chuck begins the tale of the first commercial concert he attended (at age eight), a triple bill at Harlem's Apollo Theater. I discover that Chuck's first musical idol wasn't Dad at all, but the man heading the bill at the Apollo, THE HARDEST-WORKING MAN IN SHOW BUSINESS, MR. JAAAAMES BROWN! Chuck's description of Brown's hyperdramatics is hilarious, and his parroting of the music nails it. "That's when I knew I wanted to play music, man," he tell us. "I didn't know what instrument, but I knew I wanted to be a part of that."

It's almost 1:00 a.m. by now, the club nearly empty except for the usual sad cases at the bar. As we migrate towards the exit, Chuck and the Hanger perform their final obligatory scan for available women — at this point, one or two waitresses. The Hanger even returns to the club to ask one of the women out, another obligatory (and ultimately unsuccessful) act performed more for our benefit than his.

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He sings on one song, pleading with last night's blind date to, uh, widen the context. Chuck had earlier expressed distaste for the single-guy-on-the-make conventions of male pop songwriting, yet most of what I'm hearing on the tape fits the same party-guy pattern. Nevertheless, he does it well — the songs are tuneful with glassy, balanced arrangements. But music like this is too facile for my tastes, and I head off to bed hoping that Chuck the jazz drummer will get a break, rendering his alternative career unnecessary.

I've learned from our conversations that Chuck's foray into commercial music is not as anomalous as I first thought. Mom, Chuck tells me, was a gifted — although frustrated — rhythm and blues singer, and her second husband, Andrew "Mike" Terry, had credits in commercial music almost comparable to Charles Sr.'s jazz resume. Terry, another saxophonist, had been an arranger for Motown and Bill Cosby, among others. He had also played baritone sax on a number of '60s Motown classics including Smokey Robinson's "Shop Around" and Marvin Gaye's "Hitch Hike."

It was through Terry that Chuck gained entry into the world of record production. Terry had started working at Sugarhill Records, then known as All Platinum, as a staff arranger under owner Sylvia Robinson of Mickey and Sylvia ("Pillow Talk") fame. His difficulties with his stepfather healed, Chuck began following him down to the studio, not realizing he was about to participate in a little piece of popular music history. Sugarhill Records would become the first label to break rap music, and Robinson's sons, with whom Chuck became friendly, invited him to the sessions where the perceptive Robinson was getting the first rappers on tape.

"Around that time, rap was an underground thing that you only heard among black kids in the ghetto of New York," Chuck explains. "You didn't even hear it in New Jersey. This was around 1979, 1980. I would go to the studio and see these people make demo tapes, but nothing really jumped off because the rappers at that time would use a lot of profanity. *Motherfucker* this and that. This woman, Sylvia, couldn't get the New York rappers to water down their rhymes for the market, so she found three guys in my high school, and she called them the Sugarhill Gang, after

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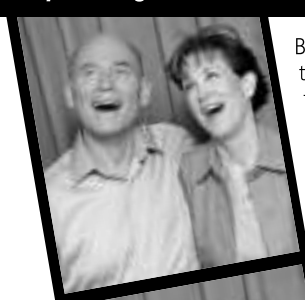





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her record company. At that time, all of the rappers named themselves after gangs — you know, Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, Kool Moe Dee and the Treacherous 3 — because they idolized gangster types. In the ghetto, the gangsters are always the people who're successful. The dope dealers and the guys in the pits, the underworld guys.

Chuck heard little in the early sessions to interest him musically. But then the Sugarhill Gang record "Rapper's Delight" became a huge crossover hit. His attention properly captured, Chuck got Sugarhill to hire him as a studio percussionist on a number of sessions, including some of the seminal early recordings. "I did some stuff with Grandmaster Flash — 'Freedom' — also Sequence's 'We're Gonna Funk You Right On Up.'"

The advent of the drum machine ended his run as a studio musician there, but he was included as part of the rhythm section for a Sugarhill tour featuring the half a dozen or so groups now signed to their label. "We played at the Stanley Theater, at the Roseland Ballroom where Duke Ellington's band and Fletcher Henderson's band played," he reminisces. "I played at the Copacabana, the Savoy, different ballrooms in New York. A lot of it was very, very negative, though. Promoters were taking our money and robbing us, not paying us. The main thing I learned from it was the potential of commercial music. I was seeing guys go to their mailboxes and say, 'Look what I just got' — 16 grand. Twenty grand. Eighteen years old. So from that point on, I told myself, I'm never gonna turn my back on jazz music, but I'm not gonna turn my head to what's happening in this commercial music either. I'm gonna immerse myself in music, period."

Which he did, learning music production by querying the engineers at Sugarhill's big mixing boards. At 22, he and a friend invested in an eight-track studio with the goal of starting their own record label. One of the groups they recorded is now a major artist for Motown. "I first saw them singing in a park," Chuck tells me. "Now, the name of the group is Today — but back then they were called the Cents. They were my idea of competition for the New Edition." Chuck helped them polish their act, produced their demo tape, and even pressed their record with his partner after they were unable to secure a record deal. The album sold about 5000 copies. "If I'm not mistaken," Chuck says, "these guys now have a number-one record on the black charts. They're riding around in Mercedes-Benzes and buying condominiums, and I'm almost broke. When I started them out, they knew nothing."

Hungry to play live music again and free himself from the hustle of the music business, Chuck moved to San Diego for good five years ago. But things have gone less than swimmingly. Most of his work lately has been out-of-town gigs with ex-San Diegan Harold Land. Although these and the occasional dates with his dad are prestigious jobs, it's not enough work to pay all the bills. Chuck says he made maybe $12,000 a year in his best years here, working three

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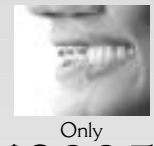

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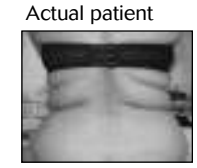
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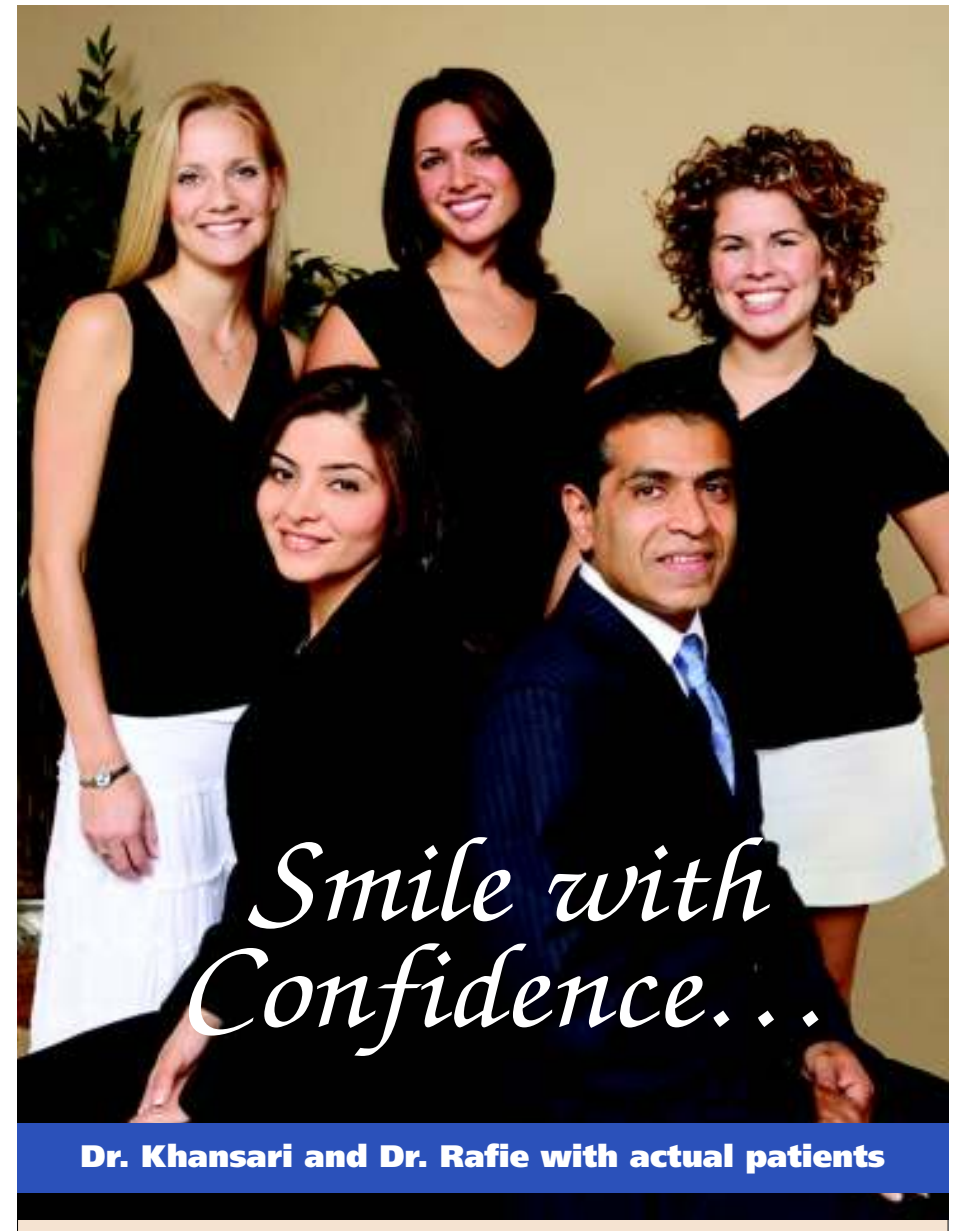

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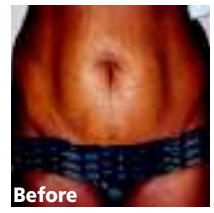
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to four nights a week. But it's been a year or more since he made that. His out-of-town gigs, though infrequent, pay much better: $500 last summer in Texas, $1000 soon in Florida.

"I love straight-ahead jazz, man, but I'm having a hell of a time making a living doing it," he protests. "Nobody hires me here, and I know I'm one of the best drummers in this city. I don't need nobody to tell me that; I know what I can do."

We're interrupted by a phone call from Daniel Jackson, a local saxophonist/pianist who wants Chuck for some future dates. Why isn't he called more often? He pauses. "Most people would rather hire their friends. Some of it might be me," he says solemnly. "You know, if something is wrong, just because of the way I've been trained, I might express my anger on the stage. I might not really be the most likable person in the world."

Chuck's stage manners are on display six weeks later when he plays with Daniel Jackson's group downtown at Croce's. Chuck sounds crisp and assertive on drums during the band's warm-up jam, occasionally dominating the sound when he should be supporting it. I marvel at the shadings he creates, deftly switching between sticks, mallets, and brushes like dipping paints from a palette. At the break, I wave him over to my seat and compliment him on his playing, which he appreciates, but when I extend the compliment to the band in general, the smile fades. "It's all right," he replies without conviction or explanation, although he brightens when he talks about Jackson.

When the band opens the second set, Chuck's playing is more in sync with his bandmates. Still overwhelming the others on occasion, he's now pushing them from behind rather than pulling them from in front, his eyes fixed on Jackson for cues. Although he doesn't show the same face to the band that he showed to me, I hear the source of some of his dissatisfaction. This group does not yet function well as a unit: they're like a basketball team together for the first time on the court.

A month later, I hear Chuck McPherson in more favorable circumstances, backing his father's group at a taping of the nationally distributed jazz television program *Club Date*. Chuck's playing is precise and inventive; he seems comfortable in the rarified company of his father and distinguished pianist Kenny Barron, who guests on a few numbers. Earlier, producer Paul Marshall had made a joking reference to nepotism. Charles Sr. then snatched the mic and quipped, "It's pragmatism. I keep Chuck working so he won't borrow money." The sad truth is that Charles himself is forced to travel all over the world just to get enough bookings to make a living.

Charles McPherson Sr. insists that he's behind Chuck's commercial efforts when I query him about it by phone. "There's nothing about what he's trying to do that's anti what jazz is supposed to be. Superficially, there might be certain things, but the core is still there. I can come right in

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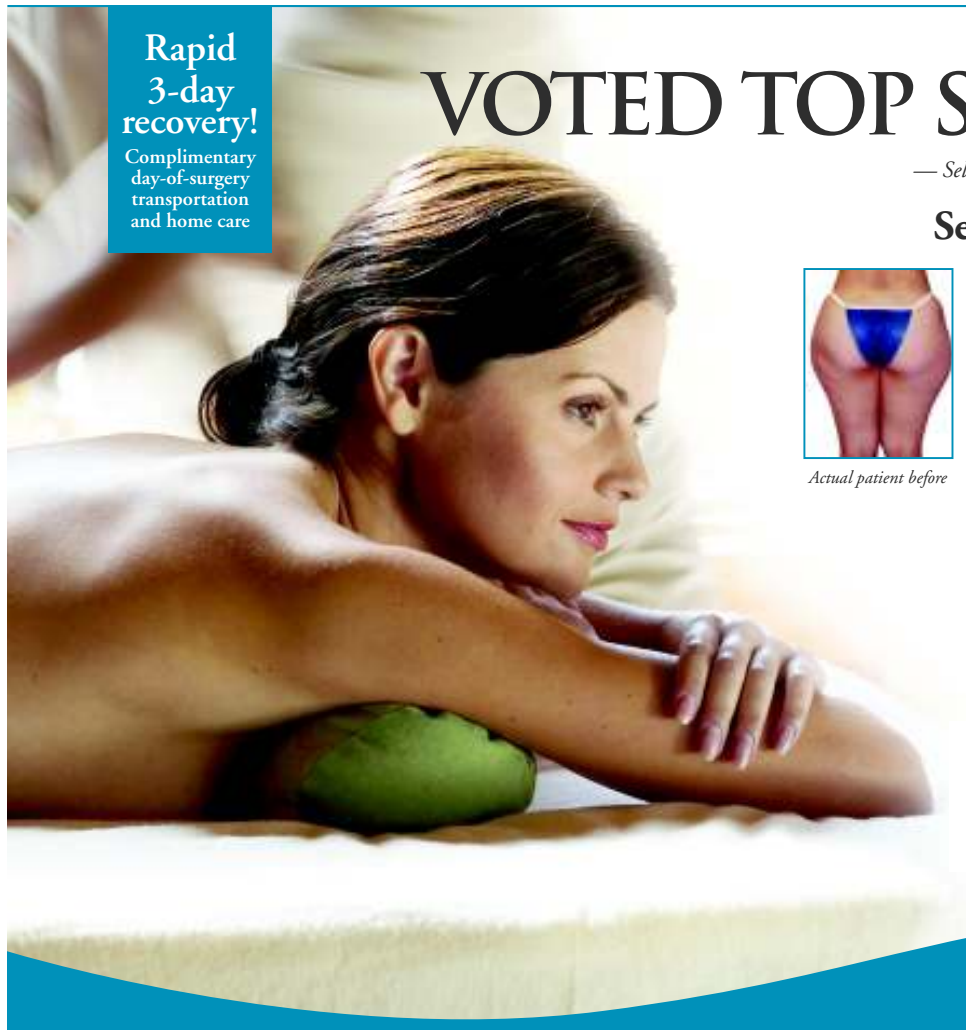

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and lay a track on what he's doing and not change too much about the way I think about music." Still, he admits it would sadden him if his son left his jazz career behind for the commercial arena.

"If this was heaven and I could map out my ideal career," says Chuck Jr., "I'd be playing the drums like Art Blakey or Max Roach. I'd have probably liked a seven-piece band with the best musicians I could find. But the reality of the matter is, that probably won't happen for me. If a man like my father is not wealthy and well known, then that's a little bit discouraging to me."

Even without major-label exposure, however, Charles Sr. has a definite presence in the fraternity of musicians. Chuck, though, wants none of the reflected light. At 29 he's already reached his first midlife crisis. "I need to do my own thing or leave it alone. And I don't want to leave it alone, so I have to do it."

Music-star dad, aspiring son, part two. I'm waiting at the carved-wood door to the house in Hillcrest where 18-year-old A.J. Croce, the late Jim Croce's kid, lives with his mother and stepfather. I've only spoken to A.J. by telephone, never met him. Nice kid, kind of halting speech, polite.

The door opens, and I'm face to face with A.J. He's wearing pointed black shoes (scuffless, even on the tips), black pants with pipestem legs, a white shirt buttoned to the top, a plaid woolen sport coat that slumps just right on his slender shoulders, and the kind of narrow-brimmed black fedora that you'll never find in any white-boy's clothing store. Pleasant, but too shy to smile easily, he invites me in.

We step into the living room where brightly painted plaster snakes, modern furniture, an antique bench, and a black grand piano peacefully coexist. I follow A.J. to a conversational grouping in the center of the room and sit down on one of the chairs while he settles down on the couch, which half swallows him. Hanging above A.J.'s head is a large painting of a black man sitting on a chair, singing and accompanying himself on an electric guitar. As with the other paintings in the room, this one has a little white placard beside it naming artist and title, but I can't read it from my chair, so I ask A.J. to identify the subject. "That's Muddy Waters." He's searching my face for name recognition of the great bluesman. Does he like Waters? He smiles with obvious regard. "I love Muddy Waters."

That little exchange, however, does not prepare me for what A.J. is about to share of his own music. He had played La Jolla's Sherwood Hall the previous evening as a solo act, opening for the Russian rock group Dinamik as part of the Soviet Arts Festival. As he shows me a videotape of that performance on the 50-inch television near us, I experience a case of cognitive dissonance: the nice kid is pounding out your basic New Orleans whorehouse piano and singing in the voice of a 225-pound black man. (A.J. looks to weigh about 125, tops.) The music is pure mimicry, but then so is the music of most artists his age — except they aren't as discriminating in their choice of idols.

I came here to find out how a musical kid follows up the career of his famous dad.

Some of that pain is inherited. It is well known that father Jim achieved most of his superstardom posthumously, after his death in a plane crash in 1973. However, little is documented about his struggles during the two years prior to his death, which were A.J.'s first two years. "The producers and managers really screwed him over," A.J. explains. "That wasn't really brought into the public, so they don't want those stories in the public. They made him a star, but they didn't make him any money. They made a lot of promises." He adds, "He worked every day, 360 days a year, for two years on the road. He made a bit for it, to get him through the week or whatever, but he never really got paid." That's not unusual for an unestablished musician, but as A.J. explains, "This was when he had three gold albums and five gold singles. When you see a million copies sold, it's depressing to think, 'Where's the money? What's happening?' "

What was happening, as A.J.'s mother Ingrid Croce will clarify for me later, was that Croce's management had skimmed nearly all of his earnings. (At the time he died, he was making $10,000 per performance, from which management was paying him $100 per week. He never received

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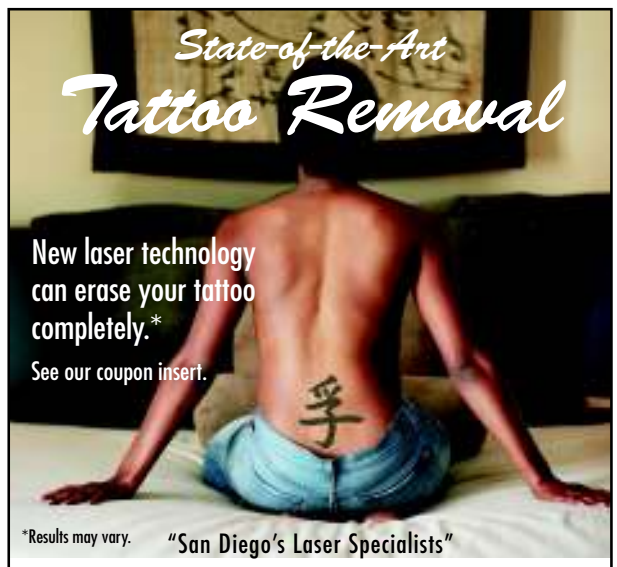

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any of his royalties.) In addition, Croce's contract had cost him what would be his only time to know his son, although he had formulated a scheme to rectify that before he died. Croce, who had moved the family to Point Loma from Philadelphia (A.J.'s birthplace) in August 1973, was planning a bigger move to Costa Rica to get a break from his contractual arrangement. When his plane crashed the next month, Ingrid Croce went down there anyway for six months with A.J . and another family. (Later, A.J. will show me the truck they drove to Central America, parked down the block and recently painted.)

A.J.'s own pain began shortly thereafter; when he was four years old, what seemed a simple ear infection built up pressure in his spinal column to the point where he went temporarily blind. Although surgery restored his sight in one eye, he still does not see out of the other and has trouble reading — including reading music.

A.J. was hospitalized for over half a year. He and Ingrid spent the next year in Costa Rica and several years after that shuttling between Central America and San Diego. By this time, Ingrid Croce was heavily enmeshed in what would be a 14-year battle to recover the royalties that were now rightfully hers. In the meantime, she was making her house payments by borrowing her own money from the same management team she was suing. A.J., still just a child at the time, is understandably vague when referring to this period of his life, but it is clear that the stress of the legal proceedings was horrendous for years on end. The strain eased for A.J. and Ingrid around 1981, when the tangle of litigation began to resolve in their favor.

A.J.'s interest in old R&B and jazz music grew out of his captivation with the revival craze when he was 12 years old. The Mod fascination with '60s music led A.J. to investigate vintage popular music in general. He began listening to old 78s, and it was like falling in love with time travel, except that he got stuck and never

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came back. His musical idols are mostly long since deceased — people like Art Tatum, Duke Ellington, Errol Garner, Fats Waller, and an obscure rhythm and blues artist named Cecil Gant. The only influences he mentions who still perform are Mose Allison and Georgie Fame. (He dismisses the music of his own generation as "modern trash.")

As for his father's music? "I like it. I think it was overproduced. I really like the tapes I have of where he and Maury Muehleisen [the guitarist who accompanied Croce and died with him in the crash] are playing guitar. I like traditional American music and they were making American folk music." Still, his father is not among his musical models. "No, not at all, because I'm really much more influenced by intricate music like jazz. He played in a blues style, and I love old blues, but there's something about Errol Garner and Fats Waller and the like. My father loved that music as well."

Because Croce was always on the road in the two years before his death, A.J. has no recollection of him. "Dad" is just a vague amalgam of Ingrid Croce's stories about him, tapes of his music, and the distorted impressions created by his records and media coverage. A.J. does know Croce had a strange sense of humor — he once fed his newborn son a spoonful of horseradish to see how his face would contort — and he does know of his dad's hopes for his son, as relayed to him by Ingrid: "First of all, don't let him be an asshole, and second of all, I don't want him to work a nine-to-five job."

A.J. seems to have avoided both so far. He will never be forced to make the type of career choices facing Chuck McPherson. But he is not content to take his good fortune lying around on the couch. "I consider myself one of the luckiest people in the world. I don't take advantage of that and I don't take it lightly, because I realize that everyone has to work for what they want to do, and some people have to die for what they want, and some people just die [he laughs]." He practices eight hours most days and gigs up to six days a week. (He dropped out of his senior year of high school to concentrate on his career.) "For the last year, I guess, I haven't borrowed money or taken money. I just make it off what I play," he says earnestly.

A.J. needs a smoke, so we go outside to the wooden deck overlooking the tennis court. Then, at my request, A.J. takes me downstairs to his practice studio, a narrow room next to what I assume is his bedroom. At one end of the room is a wine-red piano that A.J. identifies as a 1938 Packard baby grand. Hanging over the piano is a classic microphone — a 1955 Shure, he tells me — suspended from an old stand. "I swear by these," he says, noting their utility for reproducing an old-time sound. A standup bass that he rents for the band (Romy Kaye and the Swinging Gates) leans against one wall. On the opposite wall hangs a large, metal "Drink Coca-Cola" sign, circa 1940, a birthday gift from his mother, who saw the sign

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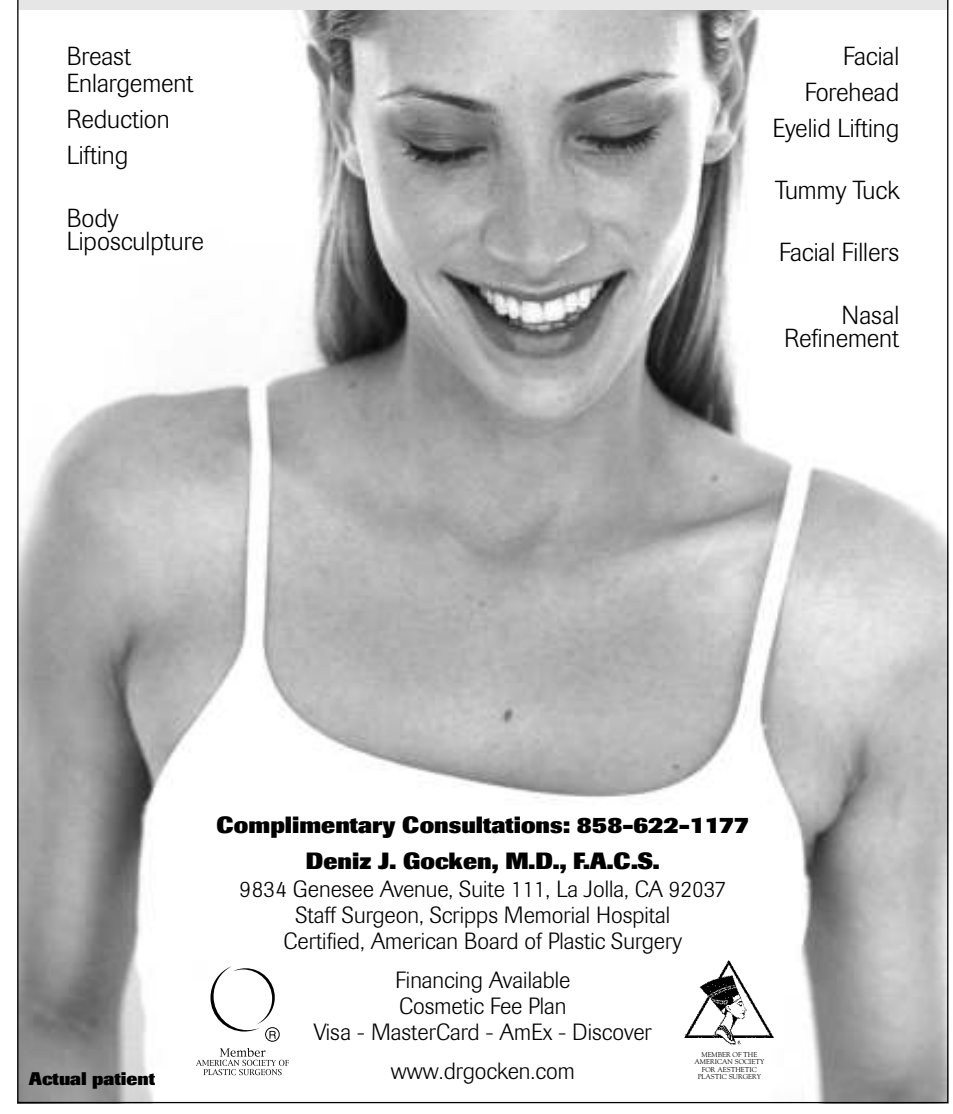

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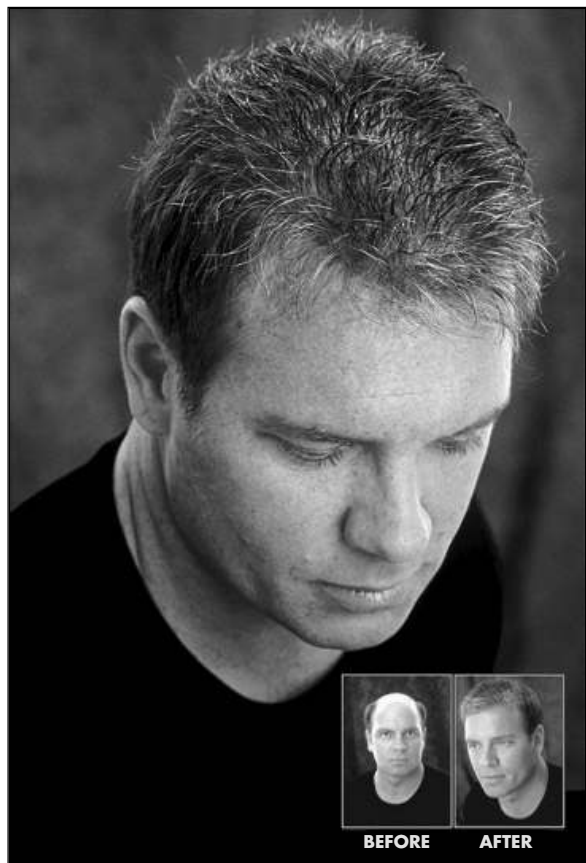

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among the rubble from a building being demolished and rescued it for her son.

A.J also collects, of course, vintage music, specializing in jazz and R&B 78s and 45s. He's anxious to play me a little gem he garnered last week on a trip with his girlfriend to New Orleans — a 45 from 1964 by the recently deceased Alvin Robinson. We listen to both sides on the stereo in his practice room; it's primitive New Orleans R&B, Robinson sounding like a rawer Otis Redding to me. A.J. agrees. When I ask him why he plays the collector's item instead of preserving it on tape and listening to that, he replies, "I love the sound of vinyl."

The Croces' previous home caught fire two years ago; A.J. grabbed a bottle of fancy wine and a suit he'd had made for a performance before leaping out a second-story window. His rationale for the peculiar order of his priorities? "I kind of did it in a humorous way because of a song by Lambert, Hendricks, and Ross called 'Gimme That Wine.' "

Back upstairs, A.J. tells me that being the son of a superstar kept him in the presence of notable musicians, even without his father around. (Arlo Guthrie and his wife were guests in the Croce home just the week before.) "I always thought of myself as an entertainer. I guess to someone that's young, that sees people they also see on television or in a magazine, it makes them think everyone does that. That's where I think I got the idea, you know, 'Everyone does that, or if they don't, they can.' "

Still, his path has not been as easygoing as many might assume. Ingrid Croce, who also recorded and performed before throat nodules ended her singing career, has given A.J. what career guidance she can, but as for impressing record producers, her connections have only gotten him to the base of the hump, not over it. "You know, I haven't had anyone really say, 'I want to hear your thing,' never had a company say, 'We're interested' or anything like that," he shares honestly. "I played in Philadelphia for a huge Hall of Fame award. Every record company was there. No one said a thing."

The following weekend I hear A.J. play twice: Friday with the band and Sunday as a solo. Friday night, Romy Kaye and the Swinging Gates, featuring A.J. Croce (as they are billed), are booked at the Top Hat and Grill, a club next to Croce's that is also owned by A.J.'s mother. I arrive as the band is setting up for its first set, the Gates wearing white dinner jackets with black-bordered lapels, to which A.J. adds gray sharkskin slacks, white shirt, skinny black tie.

The band opens with a warm-up number without female lead singer Romy, a medium-tempo blues shuffle with A.J. soloing first. The sax player shows off his sleazy saxman sound and look but little else; the guitar player is only marginally more interesting.

On Sundays, A.J. performs solo at Croce's, where he has played most Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the past two years. As I enter, he's banging away on the bar's black baby grand and singing with passion, but it's almost impossible to hear him, even after I take a seat just two

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tables from him. (Clubs in this downtown district that serve food are prohibited by ABC regulation from presenting amplified music.) So I spend much of what's left of his first set studying the bar — a huge painting of Jim grins down on customers drinking shots and beers; photos of Croce at various stages of his truncated life cover much of the south wall. One photo in particular — of a boy in white shirt, suspenders, and hand-painted tie — could easily be A.J., who tells me at the break of other photos where the resemblance is even "spookier." A.J., by the way, is also wearing a white shirt and hand-painted tie tonight under his wide-lapelled suit, as well as the omnipresent shoes and hat.

Following A.J.'s suggestion, I sit at one of the barstools directly opposite the piano for the next set so I can hear better. Although the bar noise overwhelms the music even from here, A.J. is locked onto another frequency, closing with a long, spirited medley that includes "St. James Infirmary," "Route 66," Louis Jordan's "Knock Me a Kiss," "Ain't Misbehavin'," and, as a finale, Memphis Slim's slyly obscene "If You See Kay." As I leave, jazz saxophonist Joe Marillo, in for his regular show, compliments A.J. on the force of his playing.

Like Chuck McPherson, A.J. craves to be evaluated on his own merits. To a large extent, he says, that's already happening. "I think audiences receive me well. Most of the time, they don't really know my background, and that's good." That may be because of A.J.'s clandestine efforts. "I often call myself something else, just, for the hell of it…Hurricane Slim or Aloysius Barbital, something like that. I've thought about releasing my records, when I do, as Adrian James."

Whatever he calls himself, he will always face the blend of ease and burden as the child of an accomplished parent. "There were times that I resented that he was famous and that no matter what I did, I would be following. And now it doesn't bother me. I'm proud that he did it, and what I'm doing in a way is similar. If someone chooses to think of it as carrying it on, yeah, I guess it is, but for me it's just doing what I want to do." ■

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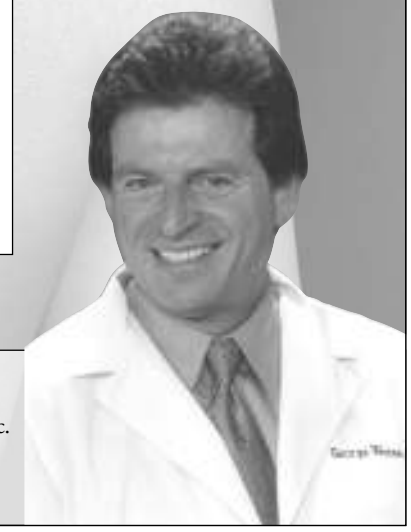

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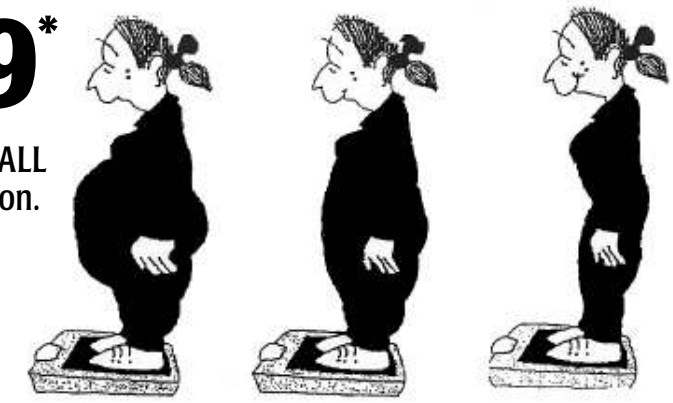

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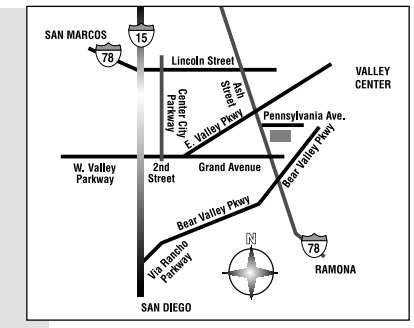

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I just finished reading that terrific story by Neal Matthews, "When Duke Was King" (December 15), that was first published in March of 1984. It's sad that 20 years later the ace turns out to be a joker. I was a crew member aboard the *Constellation* working in the airborne missile shop (ABM division) and was one of the 31 ship company sailors that was responsible for making sure those Sidewinder and Sparrow missiles worked as they did. To say the shop was proud of Randy Cunningham and Bill Driscoll would be an understatement. We were proud of them for becoming the first aces of the Vietnam conflict, proud of ourselves, and proud of our ship, the USS *Constellation* — but that was then, this is now.

To see the congressman crying on TV and admitting he took money for favors was shameful. I, for one, don't feel any pity for him. His fall from grace is his own fault. He wasn't crying because he was sorry. He was crying because he got caught.

He now faces a maximum of a ten-year prison term and a $350,000 fine. Will he spend any time in prison? I doubt it, and the $350,000 fine isn't nothing when you have taken $2.4 million. What really makes me angry is that no matter what sentence he gets, he'll still be able to keep his pension and will probably be right back on the Hill working as a lobbyist for another defense contractor to further rip the American taxpayers off even more.

Pete Tancredi
via e-mail

Patriots Lose, Lennon Dead

Re John Lennon's 25-year memorial, "The Dream Is Over" (December 8). I thought the stories each person reflected on about that unimaginable event — John Lennon's life taken by a crazed American, a lunatic, Mark Chapman — were profound. Lennon graciously signed Chapman's album and even chatted with him for a moment. Little did John Lennon know it would be the last autograph he would ever sign. Chapman later in a confession said that Lennon was polite.

On that ill-fated evening we received the tragic news here in San Diego in the most bizarre fashion possible, on *Monday Night Football.* The New England Patriots versus the Miami Dolphins. All of a sudden, Howard Cosell, in a very calm, somber voice, recited these words to the viewing audience: "Life is more important than a football game. We want to share with you this news, that former Beatle John Lennon has been shot and killed in New York City." These words that came out of Howard Cosell's mouth were compelling, heartfelt, and frightening. To this day, my father can still recall what transpired and what he heard in his living room 25 years ago.

On the evening of December 8, 1980, *Monday Night Football* and America were interrupted just for a precious moment; the game continued to be televised, and at the end, the New England Patriots lost to the Miami Dolphins and John Lennon had been killed. It was a very shitty night for both Patriot fans and Lennon fans alike. If anything, that date is a reminder to us all that no one is invincible, presidents, popes, priests, civil rights leaders, police officers, and even artists and musicians. No one is immune to violence and killing.

Ironically, on December 8, 2004, the metal community became a statistic when former Pantera guitarist/songwriter Darrell "Dimebag" Abbott was gunned down onstage while playing his guitar for his fans in Ohio. This event was a first of its kind in all of hard rock/metal history. Darrell "Dimebag" Abbott died next to his guitar, in concert, onstage and in front of hundreds of fans.

Tony D. Metal
Spring Valley

As To Southwood Psychiatric?

I was looking for more info on a story published on October 16, 1997, "Maximize Profits, Lock Up Teens," by Judith Moore. I'm really very interested in this since I lived there [Southwood Psychiatric Center's Residential Treatment Center in Chula Vista] in 1991. (I wasn't there when the article took place.) Any and all info you have about this, ah, event/nightmare would be appreciated.

Rob

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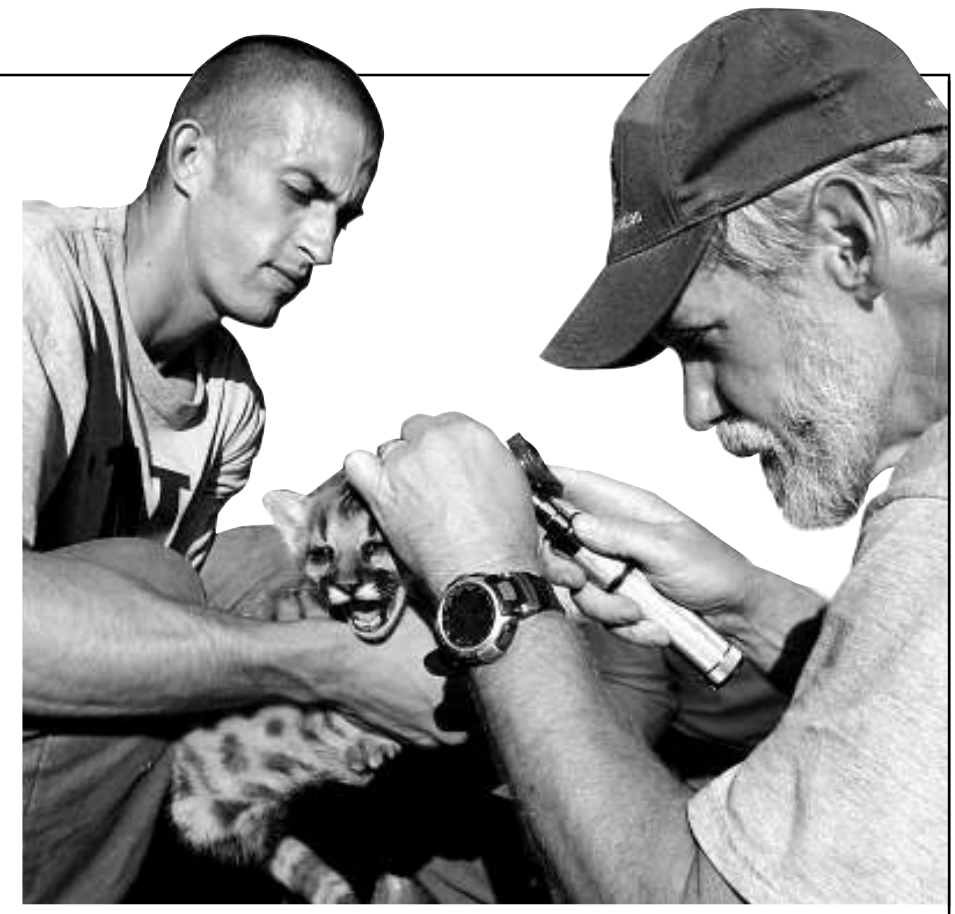

Tagging a lion cub (Michael Puzzo, left)

'Even though the animal was dead, it was a real encounter to know there was a [mountain] lion there, to know this is where it fed on this animal," says Deborah Knapp, manager of the Anza-Borrego Institute. "The lions are very efficient in the way that they consume their prey. The only thing left over is the hair and the bottom parts of the leg with all four hooves. It was a mule deer, one of their favorite meals."

LOCAL EVENTS

On Sunday, January 15, and Sunday, January 22, wildlife field biologist Mike Puzzo will conduct "One Day in the Life of a Mountain Lion Researcher," a field seminar of the Anza-Borrego Institute. As part of the day-long course, Puzzo will demonstrate equipment used to track mountain lions and lead a group of six to the scene of a recent kill where a mountain lion devoured most of a mule deer.

"It requires about forty adult deer to sustain one adult mountain lion on an annual basis, [which is one deer] every seven to ten days," says Puzzo. "Mountain lions are ambush predators. They come up from behind [the prey] and grab the shoulder and bite down on the cervical vertebrae at the base of the skull. Death occurs in two or three seconds. [The lions] are very much a visual predator; their keenest sense is their sight," Puzzo explains. "They spot something and then make their way towards it. Once they get to within 30 or 40 feet, they explode on the animal, knock it down, and get that kill bite."

Adult female mountain lions weigh 75 to 90 pounds, and adult males range from 100 to 110 pounds. "They can kill something up to two to three times their size," Puzzo says. After successfully taking down a deer, the lions "go after the vital organs, because they're the most nutritious." Smaller animals, like bobcats and coyotes, "start in the anus or hindquarters, where it is more fleshy. Lions [are able to] go through the rib cage."

A mountain lion can consume around 100 pounds of meat in a week from one animal. "They pretty much just gorge themselves." The lion will feed on consecutive nights, covering its hard-earned meat with sticks, dirt, and weeds. "This is called 'cacheing,'" explains Puzzo. During the day, the lions "kind of just hang around and try to retain as much energy as they can for when they have to hunt again."

Big cats tend to drag their dinner to a more ideal dining location. The deer carcass that Knapp visited was against a large boulder. "If I had to pick a scenic place to have my meal, that's where I would have put my deer," she says. "It was a strategic location; you could see everything around you." It can take six hours for a lion to finish feeding on a fox or small fawn and up to five days to consume an adult mule deer.

"These guys, Mike Puzzo and another biologist, Eric York, scour the mountains in the region," says Knapp. "When they see a lion coming back every day to the same spot, they know there's probably a kill [there]."

Where do these desert cats quench their thirst? According to Puzzo, "They get [most of] their water needs from the meat and blood they are consuming." Depending on the time of year, lions "probably need to drink [water] every day or every other day," drinking more frequently in the summer.

"Even the cats in very dry climates are able to find adequate water sources. They spend their lives traversing immense home ranges — approximately 50 square miles for a female in a habitat similar to that of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and 200 square miles for a male in the same habitat. In the desert these home ranges may be four to five times as large." The size of a lion's range depends on resource availability, like food, water, and mating opportunities.

"We don't want people to see lions," says Knapp. "This is as close to where we can take them — they see the tracks, the pattern of the kill. [Puzzo will] try to reconstruct what happened [and explain] the age of the lion, its behavior pattern, and what it's eating."

Mountain lions are not family animals. Offspring will typically venture off on their own when they are 15 months old. A mother will wean her cubs at eight weeks, at which point she begins to feed them with meat from her kills. "Mountian lion males go around, kill stuff, and look for females to impregnate," says Puzzo. "They may spend four days with a female, to impregnate her, then go find a deer to kill. They have no part in raising the offspring."

— Barbarella

"One Day in the Life of a Mountain Lion Researcher" Field Seminar
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BAJA

Moviemaking and Lobster in Rosarito, excursion sponsored by San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, January 14, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., includes Foxploration, the theme park at Fox Studios; lobster lunch, shopping, more. $92 fee covers meal, park entrance, drinks, bus transportation. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (ROSARITO BEACH)

"Taurus's Son," hypnosis show by John Milton continues through Thursday, February 9, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Shows begin at 8 p.m. Mondays–Wednesdays, 6 and 9 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays, 5 and 8 p.m. on Sundays (closed January 13 and 26). Tickets: $8, $10 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Highest Monthly Rainfall totals in San Diego are most likely to occur in January and February (about 1.9 inches each on average) according to weather-service statistics. If low temperatures accompany the typical Pacific storms of this period, there's a chance of snow in the mountains, including a very slim chance of snowfall as far west as the coast. Only during the months of December and January have traces of snow ever been recorded at San Diego's National Weather Service station.

The Fabled "Green Flash" at sunset or sunrise can sometimes be seen on crystal-clear days in January. At the instant the sun's upper rim is last visible at sunset, and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the Earth's atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green-flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot overlooking the low desert (Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

Very Low Tides over the next few days coincide with optimum times of day for making tidepool discoveries along San Diego's rocky stretches of coastline. These low tides occur on Thursday, January 12, at 2:42 p.m. (-1.0 foot); on Friday, January 13, at 3:14 p.m. (-1.0 foot); and on Saturday, January 14, at 3:44 p.m. (-0.9 foot).

The Full Moon rises majestically from the northeast horizon on the late afternoon of Friday, January 13 — just before sunset. Watch as its pale, fully illuminated disk materializes near the horizon at about 4:30 p.m. The moon is currently near the northernmost position it can ever get on the celestial sphere — a part of a cycle lasting 18.6 years. As a consequence, the full moon rises close to the northeast point on the horizon, passes nearly straight overhead at midnight, and sets close to the northwest point on the horizon at dawn. Folk names for the generally high-flying (in the Northern Hemisphere) January full moon include the "cold moon," the "chaste moon," the "snow moon," and the "wolf moon."

See Wintering Species when Audubon Society birdwatchers head to Kit Carson Park, Saturday, January 14, 8 a.m. to noon. Meet at El Arroyo picnic area; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. Easy hiking. 619-280-7710. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Desert Sky: Just Mooning Around," astronomer Dennis Mammana leads hands-on course focusing on photographing the rising full moon, Saturday, January 14, 3–8 p.m., in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park visitors' center amphitheater. Fee for Anza-Borrego Institute program: $45. Reservations, equipment requirements: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including January 14. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). $2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Rocks, Soil, Quakes, Common Plants — learn about all when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderate to strenuous 4.5-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Saturday, January 14. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at main entrance on La Honda Drive. Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with

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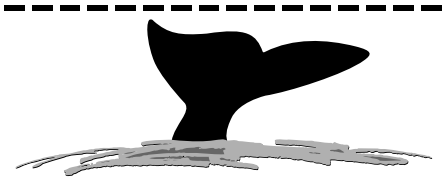

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Enhance Your Awareness of Open Space during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, January 14, 15, and 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m., in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, January 14, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

San Diego Kite Club hosts kite flying second Saturday of each month, including January 14, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Be a Trail Guide in Mission Trails Regional Park after trail guide training starting Saturday, January 14, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Classes are held every Saturday morning and Wednesday evening through Saturday, April 1, at visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Class is free; participants required to lead one public walk each month for year after course completion. 619-668-3279. (MISSION GORGE)

Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Explore Hidden Corners of Mission Hills with Walkabout perambulators, Sunday, January 15. Seven-mile, moderate-plus walk starts at 8:30 a.m. at Mission Hills Park (on Washington Place). Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION HILLS)

DANCE

Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival spotlights ethnic dancing, January 12–15, in Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Eight dance troupes participate, representing Philippines, India, Ghana, Nigeria, U.S.A., Brazil, China, Mexico, and Ireland.

Festival concludes with concert by Bolga Zohdoomah band, dance by Culture Shock Dance, Tango Alma, Inter-Tribal Dancers on Sunday, January 15, 7 p.m. $15.

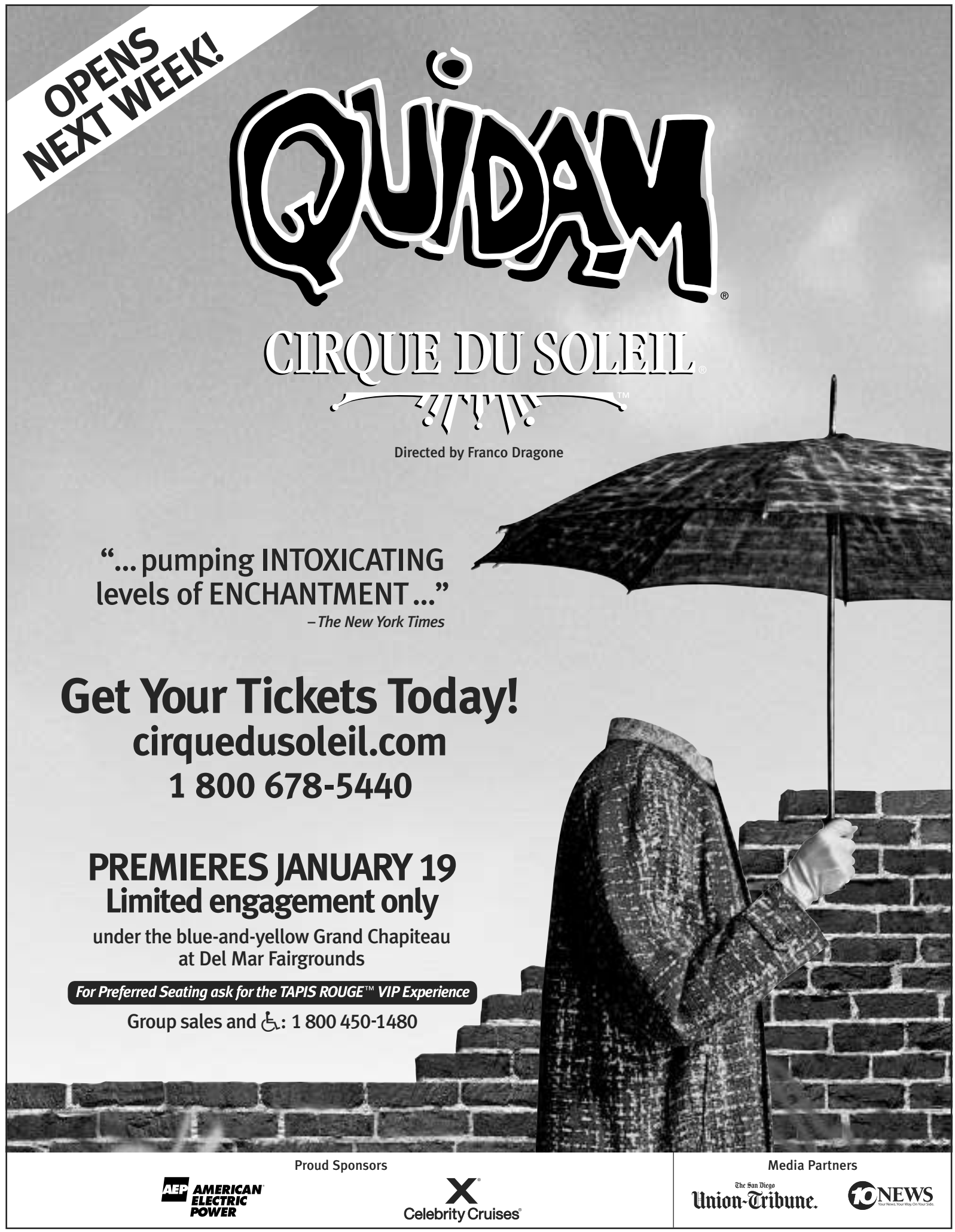
Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $15–$25. 619-230-8623. (NORTH PARK)

"An Evening in Africa," program for Arts for Life!/Family Arts Connection series, Thursday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. at Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center (6611 University Avenue). Bolga Zohdoomah performs music and dance from Ghana, west Africa, and Cybele Nieman-Pena leads instruction in Afro-Cuban dancing. Free. 619-282-7599 x114. (ROLANDO)

"Rebels and Pioneers," this Sushi Performance and Visual Art Takeout series continues with "New Wave Showcase" of performances by five local, emerging choreographers and performers, January 13–15. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. $20 general. 619-235-8466. (SDSU)

Waltz, Polka, and Schottisch featured at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, January 13, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

"Viennese Nights: A Ball" hosted by San Diego Vintage Dancers, Saturday, January 14, 7 to 10 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (Pan American Plaza). Grand Pacific Waltz and Quickstep Orchestra provide music for waltzes, polkas, mazurkas, schottisches, more. Light refreshments provided. $30. Evening and formal attire; mid- to late-19th-Century



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Ball follows dance class on 14th led by visiting instructor Marc Casslar, noon to 2 p.m. Casual dress. $10. 619-286-5848. (BALBOA PARK)

Lime in the Harp spins the tunes, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance on Saturday, January 14, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginners' workshop at 7:30 p.m. $7. Wear soft-soled shoes. Bring an instrument, some tunes; learn new ones at music/song jam, 6 p.m. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including January 14, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). $7. 760-803-9982. (ENCINITAS)

Sarasvati Modern Tribal performs fusion-style bellydance, Saturday, January 14, 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instruction by Ellen Riley and Ladyslippers on January 15. Beginners' instruction at 6 p.m. $6 per class; $20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Learn Modern Square Dancing with Ruffles 'n Beaus Square Dance Club at beginners' class, Sunday, January 15, 6 to 7:45 p.m., in room 207 of Casa del Prado. First class is free, $4 adults, $30 for youths 10–18 (accompanied by adult) thereafter. Partners not required. 619-469-4865. Open enrollment ends January 22. (BALBOA PARK)

Swing and Jitterbug Dance Party at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center, Sunday, January 15, for singles and couples of all ages. DJ plays music for open dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. Find center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is $7 general, $4 for full-time students; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Swing and Ballroom Dance Party, Wednesday, January 18, 7:45 to 11 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance lesson by Mary Manzella included in admission fee ($8). 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Hip-Hop, Don't Stop, hip-hop instructor Prince leads classes on Thursdays, 7:45 to 9 p.m., at 4569 30th Street. $10 per class, $35 for four. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Intimate Cabaret Dances: New Works by Jean Isaacs" presented January 19–22 at San Diego Museum of Art. Three new dance pieces premiered, including *Sippie,* with music by jazz pianist Steve Baker. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Information: 858-484-7791. (BALBOA PARK)

Bellydance Showcase with Marula, Cyriana, Genevieve, Vilia to live music, Thursday, January 19, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: $5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

GUEST PIANIST
Jon Kimura Parker with San Diego Symphony, January 12, California Center for the Arts, Escondido; January 13–15 at Copley Symphony Hall.

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FILM

"Aparajito," the second film in Satyajit Ray's *Apu Trilogy* screens Thursday, January 12, at Museum of Photographic Arts. *The World of Apu* is slated for January 19. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. $10 per film. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"Eyes on the Prize (America's Civil Rights Years)" — ten-part documentary is screening nightly through Monday, January 16, 6:30 p.m., at Gaslamp Plaza Suites Hotel (520 E Street). Panel discussion follows each night's screening. Donation requested. 619-685-7215. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Voyage of Discovery" by Arian Collins and a feature film by Zeinabu Davis and Marc Chery screen for "Entre Nous Showcase," highlighting hidden talents of librarians and other library staff members. Series continues with screening, Friday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. 619-641-6103. (CITY HEIGHTS)

"Beppegrillo.it," described as "one of the most successful shows…presented in over 70 Italian theaters," may be seen on Friday, January 13, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). $2. 619-237-0601. In Italian with no subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Field of Dreams," starring Kevin Costner, screens for Second Saturday Cinema series, January 14, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, January 15, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: $5. 619-230-1938 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Favorites" provide theme for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series, continuing with *The Cider House Rules,* Wednesday, January 18, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Diego Gutierrez's 2005 Film *The Valley of the Dog Songs* screens Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Screening followed by reception, performance by Maquiladora. $7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Open Screening Night is Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). New San Diego and Tijuana area short films, food, music, opportunity to "show your work and network with other local film/video makers." Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (GOLDEN HILL)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Mystic India: An Incredible Journey of Inspiration* (through February), *Mystery of the Nile* (through February 16). Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

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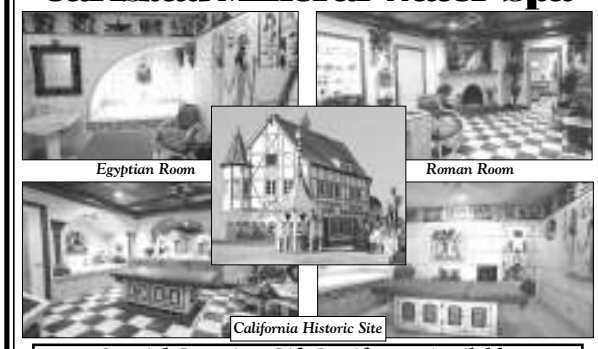

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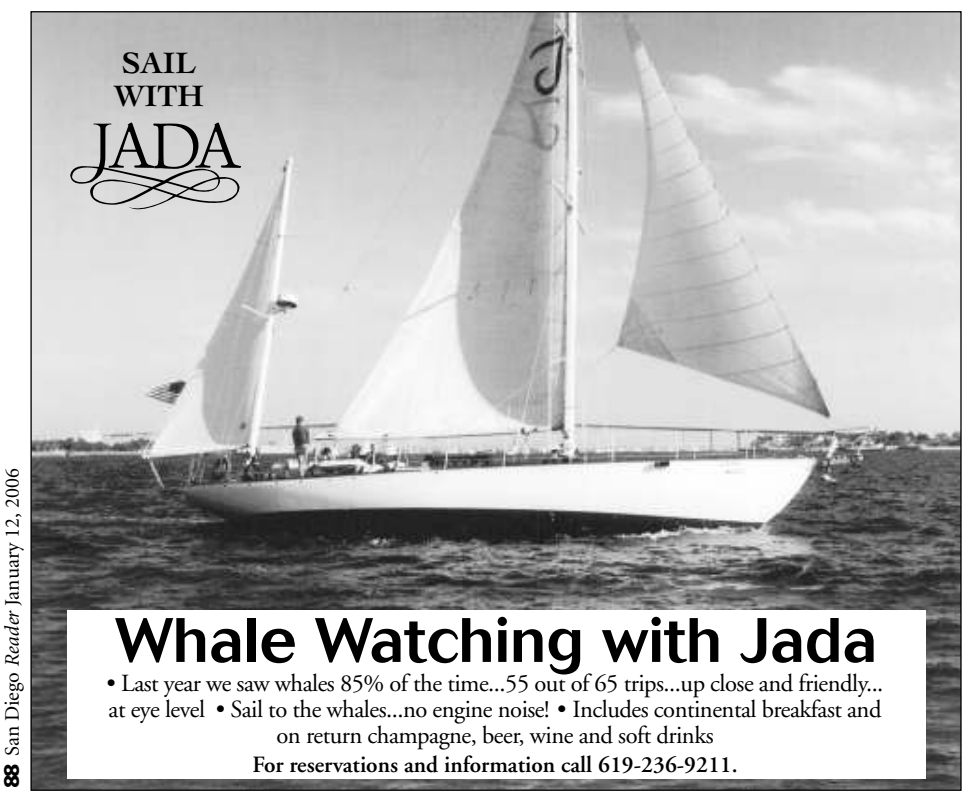

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What Does 2006 Hold for You? Find out when professional astrologer Robert Blaschke makes "astro-prophecies" for San Diego Astrological Society, Friday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). $12 general. 888-405-6825. (HILLCREST)

"The Stuart Collection Now" examined by Mary Stuart Beebe, the UCSD collection's director, for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, January 13, 10 a.m. Beebe will specifically focus on Tim Hawkinson's *Bear*. $10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Contemporary Quilting Techniques and status of quilts as "an art expression" explored when Robert Leathers presents slide-illustrated lecture for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday, January 14, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Saturday, January 14, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"Digital Camera Workshop: Lee's Rule of 3s" presented by self-described Digital Photo Guy, Saturday, January 14, 1 p.m., at First United Methodist Church (341 South Kalmia Street). $5. 760-749-6172. (ESCONDIDO)

Make-Up Seminar, Part One offered by James Overstreet on Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m.–noon, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Learn "basic techniques and Asian-eye make-up that can be applied to everyone." $40. Reservations: 619-232-2780. Part two offered January 28. (BALBOA PARK)

Marketing Your Fine Art and Crafts is topic when local art instructor Valerie Colston speaks Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m., at Michael's (335 North El Camino Real). Artisans invited of all skill levels. $25. Required reservations: 858-453-2278. (ENCINITAS)

Picture Book Workshop by authors/illustrators Andrea Zimmerman and David Clemesha hosted by Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Saturday, January 14, 2–5 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). Bring two copies of manuscript (one in large-size font), scissors, glue stick or tape. $70. 619-368-7836. (LINDA VISTA)

Less Common, Beautiful California-Friendly Plants that thrive in our climate discussed by gardening expert Nan Sterman during slide-illustrated lecture, Saturday, January 14, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Learn about trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs. $8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

A Celebration of Bertrand Russell is planned when Humanist Fellowship convenes for talk by Professor Nicholas Griffin, director of Bertrand Russell Archives at McMaster University in Canada, Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

"Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000–2005" discussed by curator Lucia Sanroman during Insight Gallery Talks on Sunday, January 15 (3 p.m.), and Thursday, January 19 (6 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Flying Saucers — Still Serious Business" presented by Glen Steckling, director of George Adamski Foundation, for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) on Sunday, January 15, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Poetry-Writing Workshop led by Georgette James for Magee Park Poets, Sunday, January 15, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Reservations required: 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

The History of Underwater Photography explored by *National Geographic* photographer, adventurer Chuck Nicklin during slide-illustrated lecture on Monday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., in Woodbury Hall at Wesley Palms (2404 Loring Street). Free. 858-454-4077. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Middle-Eastern Drum and Dance Class taught on Monday, January 16, at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). *Doumbek* drumming lessons for all levels with Frank Lazzaro at 6 p.m., followed by intermediate/advanced dance class by Mariela at 7 p.m. (bring zills to practice zill patterns). $12 per class, $60 for full series. 760-703-1467. (BALBOA PARK)

Wilderness Basics Courses with lectures and four weekend field trips offered by Sierra Club. Courses run Tuesdays, January 17–March 21, 7–9:30 p.m., at San Pasqual High School (3300 Bear Valley Parkway South, 760-728-8220) and Tuesdays, January 24–March 28, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South, 858-581-9312).

Subjects include wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass, more. Fee: $95 Escondido, $110 Mission Valley. (ESCONDIDO, MISSION VALLEY)

"Art of the Renaissance" illuminated by Linda Blair for lecture series at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). "Emergence of Realism: Why Here? Why Now?" is subject on Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m. $17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Gardening With California Native Plants" is subject when Carol Bornstein addresses California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, January 17. Bornstein is director of living collections and nursery at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Booksigning follows. Free meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Casa del Prado room 101. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"U.S. Immigration Reform: Can the System Be Repaired?" Marc Rosenblum, currently conducting research on immigration policymaking, speaks Tuesday, February 17, 3 p.m., in Weaver Center at Institute of the Americas at UCSD. Free. 858-822-9297. (LA JOLLA)

Knife Skills Class planned Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Knife selection, sharpening and honing, cutting; bring favorite knives to assess sharpness. $45. 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

"How to Live Happily Ever After with Your Cat" explained during workshop, Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). Fe-

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"The Biographer's Revenge" explored when John Halperin speaks for San Diego Independent Scholars, Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Halperin is centennial professor of English at Vanderbilt University, recipient of two Guggenheim Fellowships, has published nine books (including biographies of George Gissing, Jane Austen), more. 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Genes vs. Jeans — Is Sexual Attraction Determined by Evolution or Culture?" Expound on topic, Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"There Is No Such Thing as an Editor," according to writer and teacher Corey Meacham, who defends his claim when SD Professional Editors Network meets Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (ENCINITAS)

What Does "Going Bankrupt" Mean? Attorney Mark L. Miller conducts educational seminar on many facets of bankruptcy, Wednesday, January 18, 6 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5894. (DOWNTOWN)

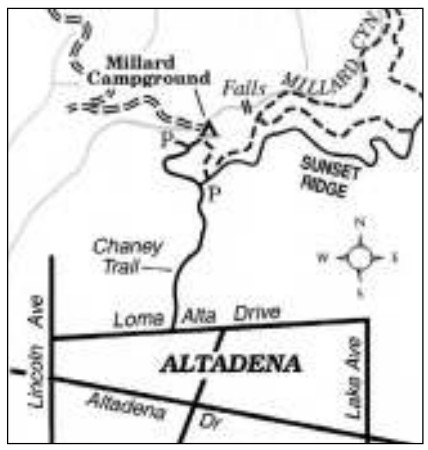
"Managing Your Irrigation Water" is topic when Don Schultz speaks Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). $10. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Sheltered in a cool, shady canyon a few short minutes from the 'burbs of Altadena and Pasadena, Millard Falls comes alive at about this time of year with runoff from the "front range" of the San Gabriel Mountains. The popular hike to the falls, only 1.4 miles round trip, can range from an easy boulder hop (assuming a low flow of water in the canyon bottom) to near impossible in the aftermath of a torrential downpour.

To get to the starting point, take the Lincoln Avenue exit from Interstate 210 in Pasadena. Drive two miles north on Lincoln to Loma Alta Drive, turn right, go 0.6 mile east, and look for the obscurely marked, narrow paved road on the left signed "Chaney Trail." You'll pass a sturdy gate, open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Continue steeply uphill to the top of Sunset Ridge, then down into Millard Canyon, where the road ends at a trailhead parking lot (a National Forest Adventure Pass must be posted on your car here).



On foot now, go upstream, past a vehicle gate, and through Millard Campground (a walk-in camping facility). Continue up the canyon, boulder-hopping much of the time, beneath spreading oaks and straight-trunked alders, until you reach the base of the falls. Part of the 50-foot cascade is blocked from view by several large boulders wedged like chockstones high above. During the arid majority of the year, water dribbles down the rock face by way of several serpentine paths. In the rainy minority — perhaps January through April or May of this year — the flowing water has enough vigor to carry air bubbles and spray along with it.

It's difficult to take a photograph that does justice to this cool, dark, pleasant place — especially in winter when the canyon bottom is perpetually shaded.

MILLARD CANYON

Millard Canyon, in the San Gabriel Mountains, hosts a melodious cascade during the rainy season.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 130 miles
Hiking length: 1.4 miles round trip
Hiking difficulty: Moderate

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessarily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any detrimental experience.

IN PERSON

The 21st Season of "Plays by Young Writers" presented by Playwrights Project and Old Globe, runs January 12–22. Full productions presented of *This Girl Is a Bird, Tripping, Step Into the Night, Spanish Rhapsody, A Man of His Word;* readings of scripts *I'll Always Remember, Idaho Lament, Sara's Volleyball Dreams, Joe the Tomato.*

Project convenes on Cassius Carter Centre Stage at Old Globe Theatres. Tickets: $15 general, $12 for students, seniors, military. Times, reservations: 619-239-8222. (BALBOA PARK)

Author and Columnist Richard Reeves discusses his new book, *President Reagan: Triumph of Imagination,* Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. Space availability: 619-637-3580. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Local Fitness Maven Tamilee Webb presents tips on exercise and nutrition, demonstrates exercise workout, Thursday, January 12, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

"Disney's The Lion King" hits stage at Civic Theatre (at Third Avenue and B Street) for performances at variety of times through January 15. Tickets range from $24–$78, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Virginia's Rustic Renaissance Man, singer/songwriter John McCutcheon performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Friday, January 13, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). $18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Acoustic Music Bonanza! AcousticMusicSanDiego boasts concerts by Harvey Reid on Friday, January 13 ($17, $20); Al Kooper on Saturday, January 14 ($25); and John Jorgenson Quintet on Wednesday, January 18 ($22). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Taking Liberties" presented by comedy revue Chicago City Limits on Saturday, January 14, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Troupe creates improvisations from audience suggestions, comedy sketches, songs, more. For mature audiences only. $20–$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"A Celebration of Women Writers" planned during prose reading hosted by San Diego Writers, Ink, on Saturday, January 14, 7 p.m., at the Grove (3010 Juniper Street). Participating authors: Jody Hauber, Karen Horn, Rochelle Low, Judy Reeves, Patty Santana, Amy Wallen. Donation. 619-582-2466. (SOUTH PARK)

Writer and Pastor Joe Campeau signs and discusses his book *Finding Fresh Promise in Routine Moments,* Saturday, January 14, 2 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

North County Funnies, monthly "PG-rated" comedy show combining sketch comedy and stand-up comedy convenes Saturday, January 14, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). This month: Tim O'Rourke (known as Tim the bartender on *Drew Carey Show*), Dave Reinitz, Pearl Street Players. $18 at door. 760-729-0089. (CARLSBAD)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert with Elivia Melodey (singing bowls), Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals, Saturday, January 14, 7 p.m., at Shanti Yoga Center (West Bluff Plaza, 6996 El Camino Real, C-1). Bring blankets, pillows. $15 in advance, $20 at door. 760-471-7304. (LA COSTA)

Local Author Nicole Kallis talks about self-publishing and her book, *Secrets of a Tee Time Girl: Golfers, Scandals, and the Beverage Cart,* Saturday, January 14, 3 p.m., at Alpine Library (2130 Arnold Way). Free. 619-445-4221. (ALPINE)

Former Homicide Detective John J. Lamb signs and discusses his mystery *Echoes of the Lost Order,* Sunday, January 15, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Civil War reenactment group Company G will be on hand in period attire. Free. 619-298-3944. (OLD TOWN)

Tuesday Night Alibi barbershop quartet performs "music of harmony, fun, and faith," Sunday, January 15, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (3502 Clairemont Drive). Offering. 619-276-5300, 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Original Works read by poets Greg Gerding, Alfred Howard, and Michael Klam, Sunday, January 15, 8 p.m., at Whistle Stop

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Martin Luther King Day celebrated Monday, January 16, 11 a.m., at WorldBeat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Performers include Wayne Stoddart, Evangel, M.O.R., gospel hip-hop, more. Free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Martin Luther King Gospel Choir performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, January 16, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Scapegoat? General Janis Karpinski signs *One Woman's Army: The Commanding General of Abu Ghraib Tells Her Story,* Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m., at Coronado Public Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free admission; books for sale at signing. 619-459-3247. (CORONADO)

Cookbook Author Alicia Ross discusses her new book, *Cheap. Fast. Good!* on Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Renowned Horticulturist Bart O'Brien signs and discusses *California Native Plants for the Garden,* Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). O'Brien is co-author of book, as well as director of horticulture at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. $6. 760-436-3036 x206. (ENCINITAS)

Playwright Athol Fugard's Daughter Lisa Fugard debuts her first novel, *Skinner's Drift,* Thursday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

Mystery Author Rochelle Krich signs, reads from *Now You See Me,* Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

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Author James Valliant signs *The Passion of Ayn Rand's Critics,* Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Elevated," poetry reading featuring Sekou the Misfit, Thursday, January 19, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). $5. 619-795-9587. (NORTH PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

SCAPEGOAT?
General Janis Karpinski signs *One Woman's Army,* Tuesday, January 17, Coronado Public Library.

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SPORTS

San Diego Gulls host Bakersfield Condors on Friday, January 13, 7:35 p.m.; and Alaska Aces on Saturday, January 14, 7:05 p.m., at iPayOne Center. Tickets: $12–$25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Carlsbad Marathon/Half Marathon, Sunday, January 15, 7 a.m., starting and finishing at Westfield Shoppingtown Plaza Camino Real (at Highway 78 and I-5).

Related events on Saturday, January 14: Keebler Kids' Marathon Mile, with starts from 8 a.m. in a variety of divisions. Health and Fitness Expo, January 13–15. 760-692-2900. (CARLSBAD)

Miramar Dam Bicycle Ride led by Bicycle Touring Society, Saturday, January 14. The 50-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in De Anza Cove parking lot on East Mission Bay Drive. 619-255-4194. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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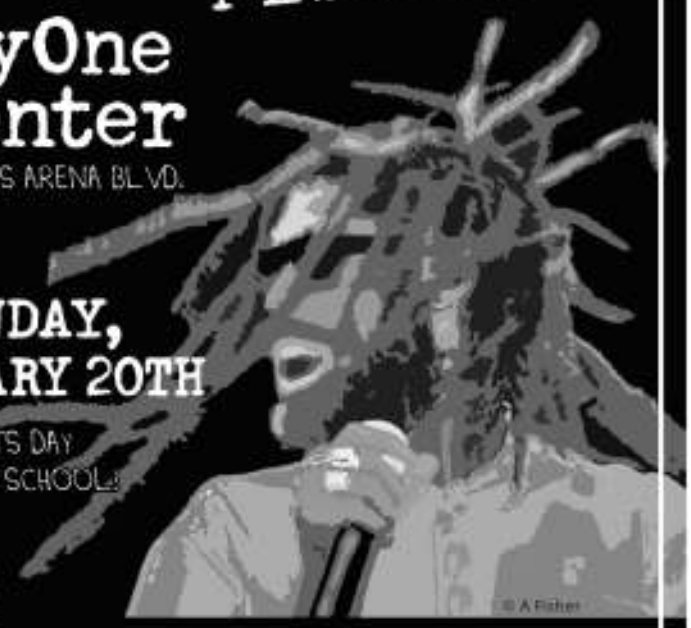

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Gem Faire, January 13–15 with over 80 dealers offering jewelry, gems, beads, minerals, crystals, more, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Weekend pass: $5. Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 760-390-3599. (DEL MAR)

The 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade with marching bands and floats is Saturday, January 14. Parade starts at 10 a.m. on east side of Petco Park (at 13th and Imperial), travels north on Park Boulevard to J Street, west to 7th, south on 7th, ending on west side of Petco Park. Free viewing.

Parade is followed by multicultural festival with live entertainment, children's activities, three interactive art stations hosted by Children's Museum of San Diego, community booths, vendors, exhibits, ethnic food, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Promenade (north side of Harbor Drive between Market and Fourth Avenue). Free. 619-264-0542. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Doll Boutique and Antique Doll Clinic, Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). Clinic, 2–5 p.m. $5 general, free for those under 13 with adult. 831-438-5349. (MISSION VALLEY)

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OUT & ABOUT

"A SHOW…ABOUT THE SHOW"
Smucker's Stars on Ice, Sunday, January 15, ipayOne Center.

(SEE SPORTS)
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International Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale, January 14 and 15, at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Over 100 dealers on hand; doll and teddy bear appraisals. Show hours: 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday ($6), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday ($5). 815-464-3470. (MISSION VALLEY)

Automobiles of 1950s and "classic surfside Woodies" honored at second annual La Jolla Motor Car Classic, Sunday, January 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on lawn at La Jolla Cove. All manner of vehicles on display — including a 1954 Chevrolet Good Humor ice cream truck — music by Sha Na Na, more. Free. 619-233-5008. (LA JOLLA)

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Chocolate- and Wine-Tasting event on Monday, January 16, 4–6 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Behind-the-scenes mission tour offered at 1:30 p.m. Fees: tour only: $7, $30 for wine and chocolate. Reservations: 760-757-3651 x170. (OCEANSIDE)

"In the Face of the Storm," 18th annual "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All People's Breakfast" is Monday, January 16, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Keynote speaker is American Civil Liberties Union national president Nadine Strossen; displays by 50 community organizations, performances by MoJo and the Vibration Army. $15. Reservations: 619-236-6420. (DOWNTOWN)

'Tis the Season for ice skating outdoors at Horton Plaza, through Wednesday, January 18. Skating sessions last 1.5 hours, running 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Fee: $10 general, $8 for kids, which includes skate rental. 858-530-1825. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Cannon Art Gallery 2005 Invitational" is on view through Sunday, January 22, in William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane), with work by Christie Beniston (ceramics), Wendy Richmond (photography), Robert Treat (large-scale abstract painting), Jeff Yeomans (small-scale narrative painting). 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Transition Time at San Diego Natural History Museum, and admission is free to the exhibitions open in January. For first time, behind-the-scene tours of three different research departments (two separate tours available) are on offer ($5 general). See *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* for $4. 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on January 21 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: $9–$12 adults, $7–$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

A Local Firefighter discusses fire safety, healthy snacks, and CPR on Saturday, January 14, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). $4. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

Alka-Seltzer Rockets will be created during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, January 14, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

"2006 Invitational" family open studio is Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Participants create works of art to take home; materials provided. Free. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Fair hosted by Volunteer San Diego, Saturday, January 14, 1–4 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Art and athletic booths and clinics for youths of all ages (preschool to high school). Guests encouraged to donate items for local schools: tissue boxes, dry eraser markers, number-two pencils, colored pencils, construction paper, more. Free. 858-636-4123. (BALBOA PARK)

Animal Tales Told, and crafts, stories, and animals are part of fun during Animal Tales story time on Sunday, January 15, 1 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society and SPCA (5500 Gaines Street). $2 per child. 619-299-7012 x2251. (LINDA VISTA)

Musical Story Time with Lee and Dwayne Arvinger based on their CD *Hangin' Out with My Baby,* Sunday, January 15, 1 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Duo repeats program on 15th at 4 p.m. at Borders Books and Music found at 668 Sixth Avenue (619-702-7420). Free. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Busy on Sunday? Arvingers will also appear on Wednesday, January 18, 10:30 a.m., at Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North. Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kids' Nature Hunt planned Sunday, January 15, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve (on Espola Road). Participants enjoy a variety of crafts and activities while hunting for clues. Free. 858-668-4781. (POWAY)

Celebrate Panama and 90th Birthday of San Diego Museum of Man during family day on Monday, January 16, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Man. Tour "The Art of Being Kuna," "Passage to Panama," other exhibits; make a Panama party hat, design and make a paper *mola,* enjoy face painting. Included in regular museum admission. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Kids' Day Train, one-hour vintage train experience for children offered at Campo Railroad Museum at 10 a.m. on third Tuesday of each month, including January 17. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. Tickets: $15 general, $5 for those 6–12, free for kids five and younger. Required reservations: 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

"Sea Schoolers: W Is for Whale" offered on Wednesday, January 18, 9:30 a.m., at Birch

Poetry | TO VIRGINIA WOOLF


Lytton Strachey

This letter, apparently never before published, is in the Robert H. Taylor Collection, Princeton University Library, and was called to my attention by S.P. Rosenbaum. The fact that Leonard and James did not include it in their 1956 edition argues that it was clearly lost, or at least fugitive, by then. Arthur Schnitzler's *The Road to the Open* (*Der Weg ins Freie*) does not seem to have been translated before 1922, so Lytton was reading in German this novel about Viennese intellectuals and musicians, most of whom (in fact as in fiction) were Jewish. The novel details the arguments among Jews themselves about Zionism, assimilation, and self-hatred, and Lytton's reading it shows that he was more sympathetic and sophisticated about these questions than I had previously imagined.

– Paul Levy

The Lacket,
Lockeridge,
Marlborough

January 17, 1914

I have requested various people in London to send you those things, so I hope you'll get them before long. As they belong to terrible Maynard, perhaps you'd better not give them the treatment they deserve, in the E.C. I'm sorry to say the Lord Lytton I wrote about was not Bulwer but his son – a person of a very different complexion – about whom I shouldn't think you could have any curiosity [insert with carat mark: but if you have it won't be satisfied by my article]. I've just finished the life of F. Nightingale, which I think you've been reading. What a vision of the Victorian Age! And what a fearful woman! Don't you think she's an example of the queer paths the frenzies of egotism may lead people into? Napoleon conquered Europe. Miss N. went through Scutari [sp?] & her War Office struggles. The same selfishness impelled both, but she, poor woman, fancied she was doing good & the will of God – as no doubt she was, but as accidentally as a steam-engine. Mr. Jowett, too, coming to give her the sacrament! Oh, Lord, Lord! They were a crew!

I'm now hard at work over *The Road to the Open* by Schnitzler, which is certainly the dullest book ever written; but I recommend it to Leonard for further studies of the Jew Question.

I hope you continue to pub...[large blot of ink] and absorb Ovaltine. I try to do the same, but this seasonable weather is rather disheartening. One's blood gets congealed in one's veins, and then, I find, all is lost. I wonder if there's anything else in the world – from a sapphire ring to a Siamese cat – you'd like me to procure for you. If there is, let me know, and it shall be yours.

Your Lytton

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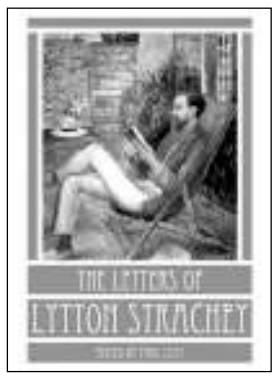
The Letters of Lytton Strachey



Edited by Paul Levy
Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005, 720 pages; $40

FROM THE DUST JACKET:
Lytton Strachey is one of the key figures in the cultural life of the 20th Century, and his letters are a literary treasure trove of the man and his world, as well as a record of the startling and poignant love affair between himself and the painter Dora Carrington.

The breadth of his correspondence is breathtaking, going from precocious childhood letters to those written when he was a member of the secret Cambridge Apostles, and from letters to Leonard and Virginia Woolf, to Maynard Keynes and other members of the Bloomsbury Group, to love letters to Dora Carrington and Duncan Grant. The thousands of letters he wrote retain their vitality to this day, discussing changes in morals, the writing of history, literature and philosophy, politics, war and peace, and the advent of modernism.

Strachey believed that one only really comes to know a writer by reading his correspondence, and if these playful, provocative, and eminently sensible letters attest to anything, it is to the soundness of this belief.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
Publishers Weekly: A complete edition of Lytton Strachey's letters would total six volumes, testament to the ferocious epistolary energy of the author of the classic *Eminent Victorians*, which ridiculed the hapless inhabitants of that era as priggish, canting hypocrites and revolutionized the biographical form. Levy, a Strachey trustee and editor of *Lytton Strachey: The Really Interesting Question*, has selected the best of them, no easy task given that letter writing was Strachey's natural mode of communication.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
Lytton Strachey (1880–1932) was a member of the Bloomsbury Group and the author of several classic biographies, including *Queen Victoria* and *Elizabeth and Essex*. His *Eminent Victorians*, published in 1918, inaugurated a new style of biography distinguished by irony, wit, and irreverence.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE EDITOR:
When we talked, the hour was early evening. Mr. Levy was in his home outside London, where he, an American born in Kentucky in 1941, lives with his English wife. Mr. Levy, whose British accent has covered over every trace of the colonies, has lived in England for more than 30 years. It was that time of evening, that "slow dusk," as English poet Wilfred Owen had it, for "the drawing down of blinds"; we chatted and gossiped about Lytton Strachey, his family and his friends in the Bloomsbury circle, until Mrs. Levy drew her husband away for dinner.

Mr. Levy is an important member of the Lytton Strachey Trust. I asked, "What is the Lytton Strachey Trust?"

"Well, in 1972 Alix Strachey, Mrs. Strachey, the widow of James Strachey [Lytton's youngest sibling], who, like James, was a Freudian analyst, and who, like him, had been analyzed by Freud, was the legatee of virtually everything. The Stracheys had been so prolific in her husband's generation and now had new children. Alix was trying to think of some use to which she might put this voluminous correspondence that existed and all the books. The estate was considerable and she knew that it was increasing in value."

Alix Strachey therefore founded a charity, the Strachey Trust, and Mr. Levy was appointed one of the co-executors and founders of the charity. When Alix died, the Strachey Trust became owner of the copyrights of books written by other Stracheys.

"What charities does the Trust support?"

"It is a literary charity. The first project that we embarked upon was the location register of manuscripts — to catalog, or to try to find the whereabouts of literary manuscripts of the 20th Century.

"Michael Holroyd [Lytton Strachey's first great biographer] and I had suffered from the absence of such a project. And I may pat us on the back and say we did have the foresight in the early '70s to realize that this had to be done with computers. Online things didn't actually quite exist then, but the idea of this material being held in some mechanically retrievable form was one that occurred to us very, very early on.

"It was a huge success. The Strachey Trust gave, as it were, the feed money for the project and it was then extended to 19th Century and now the 18th Century.

"It's been published in volume form as well. We are well into a new project, a register of copyright owners, another thing that we found to be elusive. So it all makes sense when you think about it, because it's all part and parcel of what I'd had to do in making this edition of Lytton's letters."

"Could you explain what has, for so long, fascinated Americans about what we call 'the Bloomsbury Group'?"

"It's the same thing that has fascinated the British. It's the fact that they were the first modern people. They were more like us than our own grandparents were. They had a touch of the bohemian, a touch of the artistic, a touch of the intellectual, a touch of the left-wing political, a touch of the civilized and highly cultured, a touch of *bon vivant*. They enjoyed their food and they enjoyed their wine. But they weren't the traditional food-enjoying, wine-enjoying classes. [Mr. Levy has been author and coauthor of books on food and eating.]

"So, in that sense they were more like contemporary people — they were certainly more like us than they were like the rest of the people in the world at their time."

"They believed being was as important as doing."

"That's a very, very good characterization of something that I suppose they got from G.E. Moore, the mother of my books [Mr. Levy is author of the celebrated *G.E. Moore and The Cambridge Apostles*]. That's a neat characterization I think of what they took from Moore. It's certainly true."

"They had the luxury of free time."

"They were leisured in a way that we aren't. Though we don't have servants, we do have washing machines. But the trouble is that the things that make our domestic life possible have multiplied and turned into necessities and getting them now takes up so much time that we don't have time to read."

"Isn't it amazing how many letters Lytton wrote?"

"Well, it's not quite so amazing when you realize that there weren't telephones. And later in life he hated the phone. It gave him a fright. Also, when I first moved to England [1962], there was still only one telephone per house."

"There was no privacy."

"No, there wasn't any privacy, but also it just wasn't quite so common to use. First of all, in a big old drafty house, like the one that I'm in at the moment, you would have had to have left whatever part of the house you were at and run to get the phone. Lots of people would have been in the habit of letting it ring 20 times to get an answer. So it wasn't convenient.

"The postal services were remarkable. There were three posts a day in London, so you could in the morning send an invitation for somebody to come for

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> "Strachey believed that one only really comes to know a writer by reading his correspondence."

Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Aquarium scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. For kids three and four years old with chaperone; $30 per pair. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Program repeats January 21, 29. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in the Reader's Guide to Art.)

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2006, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Coronado Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the mu-

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Lytton Strachey

a tea and before tea time have got back a response. Even here in the country, until 15 years ago, we had two posts per day. It's in fairly recent times that we're down to one post a day.

"So the post was efficient, it was effective, and since it was used in many of the ways that we now use the telephone, the letters are more immediate, more vibrant, and they more accurately reflect the tone of voice."

Mr. Levy wondered if e-mail were not bringing back letter writing. "Because I certainly correspond now, with some friends, not daily, but once a week, long letters."

"How did you get interested in Lytton and the Apostles?"

"Initially, I learned about the Bloomsbury Group when I was an undergraduate at the University of Chicago where I first started in 1959. I learned about the Bloomsbury Group because I was the first, and probably only ever undergraduate, taught by Saul Bellow. When he came back to Chicago he went into something called The Department of Social Thought, a graduate program. I was allowed to take his seminar and we became pals. He was writing *Mr. Sammler's Planet*, in which the Bloomsbury Group figures. So, he set me to reading Virginia Woolf."

"What an odd duo they would have been – Lytton and Virginia."

"Wouldn't they? Wouldn't they? But in the end, what actually happened was that I then came to London to study philosophy, then went back to Harvard, studied philosophy there, doing a Ph.D. I ended up transferring to do a Ph.D. in English in the English Department, where a wonderful professor told me that I had best go back to England and write about G.E. Moore. I thought that was a very odd thing. Besides, they were funding me to do this. I'll never forget our conversation. I said, 'It's not an odd subject?' And he said, 'The English Department of Harvard University has a capacious bosom.' That was why I went off to do G.E. Moore and it took an awfully long time.

"Moore was difficult and also there were too many papers. It took me about ten years; the papers were doled out to me piecemeal rather than all at once, and I could never get a handle on it, so it did take me a very long time. And to be honest, it had to wait until his widow died because the last of the papers, and in a way the key to the whole thing, which I think was his attitude to World War I, were in fact papers she hadn't given me. So, it was mostly my fault and lack of imagination."

"And being young."

"And being young and stupid. But it did take long; it was a task that had to take its time. And it did. But then, in fact, I did an edition of some of Lytton's leftovers, before I had finished writing the Moore book. That was published in '72. The Moore book was published in '79."

"My belief," I said, "is that Lytton altered the way it was possible to write biography."

"Michael Holroyd made an even stronger claim the other day when we were doing one of the literary festivals. I was very impressed by it and thought about it and thought, 'Maybe he's right.' What he said was what Lytton actually did was to alter the practice of writing nonfiction. He affected the writing of history, making concision important, making the explanation of motives important, and of course, the one thing that one always forgets, and that is he was the first person to apply Freud to biography. One never thinks of him in that connection, but Freud did.

"There's a letter from Freud confirming it. Lytton had a more pervasive effect than one thinks of now. He knew the secret as Virginia did too, of the concrete and the particular – how important that is, and how in the end, it's the only thing that we're interested in when we read about people and places and things, it's not the abstract relationships and whether they exemplify Platonic ideals that captures our attention as readers. We may be interested in big ideas, but our attention is caught by small details."

"Lytton didn't come into money, did he, until late in life?"

"No, he didn't. He was not the oldest or the youngest. Marjorie and James were younger. But he never wanted for anything as a child. He was of these big Victorian families, and though they weren't rich they were well off – they were proper middle class. He was looking forward to moving from Central London to the outer fringes of Hampstead, which he regarded as a 'jungle' at the time, because he thought that there they could manage without a butler.

"He was looking forward to that because he didn't like the butler much. Every family had servants then. In an ordinary house, in the old days when that house was built at the turn of the last century, you would have had two

"We may be interested in big ideas, but our attention is caught by small details."

servants to produce the hot water and the heating, as well as keeping it clean."

"That wasn't even getting started with dinner."

"Exactly. Even lower-middle-class people had servants. However, Lytton didn't have money of his own, and it was a big family, and the parents were long-lived. So, there wasn't any money to go around. He didn't earn money. Having failed to get a Cambridge fellowship, he had no source of income except the allowance that his parents made him, which was small.

"Even writing book reviews made a big difference. I lived the same way when I was in my late 20s. Only for me, it was more icing on the cake. Whereas for him it was the flour – writing book reviews. He didn't have a good time of it. Finally, he did make a bit of money in journalism, but it was only with the success of *Eminent Victorians* that he became well off. But, my goodness, how well off he became."

"You noted that in today's money, *Eminent Victorians*, published in 1918, would have earned $232,000."

"It was a huge amount, wasn't it? I learned such a lesson about that, that these things don't mean anything unless they're translated. And what does worry me is the best figures I could get were for 2002. I'm worried about whether in 10 years that will make any sense. But still."

"How did Lytton manage to convey his sexual preference without finding himself in legal trouble and social isolation?"

"I don't think he had any problem. He lived in a largely homosexual atmosphere. From Cambridge on, it was sort of vogue. The campy language and all that. It was the fashion and the style, and then it carried over from Cambridge. It was the style in the Apostles. Moore tolerated it. Bertie Russell didn't, but he, on the other hand, was brutish in his own heterosexual way. I don't think they had much of a problem about that because they all talked as though they were gay and some actually were. In fact, when Lytton did finally sleep with Carrington, his main concern was not to let anybody know. He was

seum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

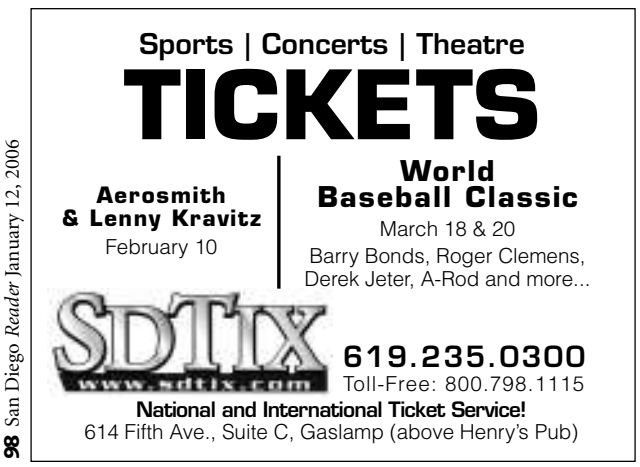
Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the















slightly embarrassed."

As to his letters, said Mr. Levy, "clearly Lytton meant to publish them. I felt all along, in fact, there were little P.S.'s that were notes to me. In one of the letters, which I can only quote from memory, Lytton writes to, I think Leonard Woolf, Virginia's husband, 'I wonder what our editor will make of this.' He seems to imply to Leonard that the editor would be American, Jewish, and from New York. Well, I'm only two-thirds of that. But he does seem from time to time to have been writing occasional notes to me."

"Would you explain for Americans who the Apostles are?"

"The Apostles were a secret society that was at Cambridge, that began in 1820 as a debating club; they were theologically minded, at first, as everybody at the universities were. Tutors and such were still in Holy Orders. So that was natural. It was only later on that you could hold a fellowship without accepting the 39 articles."

"The 39 Articles Of Faith?"

"Yes." (Thirty-Nine Articles, set of doctrinal statements generally accepted in the Anglican Communion as having primary doctrinal significance. The articles are not officially acknowledged as a binding creed or confession of faith, but they do record the doctrinal foundations on which Anglican tradition grew. – *Microsoft Bookshelf Encyclopedia*, 1998.)

"That was something they wrestled with quite a lot in The Apostles. I don't know exactly why they were called The Apostles [founded in 1820 as The Cambridge Conversazione Society]. It might be because there were 12 to start with, but after the early days, there were never 12 again. Tennyson, Arthur Hallam were the great famous ones. All the Victorian worthies tended to be members, including lots of Stracheys and lots of Stephens [Virginia Woolf was born a Stephen], and Leonard Woolf, who would marry Virginia." (Other Apostles were Charles Darwin's brother, Erasmus; Roger Fry; Bertrand Russell; Winston Churchill's private secretary, Eddie Marsh; G.E. Moore; E.M. Forster; John Maynard Keynes; Rupert Brooke; Ludwig Wittgenstein; spies Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt.)

"Was Virginia's father an Apostle?"

"No. Oddly he wasn't, nor was her brother Toby. And, of course, Clive Bell wasn't, and it rankled Clive, it rankled him a lot. J.K. Stephen, Virginia's cousin, was, and his father Fitzjames Stephen was, and Arthur Strachey was. But later on, it got very, very introverted, and they worried a lot about who was fit to be a member and that sort of thing. That's when they get tedious and a bit boring."

"Does it still go on, The Apostles?"

"It does. It certainly does."

"Amazing."

"It is amazing, isn't it? Mind you they've admitted women since the 1970s, I think. I think they might have run out of talent if they hadn't done that. The last time I'd heard anything about them, they were discussing town planning and related issues. I don't know what they do now. I'm completely out of touch."

"Lytton would have a fit, town planning."

"He wouldn't have liked that."

Now that Mr. Levy had spent so many years with the so-called "Bloomsberries" and more so with Lytton Strachey, did he like Lytton more or less?

"If you had asked me, oh, say two years ago, 'Do you like him as much as when you started work?' I might have said, 'No.' There was the matter of anti-Semitism to deal with. Frances Partridge said to me – I had discussed this with her endlessly, as you can imagine – practically every Christmas for years. She said to me one day, 'You just have to realize that we cannot read these letters without the knowledge of Hitler and the consequences of anti-Semitism.' But Lytton died in 1932 and had no notion of this. Well, yes, that's a valid point. Her other point was that Lytton, like Virginia, was so close to one particular Jew, namely Leonard, that it gave them a sort of 'street cred.' I'm not sure I entirely buy that."

Levy's book has in it a letter from Lytton to Virginia that has never been published. (See page 96.)

"Mind you," said Mr. Levy, "I had to do the equivalent of open heart surgery to get that letter in the book, and my note that goes with it, without changing the pagination. The note is not as full as I would have liked it to have been. But with *The Road into the Open* by Schnitzler – I did manage to get a copy of the book and to read it – it does seem to me that the mere fact of Lytton's having read it and thought it worth calling to Virginia and Leonard's attention, shows that there is something to the street cred argument, more than I thought. This shows him in a sympathetic light, and by extension, Virginia. So this is an important letter, this new letter. And it's good news for Bloomsbury fans."

Mr. Levy was born in Kentucky. "Yes. With the wonderful hams. We had one every Christmas. My Russian-Jewish grandfather was a farmer, and my father studied agriculture at the University of Kentucky."

"And you read Robert Penn Warren."

"I read Robert Penn Warren."

"I had never thought of your being from Kentucky. I had never thought of your being from America."

"I'm about eligible for social security. I've actually lived in England more years than I lived in America. Considerably more now. I was back and forth a lot from the age of about 21 on, until about 30."

> **"Yes. With the wonderful hams. We had one every Christmas."**

We talked a bit about the wonders of Kentucky food when Mr. Levy was a boy. He said, "Our food at home was astonishing. It was wonderful because my mother couldn't cook."

"Can you remember on the back of the stove how there would be that little can of bacon grease?"

"I'm afraid I can't."

"You probably never went in the kitchen."

"No, I can remember it because the bacon was always drained. I think our cook, Rhoda, probably did cook with it secretly. But it was thought to be very bad for you. I'm sure she did use it."

"Do you remember black bottom pies?"

"I do, with chocolate on the bottom layer. Though we were a more pecan pie and fruitcake family."

As for this compilation of Lytton's letters, it took Mr. Levy "five years from start to finish. The most important thing about it was my wife's contribution, which was absolutely essential. She did the one sensible thing that never would have occurred to me, because I was working entirely from photocopies, which were mostly supplied by Michael Holroyd after he finished his 1996 revision. Penny, my wife, did the one thing that would never have occurred to me to do, which was absolutely crucial, and that was to number them sequentially.

"So I didn't need to spend six months putting them back in order. I must say, that's my big tip to anybody doing anything chronological, is write the number in pencil on the back of the document."

"I loved Stephen Tennant showing up in your book – at a party."

"Oh, yes, Stephen Tennant, yes. Isn't that wonderful? And I'm longing to read the new *Life of Sassoon*. It apparently has the best poetry of Stephen Tennant that's ever been published."

"Tennant was absolutely mad."

"Tennant, yes, he must have been. But, apparently, in this book, you do begin to see what Sassoon found to love about him, so that will be interesting."

– *Judith Moore*

Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100 Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004,* one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 *Mustang*" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Sea of Genes" offers visit "to the genomic frontier"; "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Guest Pianist Jon Kimura Parker plays pieces by Barber, Beethoven, Sibelius with San Diego Symphony, led by maestro Jahja Ling, in "Jacobs' Masterworks" concert, Thursday, January 12, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: $29, $39, $49. Reservations: 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Concerts repeated January 13–15, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Music begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $20–$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and "The Trolley Song" may be heard when "renowned Gershwin pianist" Kevin Cole and Carlsbad High School Wind Symphony perform, Friday, January 13, 7 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175 Harding Street). Tickets, benefiting Boys and Girls Clubs of Carlsbad, are $25 general, $10 for students. 760-729-0207. (CARLSBAD)

J.S. Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in G," along with pieces by Vlatkovitch, Charlton, Jacob, Gershwin, may be enjoyed when Hutchins Consort performs Friday, January 13, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Ensemble plays on eight scaled violins of violin octet designed and built by luthier Carleen Hutchins. $24. 760-632-0554. (LA JOLLA)

Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" performed by undergraduate violinist Jean Yeh with Négyesy Quintet and harpsichordist Yvonne Lee, Saturday, January 14, 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"The Devil of the Viola de Gamba," Paolo Pandolfo plays music of Antoine Forqueray for San Diego Early Music Society, Sunday, January 15, 8 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Pandolfo accompanied by theorbo, harpsichord. $20. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Emerging Artists Series, pianist Kristina Jacinth performs Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). $20. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Classical Guitarist and Composer Antonio Mendoza will perform traditional and new compositions, Sunday, January 15, 7 p.m., at Ohr Shalom Synagogue (2512 Third Avenue). Tickets: $15 general, $12 seniors and students. 619-231-1456. (HILLCREST)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sorrow and Joy" presented by Pacific Women's Chorus, Sunday, January 15, 3 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Program includes works by Brahms, Holst, Mechem, others. Donation: $10. 858-755-9225. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Magic Flute," celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday with Classics for Kids performance (in English), Sunday, January 22, 1 p.m., at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Led by a comical bird catcher and his magic flute, Prince Tamino must save Princess Pamina from Queen of the Night. Dana Mambourg Zimbric leads Classics Philharmonic, joined by San Diego Ballet dancers, opera vocalists. Tickets: $11–$15 for children, $19–$25 for adults. Reservations: 619-435-9111. (NORTH PARK)

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GALLERIES

"Kul Shay/All Things," images from Lebanon, Syria, and Iran by Doris Bittar go on view during reception on Friday, January 13, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004). Bittar plans lecture on Saturday, January 21, 3 p.m. Exhibit continues through Saturday, February 11. (LITTLE ITALY)

Vivid Watercolors — landscape to abstract — by Brian Shepherd go on view during reception on Friday, January 13, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Shepherd's art is also featured during Ray@Night, Saturday, January 14, 6 p.m. 619-299-4278. (NORTH PARK)

"Fond Illusions," juried awards show of 90 watermedia paintings may be seen through Sunday, January 29, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror: Emily Vermillion. Reception for artists is Friday, January 13, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Fletcher Benton in Southern California" continues through Saturday, March 11, at Tasende Gallery (820 Prospect Street). Exhibit includes 36 maquettes and working models in steel, 18 drawings relating to large-scale sculpture installations located in public and private collections through Southern California. Benton will be on hand during opening reception, Friday, January 13, 6 p.m. 858-454-3691. (LA JOLLA)

"More Than Meets the Eye," graffiti art show on view January 13–15 at San Diego Visual Artists Guild (1098 Ninth Avenue) opens with reception and live demonstration on Friday, 7 to 10 p.m. Show includes work by Paul Vauchelet, WERC, CROL, POSE2, and "old-school Chicano muralists" Victor Ochoa and Mario Torero. 619-778-1586, 619-894-2558. (DOWNTOWN)

"Impressions," exhibit of new sculpture by Tom Driscoll opens with reception, Saturday, January 14, 5 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Fay Lane). Show of cement castings from Styrofoam and plastic industrial packaging materials closes on Friday, February 17. 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

Bold Pop Art and graphite on paper landscapes by Maura Vazakas are featured during Ray@Night reception, Saturday, January 14, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Show closes Thursday, February 9. 619-523-1903. (NORTH PARK)




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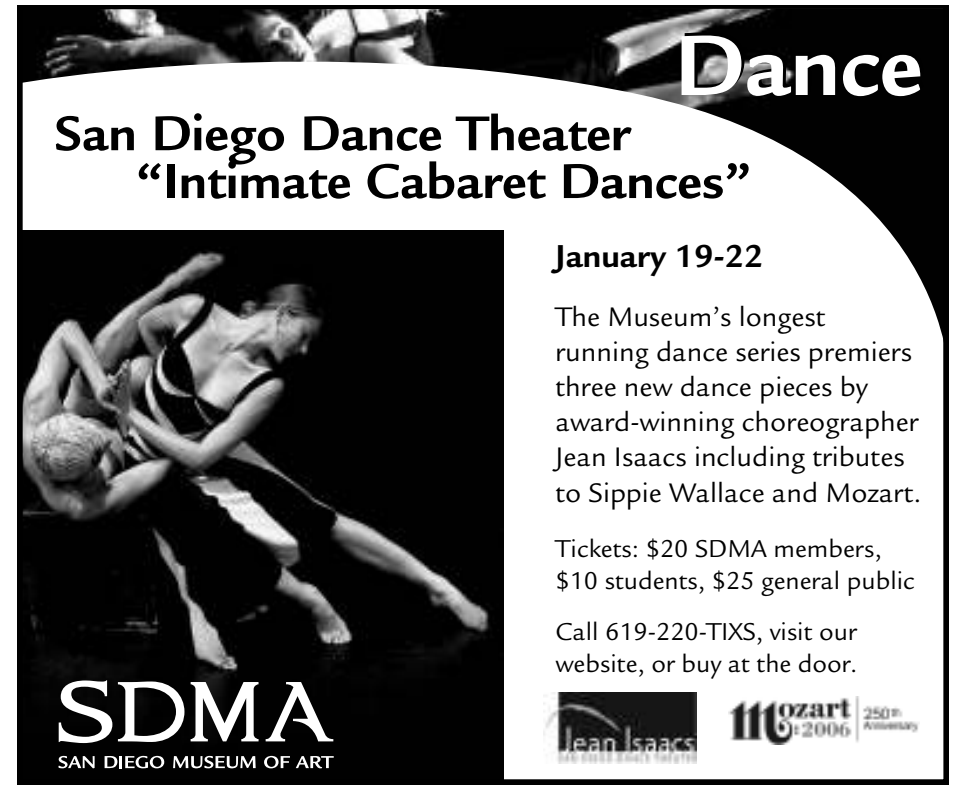
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"Year of the Dog" celebrated by eight artists in exhibit opening Saturday, January 14, 6 p.m., at John Stewart Studios (3805 Ray Street). Ring in the new year through January. 760-765-2399. (NORTH PARK)

"S.W.A.K." — exhibition of paintings by Cynthia Colis, Heather Ramsey, wooden vessels by Lyn Hunter, sculptural basketry by Michal Costello continues through February at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue). Reception: Saturday, January 14. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

"A Recap/Wrap-Up 1991–2005," Bob Matheny's exhibit of cigar box label writs, bread boxes, haiku alphabet, and more opens with reception on Sunday, January 15, 1–4 p.m., at Artist Space at Southfair (2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). View work through Sunday, April 2. 858-755-1662. (DEL MAR)

Current Works by Gary Harper and Edith Garcia-Velazquez are on view through Tuesday, February 7, at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery (651 East Vista Way). Artists' reception: Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m. 760-639-6164. (VISTA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "Haiti: Where Spirits Dance" is an exhibition of rare, early, and some never-before-seen paintings, sculpture, and *vodou* flags by Haiti's "self-taught masters" including Hector Hyppolite, Georges Liautaud, Philome Obin. "Vodou is a theme which runs through most of the artworks" in this exhibit.

Niki de Saint Phalle's "Tableaux Eclatés" are "exploding/moving paintings," in which the artist sought to go beyond limits of painting. "After Hours: Works by Center Staff and Volunteers" surveys "the budding and established artists roaming the hallways of the center on a daily basis." Show includes paintings, sculpture, textiles, furniture. "Little Is Big Too: Paintings by Dan Adams" boasts small-scale portraits of dogs done with heavy impasto and bright colors.

All four exhibits close Sunday, February 12. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, more than 90 bottles, bowls, platters, and tiles made between 1940 and 2004 are included in retrospective "The Art of Vivika and Otto Heino." Vivika Heino died in 1995, but Otto Heino continues to make pots in his Ojai pottery, throwing 100 pounds of clay at a time.

"Norway — Art of the Land and the People" celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, *bunads* (festival costumes), textiles, *rosemaling* (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

Art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyô* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, February 26.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias,* and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19.

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through Sunday, September 3. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is also on view through Sunday, September 3. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Eye to Eye: Photographs by Graham Nash," on view through Sunday, April 30, includes works from the rocker's recent book (*Eye to Eye*) and new additions from his current work. Nash is considered a "pioneer innovator in the world of digital photography and printing."

Color photographs of rural America "both intimate and monumental" on view in "Mike Smith: You're Not From Around Here," opening on Sunday, January 15. Work depicts "places where the forest stops and agriculture begins…combined with more ominous images of what may have taken place out behind the shed." Closes on Sunday, May 7.

"John Gutmann's Century," also on view January 15–May 7, features the German-born photographer's focus on "America's joie de vivre, its parades, billboards, cars, and sports" during the 1930s.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, the museum's growing contemporary collection and acquisition strategies are chronicled in "Tracking and Tracing: Contemporary Acquisitions 2000–2005," on display through Sunday, July 9. Exhibition includes 90 works in wide range of media, dating from 1960s to present, representing a variety of artistic approaches.

"The Eye of the Collector, the Wishes of the Donor, the Spirit of the Philanthropist: Modern European Paintings at San Diego Museum of Art," on exhibit through Saturday, April 15, groups modern European works according to their donor in honor of the museum's 80th anniversary.

Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2.

"Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting" may be seen through Sunday, January 22. Exhibit features 124 paintings, two bound manuscripts from museum's Edwin Binney 3rd Collection, ranging from 14th through late 19th Century. Concurrently: "Indian Colours," exploring materials, pigments, tools, techniques of Indian painting used by South Asian artists to create the intricately detailed paintings on display.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, between late 1650s and mid-1660s, Rembrandt Harmensz Van Rijn created a number of half-length portraits of religious figures. Paintings were created during difficult time in Rembrandt's life. "Rembrandt's Apostles," on exhibit through Sunday, January 15, includes *The Apostle Bartholomew,* along with four other linked paintings.

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Nazi Rock "They have to keep it as secret as possible," says a promoter about a hate-rock show that may or may not be coming to San Diego. "For obvious reasons they only want their inner circle to know. If word got out there was going to be a Nazi party, there would be some drama. It would be canceled if there was too much publicity."



ANGRY ARYANS CAN KEEP A SECRET

For weeks, the *sandiegopunk.com* website has listed a January 21 show at Kelly's Pub that includes Max Resist, Platoon 14, Luftwaffe, Blue Eyed Devils, and the Angry Aryans. The bands have songs titled "Nigger-Loving Whore," "Islam (Religion of Whores)," and "Faggots (Give Rainbows a Bad Name)." Lyrics to the Angry Aryans' "Browntown Burning Down": "Negro in flames rolling on the ground / No longer welcome in our cities 'cause you'll get beat / extreme white racial violence / is what the darkies can expect to meet."

An e-mail last week to *sandiegopunk.com* was unanswered at press time. E-mails to the bands and their record labels were not returned.

The Kelly's Pub in Old Town (played regularly by Steve Poltz and the Rugburns in the '80s) now offers bands three or four times a year. The show won't be held there, according to a manager named Chris. The State House Pub on El Cajon Boulevard, near SDSU, was known for many years as Kelly's Pub. It does feature weekend punk shows.

"I would never have a show like that here, ever," says Kitten Johnson, who organizes punk shows two or three times a month at the State House. An unnamed promoter says he cannot remember when there was an advertised hate-rock event in San Diego.

"Every now and then you get a bunch of knucklehead Nazis showing up to a show and they cause problems. But if they have an organized show, it's out in Fallbrook somewhere. You don't hear about it."

— Ken Leighton

MC Ron Jeremy in da Palace "No one takes San Diego [rappers] seriously," says Nasty O of National City, one of the four men in Sky Tower Click. "People [outside of SD] think San Diego rap revolves around gangsters. Many rap artists in San Diego are gang-related.… Club owners are afraid of someone getting shot or stabbed. It makes it hard for musicians who make real music."

Other rap artists lament that only a handful of local venues occasionally present local, unsigned hip-hop artists. Former punk promoter Phil Wasted recognizes the void. He'll put on a March 3 rap-meets-porn event called "Fantasies" at the Royal Palace in El Cajon. Wasted says porn stars such as Stormy Daniels and Jenna Presley will be on hand to meet the crowd. MC Ron Jeremy will do some comedy.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO
NASTY O SAYS, YES, WE CAN ALL GET ALONG

Local hip-hop artists Cricket, the BLGZ, Young Sicc, and Sky Tower Click will perform. Nasty O points out that the marriage of porn and rap isn't new.

"Snoop Dogg and G Unit, they all have their own porn companies. Snoop has Doggie Style Pictures. G Unit put out a DVD called *Groupie Love.* A lot of the lyrics are explicit. A lot of the music videos have sexual themes."

Nasty O says Sky Tower Click is not a typical SD rap group. "Two of us are black and two are Hispanic. We're from Southeast and the South Bay, two areas that usually don't get along."

Phil Wasted says the Fantasies show is for anyone over 18. "Nothing inappropriate will be done. There is a no-touch ordinance." Tickets cost between $30 and $80.

— Ken Leighton

Expect Sex and Violence Before they've ever played a show, the Prayers have received offers of sex and death threats via myspace.com. But, because three members of the new pop/rock outfit are in the Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower, sex and violence can be expected.

"I'm sure a lot of Plot fans will hate the Prayers, but a lot of Plot fans are morons," says vocalist Brandon Welchez. "A lot of Plot fans hate the Plot whenever we step outside of the boundaries they build up for us in their heads, so yeah, I'm sure a lot of them will hate us."


PHOTOGRAPH BY JEREMIAH GRIFFEY
WELCHEZ EXPECTS HATE

The Prayers emerged after Welchez met Andrew Miller (formerly of Gasoline Please) and "formed mutual man-crushes on each other," says Welchez. The two searched San Diego for a rhythm section before borrowing Plot bassist Willy Graves and drummer Brian Hill.

The Prayers make their live debut January 17 at the Casbah.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Pridebowling for Popularity "I met this Swedish girl in Newport Beach," says punk singer/songwriter Aaron Goulding. "I followed her home in 1993.… I met these other guys [in Sweden] and we started a band." Pridebowl did well in Varberg, a city of 50,000. "I came back home and this small Swedish label called Bad Taste Records wanted to sign us. I told them to send me a ticket and a contract." The label came through, and Goulding returned to Sweden, where he stayed from 1994 until 1998. Pridebowl released three CDs, four EPs, played Japan and Australia, and toured Europe three times.

"In 1997, we were the first punk-rock band to tour China.… But the whole time, I really wanted a name in America." In the States, meanwhile, similar bands such as Pennywise and the Offspring became popular. Pridebowl didn't get rich, but the band stayed together until 1998, when Goulding returned to California. After three years in Orange County, he moved to SD and launched the short-lived local band Hence the Name. Soon after, he resurrected Pridebowl, with himself as the only original member. The band toured Canada for two weeks in late 2003.

"By the time we got to Quebec, we started seeing posts on our website that



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said, 'The singer is the same but something's different.' There was a negative vibe. It wasn't what we wanted to



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GOULDING'S BAND DID WELL IN VARBERG

hear.… The drummer wasn't right. And the bass player wasn't keeping up." So Goulding reassembled the original Pridebowl lineup.

The band recently recorded two tracks for a Mission Valley recording studio called Sushi Fish. That 20-song, 10-artist compilation is set to be released this spring and distributed for free at local surf shops.

"The bands keep the rights to everything," says Sushi Fish owner Matty Reynolds. He is paying for production costs to promote the bands and his studio.

— Ken Leighton

Clean House After seven months in operation, downtown's House of Blues is saying goodbye to general manager Jim Biofore and Kyle Svanda, assistant director of venue operations.

Insiders who do not work for House of Blues speculate that the departures are a reaction to the club "underperforming." The other HoB venues are in L.A., Anaheim, Chicago, Cleveland, Myrtle Beach, Orlando, Las Vegas, New Orleans, and Atlantic City.

An employee says the local HoB often struggles to draw audiences on weekdays. A recent Bouncing Souls concert (on Sunday, December 11) brought in fewer than 100 fans.

Calls to Biafore and other local HoB execs were not returned. An HoB employee who answered the phone said Biafore had planned to leave and that his replacement from Atlantic City would take over in February. "We will be general manager–less for a couple weeks."

— Ken Leighton

Keepin' It Real…Dirty? Local pastor and Grammy-nominated gospel artist



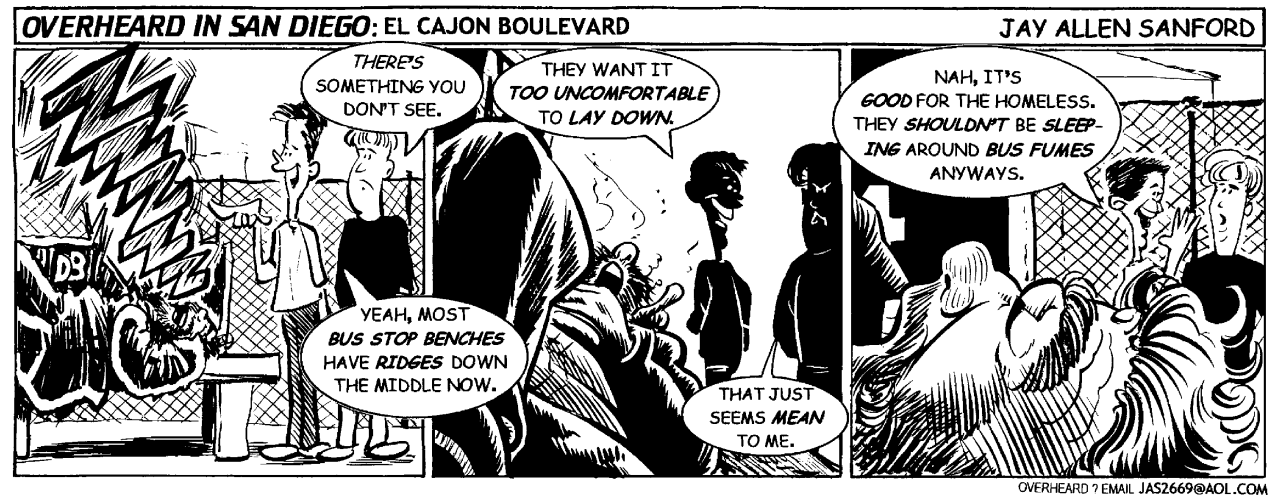
TONEX RETURNS TO ROOTS TO EDUCATE

Tonex (pronounced Toe-nay) says his newest CD, *Oak Park: 92105,* is the first Christian-artist album to carry a parental advisory sticker. Released on *iTunes.com,* the 24 tracks document his life on the streets of San Diego; he's now assistant pastor at the Truth Apostolic Community Church in Spring Valley.

"Some of the subject matter might be a little too deep for children," he says on his blog at *myspace.com.* "No one said anything about the PG-13 rating on *Diary of a Mad Black Woman,* nor *The Passion of the Christ* or *Woman Thou Art Loosed*'s rating of R…the movies weren't bad, but they felt the need to at least forewarn parents that it wasn't gonna be a Sunday school lesson movie! Same with this album."

Tonex (real name Anthony Williams), still in his 20s, has tattoos, body piercings, and a penchant for turning TV theme songs such as *Family Feud* into gospel tunes. He earned a Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album for his 2004 release, *Out of the Box;* over a half million copies were sold.

— Jay Allen Sanford



Sometimes You Can't Get What You Need Al Kooper played keyboards for the Stones ("You Can't Always Get What You Want"), Bob Dylan (the organ on "Like a Rolling Stone"), and various Beatles tracks. Yet, as of this writing,



KOOPER PLAYED GUITAR ON "SHORT SHORTS" TOO

he hasn't yet sold out his January 14 show at Acoustic Music San Diego in Normal Heights. The venue has 280 seats.

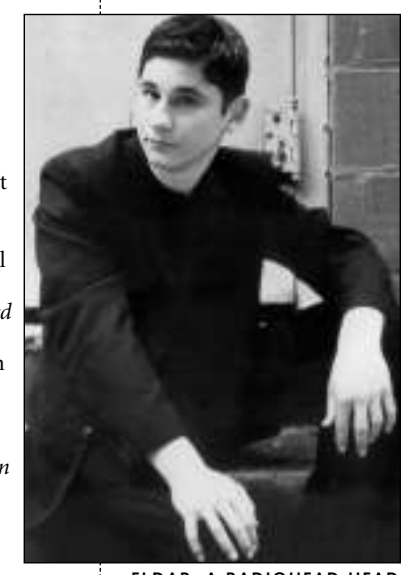
"I passed out 1000 flyers to people going into the Stones' November 11 concert," says promoter Carey Driscoll. "To date, almost two months later, I've gotten exactly zero sales as a result of passing out those flyers, on which it said 'fewer than 100 tickets left' in two prominent places." Driscoll says the two most common responses from Stones fans that night were, "Oh, wow! Alice Cooper!" and "Al Kooper? He's still alive?"

— Jay Allen Sanford

Classical Act Even before 18-year-old pianist Eldar Djangirov played on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* last June, the 2005 graduate of Linda Vista's Francis Parker School had sold over 50,000 copies of his debut CD *Eldar* (his professional name). Born in Kyrgyzstan in the former Soviet Union, Eldar moved to San Diego with his family about two years ago.

"Sony actually first offered me a contract when I was 12," says Eldar, who was improvising on Mozart by the age of 5. His parents nixed the deal because "They didn't want me to be exploited as some kind of novelty act." Which is his favorite band? "Radiohead…I'd love to do a whole concept album like *OK Computer.*" Eldar appears tonight at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge.

— Jay Allen Sanford



ELDAR, A RADIOHEAD HEAD

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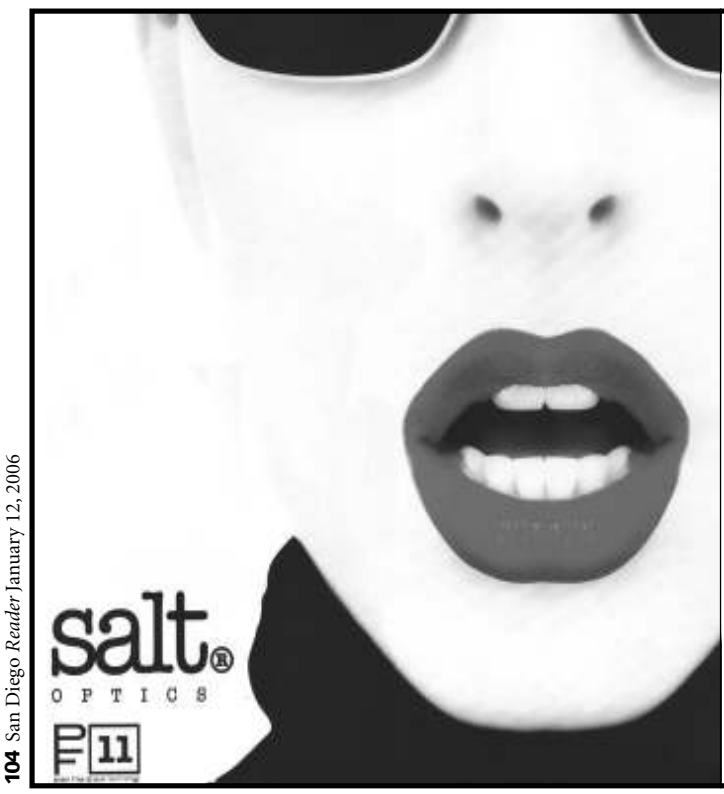

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Walking the Line

"It's a shame that people only know a handful of his songs."

Cash'd Out is San Diego's newest Johnny Cash cover band. The success of the recent biopic *Walk the Line* has not hurt the group's popularity. The band consists of Douglas Benson on vocals and guitar; Kevin Manuel, lead guitar; Sean Glithero, upright bass; and Charles Henning, drums.

Cash'd Out performs at the Casbah on Friday, January 13.

LISTS
MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

WHY THE "MAN IN BLACK"?
Doug: "No one else in music has accomplished as much as Johnny Cash. Even through all his success he maintained outstanding integrity and humbleness. I noticed by radio and by talking to people that only the diehard Cash fan really knew Johnny's true style and sound. It is my goal to bring Johnny's more obscure songs to people."
Charlie: "Right up front: This whole thing started long before *Walk the Line* became the buzz. This started as a result of a true love and appreciation for the music of Johnny Cash. We agreed that this venture would start as and remain a tribute to a music icon."
Kevin: "I never really ever saw myself playing in a cover band, but I've always loved Johnny Cash, and I've always thought that it was a shame that people in general only know a handful of his songs. It's just a way to honor Cash, a real genius of a performer and songwriter — and Luther Perkins as well, a great pioneer in guitar playing. He was such an integral part of the whole sound behind Johnny."

TRICKEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?
Doug: "Trying to remember all the lyrics, especially to the song 'I've Been Everywhere.'"
Charlie: "Communicating onstage."
Kevin: "There hasn't really been any big issues — mostly parking and having to schlep our gear down the city streets."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?
Charlie: "Jammed with Brian Setzer one night at Johnny M's downtown; got a pair of autographed sticks from Doug Clifford; Morrissey and Slim Jim Phantom were in the audience one night in L.A.; the drummer from Richard Cheese owes me money for borrowing my kit for a wedding gig in 2002."

WORST/BEST GIG?
Doug: "Worst: Buster Daly's, the second time, to a room full of nobody. Best: House of Blues in San Diego."
Kevin: "Best: A last-minute deal that we filled in to open for a Led Zeppelin cover band at the House of Blues. We did the gig on just a few hours' notice, so nobody attending knew we were playing…not to mention the mix of Cash and Led Zeppelin! So we get there, set up, and get done with our first song, and all those Zeppelin fans took a second or two — the longest second or two — and then went absolutely crazy. We all looked at each other and just knew it was a good thing. Worst: None."



Cash'd Out

ANY DREAMS ABOUT PLAYING GIGS?
Doug: "Singing a song with Willie Nelson and having him look at me as if he had just seen his good friend, Johnny Cash…"
Kevin: "Well, there's a giant snake…and he's rolling a donut…" ■





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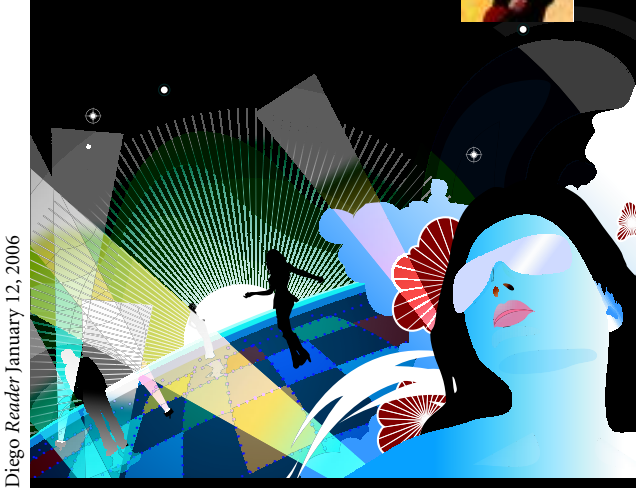

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Eliza Gilkyson *[504]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Pennywise *[268]* and **No Use For a Name** *[216]*: Soma, Friday, January 20, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

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Johnny Gill *[611]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, January 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

The Dead Kennedys: House of Blues, Sunday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Cake: House of Blues, Monday, January 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Violent Femmes *[168]***:** House of Blues, Tuesday, January 31, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

FEBRUARY

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Gerry Beckley: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, February 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Willie Nelson *[763]***:** Pala Events Center, Thursday, February 9, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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Aerosmith *[529]* and **Lenny Kravitz:** San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, February 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

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Keller Williams *[817]***:** 4th & B, Saturday, February 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Bonnie Raitt *[533]***:** Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, February 13, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Big Head Todd & the Monsters *[582]***:** 4th & B, Wednesday, February 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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"Bob Marley Day Festival": San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, February 20, 3500 San Diego Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-220-8497.

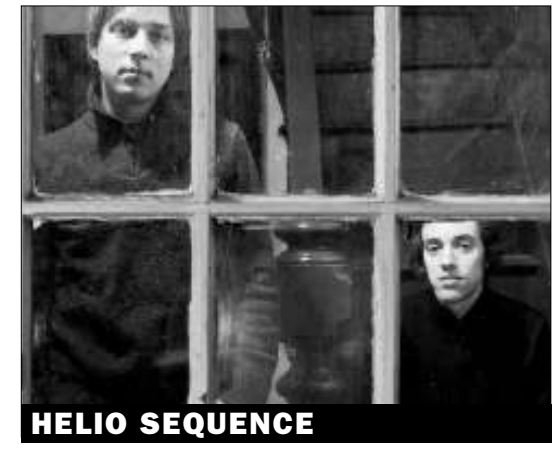
Nada Surf *[194]***:** House of Blues, Tuesday, February 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Portland duo **Helio Sequence** started out making atmospheric, psychedelic music in the mold of My Bloody Valentine. They were great at it, but **Brandon Summers** and **Benjamin Weikel** had grander things in mind. They let us know by covering the Beatles' "Tomorrow Never Knows," the granddaddy of all shoegazing songs. You don't draw a line from the Beatles to My Bloody Valentine to your own little band unless you think you have something to say.

Unlike the *Revolver*-era Beatles, Helio Sequence isn't confined to the studio. These days all you need is a laptop, and you can bring all the sound you want on the road with you. Often this makes for a pretty dull live show, but as in all rock 'n' roll, if you have a good drummer you can get away with almost anything. Weikel, who also plays with Modest Mouse, is such a good drummer that he can keep a good beat going while simultaneously handling keyboards and laptop duties onstage.


HELIO SEQUENCE

If *Com Plex* was Helio Sequence's *Revolver,* 2004's *Love and Distance* was their *Let It Be*. The album featured more organic sounds like harmonica and acoustic guitar, funked-up drumbeats, and more straightforward songwriting. It also found Summers dropping the typical shoegazing whisper in favor of somewhat amped-up rock vocals. The album gained the duo lots of new fans, but it wasn't clear whether this would be a fruitful new direction or a path toward losing all distinctiveness. We'll find out later this year when Summers and Weikel release their fourth album. In the meantime, their current tour should give some clues.

HELIO SEQUENCE, The Casbah, Thursday, January 12, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. $10.

X *[219]***:** House of Blues, Wednesday, February 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Robyn Hitchcock *[509]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

The Derek Trucks Band *[950]***:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, February 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos *[476]***:** House of Blues, Friday, February 24, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Sevendust *[261]***:** House of Blues, Saturday, February 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Sinéad O'Connor *[116]***:** House of Blues, Sunday, February 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San Diego, Sunday, February 26, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

MARCH

Styx *[523]***:** House of Blues, Thursday, March 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Arlo Guthrie: California Center for the Arts, Thursday, March 16, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

David Gray *[610]***:** Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, March 20, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Kem: 4th & B, Thursday, March 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 24, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

The Pretenders *[558]***:** House of Blues, Monday, March 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Pretenders *[558]***:** House of Blues, Tuesday, March 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

APRIL

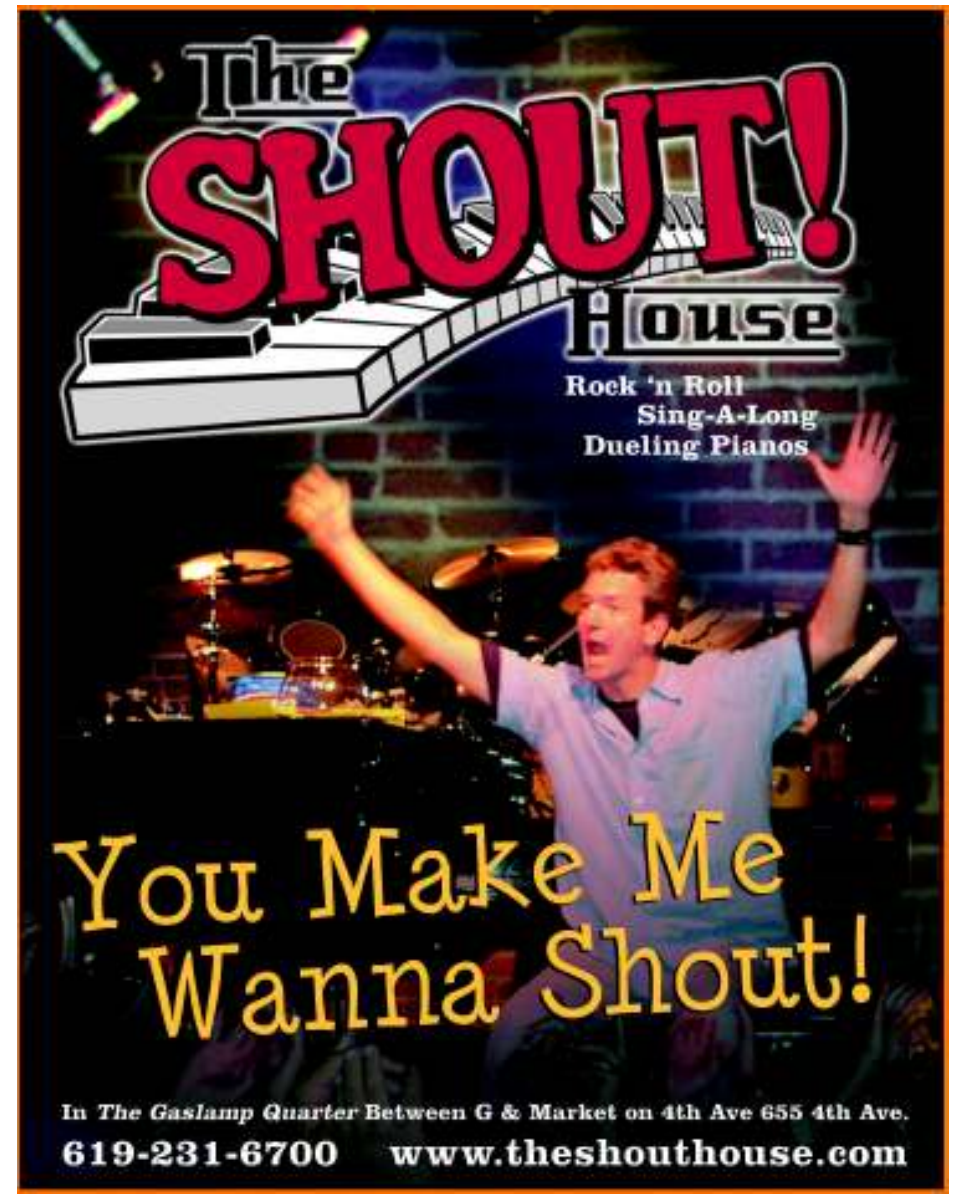
Queen and Paul Rodgers: Cox Arena, Saturday, April 1, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Michael McDonald *[605]***:** Pala Events Center, Saturday, April 1, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Toni Braxton: Pala Events Center, Friday, April 7, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Richard Butler: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, April 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.





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The Can't See: The Casbah

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Creep: Dreamstreet

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Dogmatic *[248]*: Blind Melons

Endless Yesterday: The Jumping Turtle

Etched in Red: The Jumping Turtle

Ex Machina: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

The Exit Theory: 'Canes

The Farmers: The Casbah

Goldfinger: House of Blues

The Gooses: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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The Helio Sequence: The Casbah

The Hill Street Stranglers *[469]*: The Casbah

His Irate Life: Epicentre

The Hogs: Blind Melons

The Homeless Sexuals: The Casbah

The Infants: The Casbah

The Jade Shader: The Casbah

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Kaos: Dreamstreet

Kavena: 'Canes

Last Minute: 'Canes

Makchi Kudra: Blind Melons

Mother Mae I: Dreamstreet

Mower *[239]*: House of Blues

Mozella: House of Blues

Narsil: The Jumping Turtle

The Neighborhood Concept: Dreamstreet

New Day Mile: 'Canes

Next Morning: The Jumping Turtle

The Night Fell Silent: Epicentre

Of One Mind: Dreamstreet

Omission: The Jumping Turtle

Pacolypse: Dreamstreet

Peer Pressure: Dreamstreet

The Pinheads: Blind Melons

The Republic of Letters: The Casbah

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Rewind: Dreamstreet

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Scaramanga: The Casbah

Shining Through: Epicentre

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SIX: The Jumping Turtle

Six Foot Death Trap: The Jumping Turtle

Sixth Day: Blind Melons

The Sleeping People: The Casbah

Spoken Gun *[131]*: Brick By Brick

Stacked Chairs: The Jumping Turtle

The Starline Theorie *[231]*: Martini Ranch (Gaslamp)

Tetany: 'Canes

Tower 4: Dreamstreet

Tricoma: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Brick By Brick

The Wastrels: The Casbah



EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Big Backyard: Tiki House

Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle

Blind Date: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Bloodsimple: House of Blues

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

Brain Buckit *[563]*: Tiki House

Cactus Twang: The Calypso Cafe

Cash'd Out: The Casbah

Ed Cosico: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Courtesy Knave: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Crash Kids: The Jumping Turtle

Criminal Funk: Humphrey's

Damage, Inc.: 'Canes

The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's

Disturbed: House of Blues

Dreaded Solution: State House

The Editors: The Casbah

The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

The Expendables: Blind Melons

Fascination: Surf N'Saddle

420 Blackbirdz: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Fryday Band: Belly Up Tavern

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort

Grievance: The Jumping Turtle

Haywire: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Peter Hook: The Casbah

The Iron Maidens: 'Canes

Island Breeze: Humphrey's

Kial: Dreamstreet

Kicking K8: House of Blues, Dreamstreet

Leo Rising: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Lifehouse: House of Blues

The Long & Short of It: The Casbah

G. Love & Special Sauce: Belly Up Tavern

Constantine Maroulis: House of Blues

Mean Streaks: Surf N'Saddle

The Mistress of Reality: Blind Melons

The Moustache Revolution: 'Canes

The North Atlantic: The Casbah

Northstar: Coyote Bar and Grill

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Ocean Beach House Band: Winstons

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Parallel 23: Winstons

Pleasure Circuit: Surf N'Saddle

Pointless: Longshot Saloon

Posession: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Private Domain *[489]*: Dick's Last Resort

Radio 1: The Jumping Turtle

The Derren Raser Band: Borders Books & Music (Mission Valley)

Red Cloud West: The Casbah

The Red Ribbon Army: Soma

Rev: Brick By Brick

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort

Seismic: Winstons

Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)

Shady Grey: Fannie's Nightclub

So It Goes: Dreamstreet

The Sound Asleep Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Special Forces: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Spider: Egyptian Tea Room

Split Finger: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Squiddo: Egyptian Tea Room

The Stalker Dan Band: 'Canes

The Stater Sisters: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The Stepping Feet: 'Canes

Stereotactic: The Jumping Turtle

The Stilettos: Riley's Sports Bar, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Stripped Down Hollywood: Soma

Super Diamond: Belly Up Tavern

Synergy: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

Total Satisfaction: Blind Melons

Triple X: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Tumblin' Dice: Pal Joey's

Miki Vale: Dreamstreet

Viva in Stereo: The Jumping Turtle

Y3K: Boar Cross'n

Z-Factorial: Soma

Zenith Zone: The Jumping Turtle

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Stefani Stevens: La Playa Cantina & Grill

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce *[711]*: Winstons

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo *[636]*: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

John Cain *[703]*: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Jorge Camberos & His Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

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Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Eldar: Humphrey's

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Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

The Jim Guerin Duo: Jack & Giulio's Italian Restaurant

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

Cynthia Hammond: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

The Chris Klich Quintet: Coyote Bar and Grill

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita and Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

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

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

Novamenco: Humphrey's

The David Patrone Quartet *[647]***:** Croce's Jazz Bar, Riley's Sports Bar

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

The Rick Ross Trio: The Calypso Cafe

Carlos Rull: Bistro 221

Dave Scott: Croce's Jazz Bar

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado

Tenor Madness: Dizzy's

The Third Coast Jazz Band: Taylor's Bar & Brewery

Trece de la Suerte: Sevilla

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet *[704]***:** Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American Grill

Walter II y Rumbaney: Sevilla

Jason Weber: Mister A's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Elijah Emanuel *[748]***:** World Beat Center

The Mayan Kings: Blind Melons

Reel Big Fish *[757]***:** House of Blues

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill

Vegitation *[753]***:** Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Benchmark: Don's Cocktail Lounge

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

The High Rolling Loners: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Shoestring Strap: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Whiskey Ridge: Renegade Inn

The Working Cowboy: Tio Leo's Lounge

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Cindy Lee Berryhill *[826]***:** Dizzy's

Evan Bethany: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Brax: The Ould Sod

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Bushwalla: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Joe Cardillo: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub

Kim Divincenzo: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Jim Earp: Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp)

Emersen: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Bill Farkas: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

4-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Patty Hall: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain, Carlsbad)

Harmony Road: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Javid: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

Greg Laswell *[813]***:** Lestat's Coffeehouse

Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Ashley Matte: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Tommy Ray Moody: The Calypso Cafe

Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Rick Paul: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Tommy Price: Island Sports & Spirits

Andrea Reschke: The Living Room (Hillcrest), Borders Books & Music (Carlsbad)

Sweet James: Tiki House

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe

Anna Troy: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)

Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Rose Winters: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I was disappointed when I learned that the **North Mississippi Allstars** had been tapped to headline the ill-fated San Diego Blues Festival years back. What little I'd heard of them had sounded like an argument between Muddy Waters and the Allman Brothers. The Allstars tried on the blues as if it were a man's work shirt, making a parody of the genre, whitening it up with rock. Recent punk converts, founding brothers **Cody** and **Luther Dickinson**, like so many before them, were following a path of overstated guitars and understated emotions. Still, there's an audience for that sort of thing. In time, the self-proclaimed "loud regional psychedelic folk-rock-blues power trio" earned Grammy nominations and solid bookings with little radio support and a less-than-stellar discography. It couldn't have hurt that for a father and producer, Cody and Luther had Jim Dickinson.



The elder Dickinson is something of a legend, having been a founding member of the Dixie Flyers, the house band at Muscle Shoals studios during the studio's heyday. Dickinson has worked with a cadre of rock's elite, from the Stones to Ry Cooder to Bob Dylan. He exposed his boys to roots music early on and introduced them to solid musical tutors like Otha Turner and R.L. Burnside (Burnside's son Duwayne is a sometimes-member of the Allstars).

With the release of last year's surprising *Electric Blue Watermelon,* the Allstars no longer wear their music self-consciously. They perform more like a solid blues-rock band and less like a rock band playing blues. Their new CD has the steel edge of grace that only comes with restraint, a technique that few punk converts are familiar with, and allows *Watermelon* to make a cohesive soul-driven statement that rises above the loudest setting on Luther's amplifier. They're still a young band — think of the Allstars as a four-cylinder power plant in a muscle car's body. But don't be surprised if you want to take it out for a joyride.

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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters *[932]*: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Hancock Cafe, Turquoise Cafe

The Fremonts *[923]*: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Hoodoo Blues: Tiki House

Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's II

Candye Kane *[939]*: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Keith Kiefer Band: Blind Melons

Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak *[952]*: Patrick's II

The Bill Magee Blues Band *[947]*: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors *[910]*: The Kraken

Nite Life *[934]*: Ramada Inn

The North Mississippi Allstars: Belly Up Tavern

The 145th Street Blues Band: Patrick's II

Sean Perry: Harney Sushi

Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe

The Swingin' Kings *[916]*: Coyote Bar and Grill

Torpedo Betty *[972]*: Winstons

Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers: House of Blues

The Urban Gypsys *[942]*: Belly Up Tavern

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EVERYTHING ELSE

Armenta de San Diego: La Valencia Hotel

J.D. Boucharde *[985]*: Princess Pub & Grille

Boxeo de Oro: 4th & B

The Cabrilla Chamber Orchestra: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare

Chicharrones Guapos: The Calypso Cafe

Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop

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Angels in Agony: Second Friday of the month, synthpop, industrial, and gothic with DJs DarkAngel, NoSleepDamon, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Club de Sade: Third Saturday of the month, gothic, industrial, and EBM with DJs Darkman and Creep. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-299-7372.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-702-6010.

Friends Chill: Tuesdays, downtempo, electronic, and ambient with DJs Wank Chops, Istr, and Tom King. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Kool T spins hip-hop, house, and reggaeton. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Sundays, liquid funk and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

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, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth 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), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Rockin' the House: Saturdays, hip-hop, R&B, and Top 40. 9 p.m. Rookies Sports Bar, 2216 El Camino Real, Oceanside. 760-757-1123.

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. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Sonic Circus: Second Saturday of the month, 20meat:6fry spins house and breaks; guests on live horns and percussion. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Sin Factory: First Friday of the month, fetish, gothic, and industrial with DJs Robin Roth, Darkman, and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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.

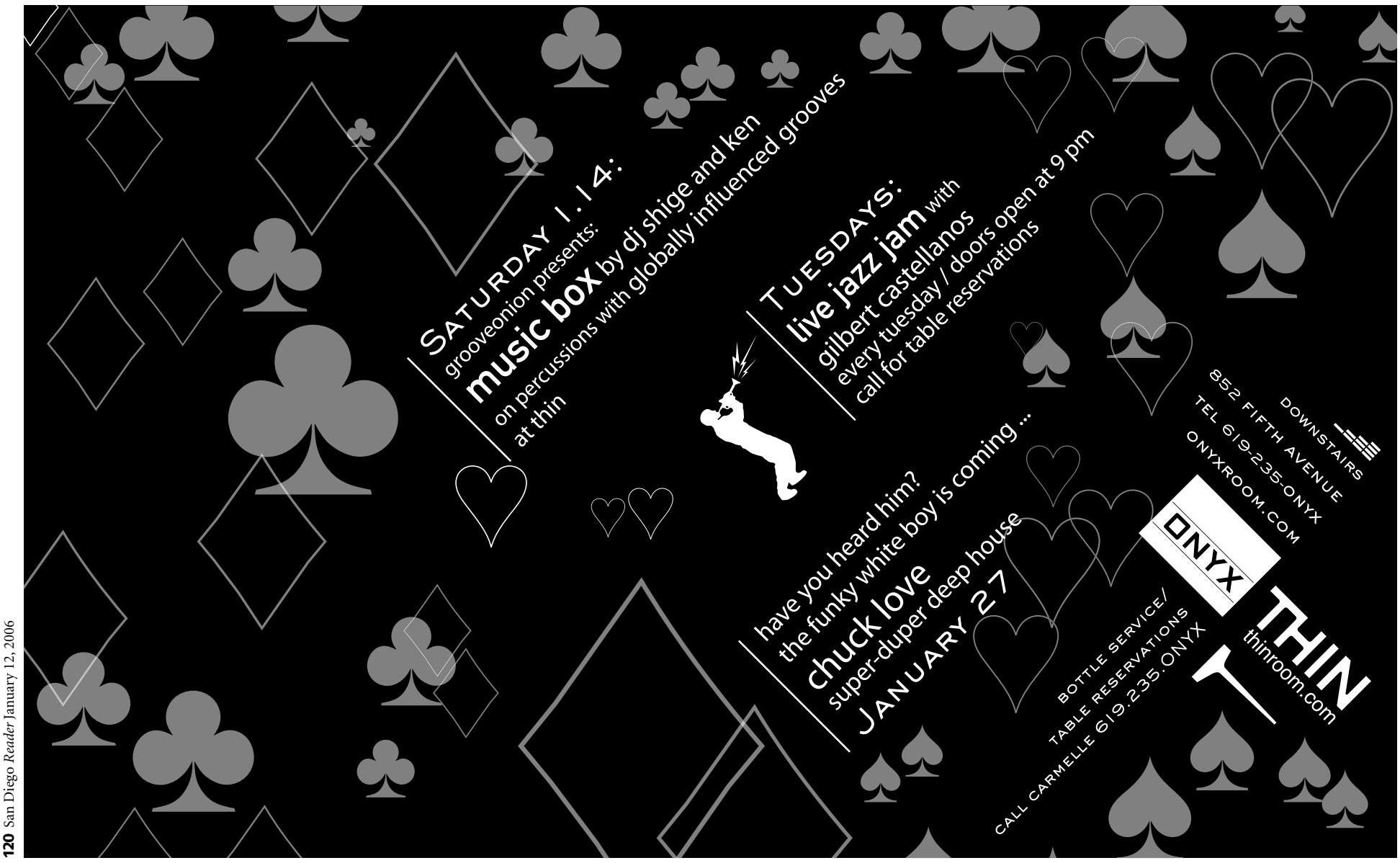
Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the North Mississippi Allstars* and *the Fryday Band,* blues/rock. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Super Diamond* and *the Urban Gypsys,* rock/blues. Sunday, 8 p.m., salsa. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, two shows, 8 p.m. and 10:45 p.m., *G. Love & Special Sauce.*

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Carlos Rull,* jazz.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, *Y3K,* classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Blue Largo,* jazz/blues.





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Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Friday, 8 p.m., *Patty Hall,* folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Javid,* flamenco guitar.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Special Forces,* rock. Saturday, *Triple X,* rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Chicharrones Guapos.* Friday, *Tommy Ray Moody.* Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith,* blues. Sunday, *the Rick Ross Trio,* jazz. Monday, *Cactus Twang,* roadhouse rock. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* folk. Wednesday, *Palos.*

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Blues Brokers,* blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard,* rock. 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Restless Natives,* rock/blues/reggae, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Swingin' Kings,* swing blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet.* Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Northstar,* classic rock.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton,* R&B/jazz/dance.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *Synergy,* rock. Friday, *the New Breed Band,* pop/jazz. Saturday, *Leo Rising,* rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *Aura, Stereotactic,* and *Viva in Stereo.* Friday, 6 p.m., *Zenith Zone, Grievance, the Crash Kids, Endless Yesterday, Stacked Chairs, Rest in Regret,* and *Radio 1.* Saturday, 6:30 p.m., *Shuvel, Etched in Red, SIX, Audkik,* and *Six-Foot Death Trap.* Sunday, 6 p.m., *the Briefs, Clit 45, Next Morning,* and *Disabled Youth.* Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., *Brighton* and *Blesk.* Wednesday, 6 p.m., *Rigor Mortis, Avenger of Blood, Omission,* and *Narsil.*

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* blues. Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers.* Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band.*

La Playa Cantina & Grill, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-7550. Friday, 8 p.m., *Crash Carter,* alternative rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Stefani Stevens,* acoustic pop.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *Authority Zero* and *Pointless,* alternative rock.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner,* acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

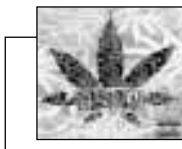
The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Saturday, 8 p.m., hip-hop.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 8 p.m., *Bad Habit,* eclectic blues/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.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 890 Balour Drive, Encinitas. 619-287-0821. Saturday, *the Cabrillo Chamber Orchestra,* baroque.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Big Sound,* rock. Saturday, *Pleasure Circuit, Mean Streaks,* and



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Band: Kyle "Dukes," vocals; Nick "Bones," bass; Chris, guitar; Mishkov, drums
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Website: *www.masterguru music.com*

In an attempt to one-up each other in how "brutal" and "hard" they could be, bands have slipped further down a vortex of ridiculousness. Masterguru is another name on this list.

The songs are played with all the care and delicacy of tossing a 16-piece cookware set into a high-capacity washer and setting it on "MAX-Load." The drum work is indistinguishable from the sound of a dented barrel rolling down a gravel road. The vocalist divides his time between two ranges; he's either making sounds like a silverback gorilla gargling an alley cat or he's squealing like a pig that's being turned into an evil elf.

Lyrics? Don't even bother. Each "word" is a formation of air passing over vocal cord, but that's the only resemblance to communication. Smashing glass would hold more meaning to the listener. I looked up the lyrics on the Masterguru website, and the writer is either a native Albanian in his first few weeks of English lessons or a stoned 12-year-old. The overall themes of the album seem to be "weed" and death and dying and bullets and "brutal" and "hard" and weed and death and "brutal" and "hard."



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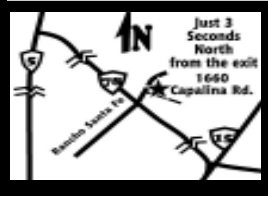

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Monday, January 16

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Tuesday, January 17

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Upcoming Shows

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Calendar
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Fascination, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Tomiko Bar and Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell,* blues/jazz.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Broken Silence, Dogmatic,* and *Sixth Day.* Friday, *the Pinheads, the Bloody Hollies,* and *the Hogs.* Saturday, *the Expendables* and *Mistress of Reality.* Sunday, *the Mayan Kings,* reggae. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *the Keith Kiefer Band,* blues. Wednesday, *Total Satisfaction* and *Makchi Kudra.*

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 8 p.m., *New Day Mile, Half Empty,* and *Kavena.* Friday, 9 p.m., *the Stepping Feet* and *the Stalker Dan Band.* Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Iron Maidens* and *Damage, Inc.,* Metallica tribute. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Exit Theory, Tetany, Last Minute,* and *the Moustache Revolution.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is heavy/alternative. Thursday, *And Then Some* and *Tower 4.* Friday, *Creep, Defamation League, Kaos, Of One Mind, Miki Vale, the Neighborhood Concept,* and *So It Goes.* Saturday, *Rewind, Pacolypse, the DNB Boyz, Peer Pressure, Kial, DJ Breed,* and *DJ Atak.* Wednesday, *Audkik, Kicking k8, Mother Mae I,* and *the Dead Serial Killers.*

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 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. Friday, hip-hop. Saturday, DJ event, call club for information. Wednesday, *Gilbert Castellanos,* jazz.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Call club for information.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Split Finger,* rock. Saturday, *As We Speak,* alternative.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Armenta de San Diego,* world lounge music. Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross.*

The Liars Club, 3844 Mission Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-2340. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DJ Le Chud,* rock/ska.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Cynthia Hammond,* jazz.

Qwiigs Bar & Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Thursday and Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson,* solo jazz guitar. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

Taylor's Bar and Brewery, 721 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 619-270-3596. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Third Coast Jazz Band.*

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Barley Pop.* Saturday, *the Stoney Dudes,* rock. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, *Big Backyard,* rock. Wednesday, *Sweet James.*

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Friday, call club for information. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Seismic,* rock. Friday, *Agua Dulce,* Latin jazz. Saturday, *Vegitation,* reggae. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* classic rock. Tuesday, *Parallel 23,* rock. Wednesday, *Torpedo Betty,* blues, and *the Ocean Beach House Band.*

SAN DIEGO

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural,* Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues,* classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Tony Cummins,* Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Derren Raser Band,* folk/jazz/rock/blues.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *the Accident Experiment, Bobaflex, Rev,* and *Tricoma.* Saturday, *Spoken Gun, Jodoh,* and *DJ Pho-Bik.*

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Bill Farkas* and *Rick Paul,* folk rock.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Friday, 10 p.m., *Squiddo* and *Spider,* rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, *Shining Through.* Saturday, *His Irate Life, the Night Fell Silent,* and *Darkhorse.*

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live blues.

Hancock Cafe, 3554 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-296-2060. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Harney Sushi, 3964 Harney Street, San Diego. 619-395-3272. Thursday, *Tribe of Kings,* reggae. Friday and Saturday, DJ events, hip-hop/disco/funk/old skool. Tuesday, *Sean Perry,* electric soul/mash-up.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo.*

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Eldar,* jazz pianist. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Coco Montoya,* rockin' blues guitar. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Novamenco,* flamenco, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground,* Motown/dance. Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Reggie Smith,* jazz. Monday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Island Breeze,* Jimmy Buffet tribute band. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Fattburger,* smooth jazz. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Criminal Funk,* '80s dance.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant, 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town. 619-294-2074. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Jim Guerin Duo,* jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Bob MacLeod,* pianist.

The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego. 619-543-0933. Thursday, DJ event, house music. Friday, DJ event, darkwave/synthpop/electro/gothic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live alternative/rock.

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Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Kim Vincenzo, the Stater Sisters,* and *the Gooses.* Friday, *Bushwalla, Ashley Matte,* and *Emersen.* Saturday, *Allison Lonsdale, Greg Laswell,* and *Even Bethany.* Sunday, *Alex Esther, John Hull,* and *Erika & Chris.* Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Sandman.*

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Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. 619-516-4466. The Oasis: Friday, 9 p.m., *Nite Life,* blues/swing.

Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, classic rock. Friday, DJ event, '80s music. Saturday, house/hip-hop. Wednesday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly.

San Diego Sports Club, 1271 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-7372. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DJs Barry Weaver, Saul Q,* and *Nate Soixante.*

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock and Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley,* Latin jazz. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino,* jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stelitta & Dave Lindgren.* Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson.*

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Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Thursday and Friday, *Tommy Price,* solo. Saturday, *Blue Rockit,* blues/rock.

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Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Benchmark,* country.

Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday and Saturday, *Shady Grey,* classic rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark.*

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Whiskey Ridge,* country.

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Ajax
6th@Penn Theatre presents a new translation, by Marianne McDonald, of Sophocles' tragedy of Ajax, who believed he deserved the armor of slain Achilles. Forest Aylsworth directed.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Beautiful Thing
Diversionary Theatre presents Jonathan Harvey's tale of two London lads who fall in love. Rosina Reynolds directed.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

Biedermann and the Firebugs
Cygnet Theatre stages Max Frisch's "dark little comedy" set in a town attacked by arsonists. Murray directed.
CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525, X3.

Evita
The Welk Resort Theatre opens its new season with Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's Tony Award winner about the second wife of Argentine dictator Juan Perón. Sha Newman directed.
WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH APRIL 2; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

The Exonerated
Lynx Performance Theatre presents Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen's drama, based on actual events, about six innocent men and women who emerged from Death Row and attempted to "reclaim what is left of their hearts, minds, and dignity." Al Germani directed.
LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, ROSE CANYON, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9; TUESDAY AND FRIDAY AT 9:00 P.M., THURSDAY AT 9:15 P.M., SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-280-2641.

The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler
South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Jeff Whitty's irreverent comedy about Ibsen's heroine, cursed to live on in an "alternative hell." Bill Rauch directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH JANUARY 29; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.



The Lion King

Halpern and Johnson
The North Coast Repertory Theatre presents Lionel Goldstein's bittersweet comedy about "two very different men with one thing very much in common." David Ellenstein directed.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Harvey
PowPac Community Theatre offers Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy about Elwood P. Dowd and his drinking pal, a six-and-a-half-foot invisible rabbit. Bob Christiansen directed.
POWPAC COMMUNITY THEATRE, 13250 POWAY ROAD, POWAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, THROUGH FEBRUARY 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-679-8085.

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The Lion King
Okay, okay, in the food chain of Broadway musicals, *The Lion King* is just *Cats* gone carnivore. The plot is stencil thin, the theme generic (and cyclical: birth, death, rebirth), and the marketing strategies behind it give new meaning to the expression "corporate greed." But what surprised, and impressed, me about the touring production is what it celebrates. Instead of imitating the movie's cartoon realism, director Julie Taymor chose the magic of theater *and* to expose its tricks: to show the puppet and the puppeteer. You see the cheetah, sleek as the world's fastest car, and also its human manipulator tilted back, windswept, as if barely able to keep up with the animal whose strings he pulls. Taymor gives us human grasslands (people wearing flattop haircuts made of foot-tall grass), a majestic elephant graveyard,







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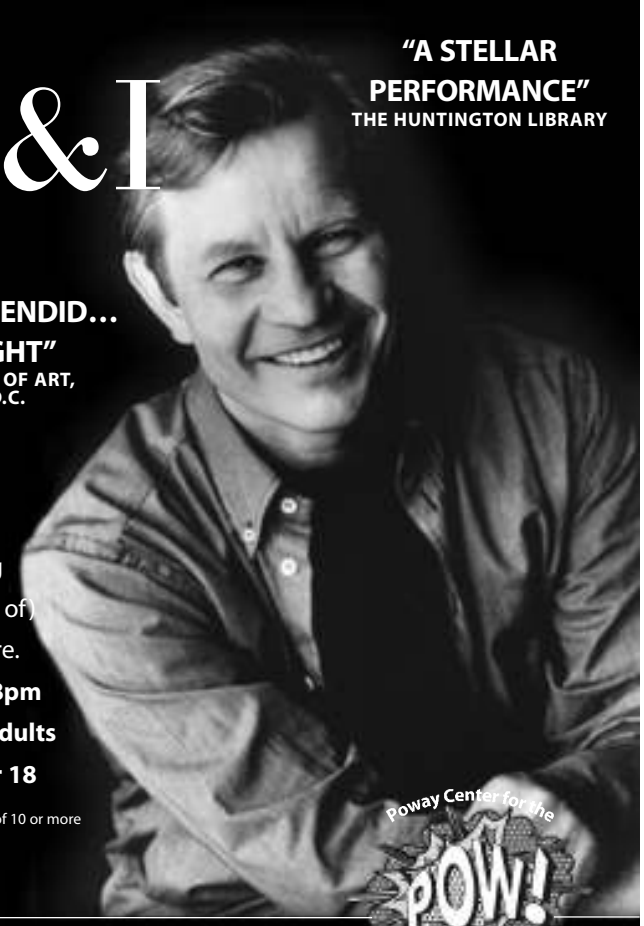

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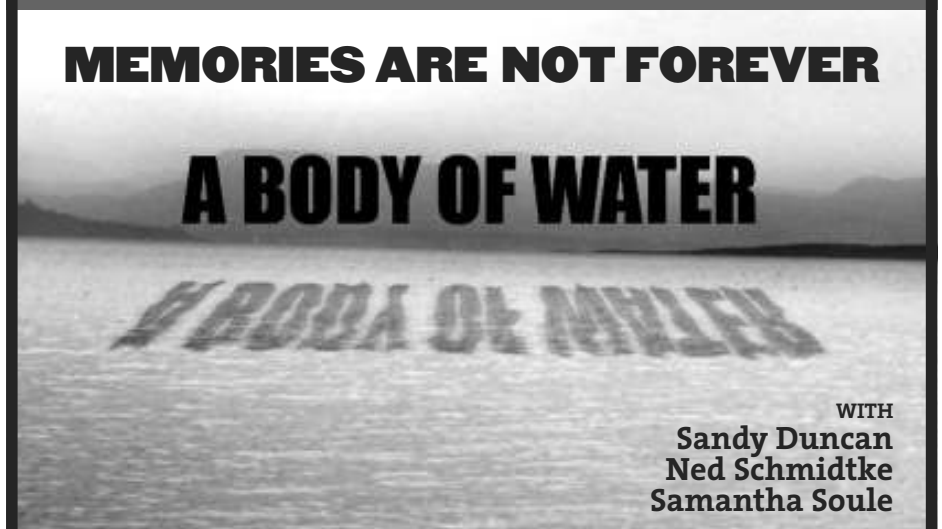

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Critic's pick.

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LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Pete 'n' Keely

The Ramona Mainstage Theatre presents a musical comedy revue, featuring original songs and standards, about America's "swinging sweethearts" — or so they were, once. Brian Wells directed.

RAMONA MAINSTAGE THEATRE, 626 MAIN STREET, RAMONA, THROUGH JANUARY 22; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-789-7008.

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Prelude to a Kiss

OnStage Playhouse stages Craig Lucas's comedy-romance about what happens "in a soul-transference between totally different people." Daniel Ziskso directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

Quidam

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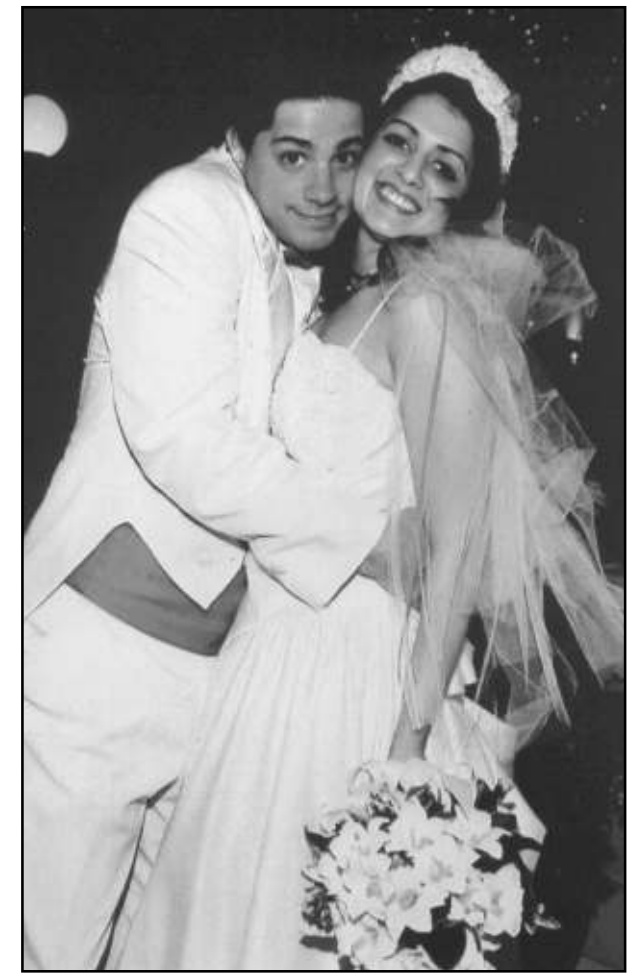

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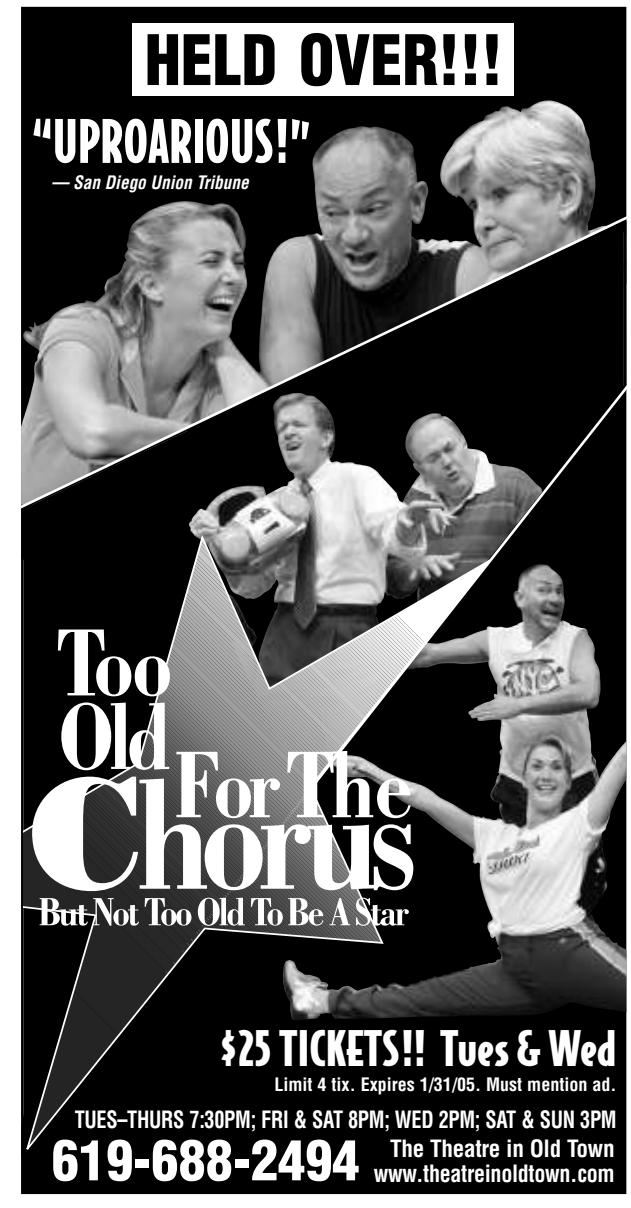

Missing Chef Found in Clairemont Mall



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★★★ (Very Good)

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Ratings reflect the reviewer's reaction to food, ambiance, and service, with price taken into consideration. Menu listings and prices are subject to change.

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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

The last two years, we've seen a game of musical chefs. Now it's progressed to musical restaurants, with a mad swirl of newcomers replacing old- and not-so-old-timers. In a recent change, Cucina Italiana ("Italian kitchen") has supplanted Via Italia in Clairemont — but this time the alterations aren't drastic. The new owner is José Flores, a longtime Via Italia chef (both here and at the remaining Encinitas location). Flores left to open the late, lamented Trattoria Nostrana at the outer reaches of La Mesa, then sold it when it was at the height of its popularity. (The new owners flopped.) Eventually, he returned to Via Italia and ended up buying it.

A Del Mar fan of Flores's food (thanks, *Reader*-reader Jan!) tracked him to his current location and wrote me a letter raving about it. I promptly called posse-members Marty and Dave, the "discoverers" of Nostrana, who were thrilled that one of their favorite chefs was cooking again. So, shortly after Christmas, we pounced.

The decor hasn't altered much since my last visit to Via Italia, except that the tables, which are new, are topped with poured "stone"-like kitchen counters and don't wobble. The dining room is small, but the heated patio catches spillovers in dry weather. A short loop of Sinatra and his Rat Pack buddies plays loudly enough for all to hear. (Happily, it does *not* include Dino's "When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie.…") One dining room wall sports large modern paintings. The other is covered with wine racks, although the abbreviated wine list indicates that Via Italia emptied the cellar for its Encinitas location. Also missing, happily, is Maurizio, the abrasive former mâitre d', who went home to Italy. The waitstaff is more cordial now and more in tune with the genial captain at the helm.

The menu remains genuinely Italian — meaning, food like Italy's, not like, say, Buca di Beppo's. Don't ask for spaghetti with meatballs. Don't ask for pizza by the slice. The restaurant's in a mall, but they don't make mall grub.

You start, for instance, with house-made breads — *ciabatta, focaccia,* or a combination of both, served with a sharp tomato dip. We began our foray into the menu with *carpaccio di salmone* — a riveting slice of salmon cured with capers, dill, white onion slivers, salt, and olive oil, served over very fresh arugula leaves. I would judge by that arugula that any salad here would be worth a try.

The more filling *polenta con funghi e salsiccia* features crumbled Italian sausage meat and sautéed mushrooms in gorgonzola cream sauce, slathered over a slab of firm grilled polenta. "This tastes just like the cream of mushroom soup José cooked at Nostrana, but reduced from a soup to a sauce," said Dave approvingly. It was rich indeed, although I'd have liked the polenta a little crisper on top. In *carciofi dell'orto* artichoke hearts mingle with a tart sauce of garlic, olive oil, and wine. I liked the combination better after the leftovers had spent a night on my kitchen counter, letting the flavors mellow and soak the 'choke.

Cucina's wood-fired Italian-style pizzas, still done Via Italia-style, aren't merely thin in the foldable New York style. They're as skinny as Kate Moss but as agreeably stacked as Gisele Bündchen — not too much or too little, just enough to be perfectly luscious. About ten inches across, they're a perfect entrée for one or a shared appetizer for four. The specials list included our choice that evening, pizza topped with puffs of mascarpone (Italian cream cheese) covered with long, thick slices of imported Parma prosciutto, cut from the center of the leg where the meat is leanest and most tender. The thinnest slick of tomato sauce separated these toppings from the crust. No garbage-mouth here: Real Italian cooking stands for moderation in all things — except flavor.

The current menu offers more pasta than meat or fish entrées, although for a small surcharge you can add grilled chicken, shrimp, or salmon to any of the pastas or salads. The house lasagna proved splendid. The noodles are unmistakably hand-rolled, as thin and soft as wonton skins, drinking up the rich flavors of the fillings. The bottom layer of noodles supported a gooey mix of melted mozzarella, ricotta, and scamorza (smoked mozzarella). The upper level brandished coarse-ground beef and Italian sausage, with their fat cooked off in advance. The topping was a velvety mixture of béchamel (white sauce) mixed with tomato sauce. The dish is sumptuous, but the overall effect was pleasingly light. Unlike Italian-American lasagna, you can enjoy it without fear of waddling home. All the ravioli choices and pappardelle (wide pasta ribbons) feature house-made pasta and on that ground alone are worth ordering.

Gnocchi, too, were reasonably airy — if not clouds, then pillows, free of the gumminess that plagues so many local renditions. We chose the



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evening's special version, which came robed in a silky mascarpone and walnut cream sauce that was thoroughly addictive. "I have to stop eating this!" said Marty, pushing the plate aside. "Resistance is futile," my partner murmured as he speared another piece.

Veal piccata offered thickish medallions with capers and lemon white-wine sauce. Although salty and chewy, the meat at least didn't taste like Simulac, the fake-milk taste of formula-fed Provimi veal — or else the tart sauce erased any bottle-fed flavor. Alongside were crisp cooked carrots, string beans, and interesting mashed potatoes flavored with roasted garlic, rosemary, and filet mignon *au jus.* Cioppino, fisherman's stew, held a cauldron's worth of shrimp, mussels, clams, and salmon in a smooth, garlicky white-wine tomato sauce with a dash of butter. It's less acidic than the San Francisco "Wharf" version, albeit also bereft of the latter's crab. We loved the sauce, and the fish and shrimp were fine, but the mussels and clams were overcooked.

For dessert, the tiramisu was ethereal enough to overcome its cliché status. The chocolate mousse was served over mascarpone cream, the slightly tart cheese playing off the sweetness of the chocolate. *Crema caramela,* Italian flan, had a touch of semolina in the custard, lending it a cheesecake-like texture. Desserts change frequently. A sometime-special that chef Flores cooked at Nostrana is *millefoglie,* airy puff pastry layered with Chantilly cream — if it's among the evening's choices, don't miss the chance to grab one.

As we enjoyed our desserts, we spotted one diner at the next table running over to next-door Starbucks and returning with paper cups — just as we were savoring the excellent house espresso. Mall mentality, I guess.

If you liked Via Italia, you'll still feel at home with the food at Cucina Italiana. Chef Flores has kept much of the menu and cooks in the same style, and I can't believe you'll mourn the lack of headwaiter Maurizio. If you liked Trattoria Nostrana — well, you're probably on the phone already, setting up your next dinner date.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Chef José Flores comes from a restaurant family in San Luís Potosi in central Mexico. His parents sent him to study cooking at the CCA in San Francisco for two years, expecting him to come back and work at their restaurants. While he was studying and working in Northern California, he decided he preferred Italian food and liked living in the U.S. His sister lived in La Mesa, so he moved to San Diego. "My mom still calls me," he says. "She says, 'Hey, what's going on? I'm waiting for you!' I say, 'Never mind! I'm staying in America and I'm opening my own business.' "

After years of cooking at Trattoria I Trulli in Encinitas and Via Italia at both its locations, he opened his own Trattoria Nostrana at the outer reaches of La Mesa/Fletcher Hills. "But it was too far away from downtown. I wanted to open a place in La Jolla, but the lease was too expensive," he says. "I sold [Nostrana] so I could move to Utah and open a restaurant there with a friend, but then I decided that it was too far away. Then Paolo, the owner of Via Italia, called me and said, 'Why don't you come to help me?' because he didn't have a chef here. I was looking for a place to buy in Poway, but last September he decided to sell the location in Clairemont because he'd moved to Encinitas and it was too long to commute. I told him, 'Then let me have it!' and he sold it to me. I live in Clairemont, five blocks away, so this is like my second home. I'm married with two beautiful daughters, and after the lunch hour, I can pick the girls up from school and drive them home, so we have some time together.

"We changed the name to Cucina Italiana. The menu was already a little shorter than it used to be, and we made a few changes. I put in a few dishes of my own. We're talking with people who used to come to Nostrana and finding out what dishes from there they want me to cook here and what dishes people liked most at Via Italia. I change my desserts every three or four days. I still buy my produce from Bellissima Produce — I've been working with them for ten years, and they get me everything very fresh. I buy my fish and seafood in small quantities because I want to serve everything fresh, even if it means sometimes I run out of something." ■


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So you remember Carla's and my little set-to over that Indian place she was desperate to go to in Hillcrest? Twice in two weeks, we turned up too late to get in on the cheap lunch buffet.

But today — sound the trumpets! — we make it up here at — yay! — a quarter of two. A good start on my resolution for '06 to, like, stop being late for everything.

"Yes, except the buffet's been out since 11," says Carla from her wheelchair. "All they'll have will be heat-curled scraps and leftovers."

We're looking at this cream-bricked '40s building. Right next door to Tapas Picasso, the India Princess is an elegant, varnished wood-and-glass frontage, with a big ol' orange sandwich board advertising their "Daily Lunch Buffet," 20 items for $8.95. We head on in. The entrance hallway is interesting, a long gold-and-red passage, like the neck of a bottle. I roll Carla along, past a statue. A god with an elephant's head.

"Ah," says Carla. "Lord Ganesh, the god who removes obstacles. That's good. See what he's riding?"

I frankly don't.

"A mouse. He's the god of success but humble enough to ride a mouse. How can you not love him?"

Did I mention? Carla has this thing about India. Its myths, its "rainbow of religions," its Bollywood movies that she watches on AZN, and above all its food. So, hey, if she thinks this is good, I'll take her word for it.

Inside is, well, classy. Cream cloth-covered tables, cloth napkins, little vases with fresh roses or carnations, teak chairs that look like giant cellos, maroon carpet, rosewood-looking columns, and a bar with upside-down glasses hanging everywhere, plus silver *objets d'art,* as Carla calls them, on the wall in silver frames. Sitars, fans for royalty, water-sprinklers for maharajas…a little intimidating for a country boy like moi.

"*Ganbuli,*" explains the gent who comes up. Jesse — Jesse Singh. He's the owner. "*Ganbuli* is what we call those scented water sprinklers."

His manager, Avish, brings waters, flops open the napkins, and takes orders for iced teas ($1.95 each, endless refills). He asks if we want plain or garlic *naan,* the bread that's served here (we take one of each). The teas come in sophisticated glasses. I mean, this is not Jack in the Box.

Then, when we start rolling around the 20-piece buffet, Avish insists on helping Carla out. He points out the sauces, like orange-colored onion pickle, green mint chutney, dark tamarind chutney, and creamy *raita,* the yogurty carrot-cucumber-tomato sauce you can use to cool your burning tongue after too much curry.

I grab some *pakoras* (vegetable fritters); *keema mutter,* minced lamb curry with spices and peas; chicken *tikki masala,* cooked in a tomato sauce; and a veggie dish called *navratan korma* (veggies in a cream sauce with nuts). And lots of yellow biryani rice with veggies, nuts, and raisins in it, and a chicken soup, just because it's there.

Phew. Carla made a beeline for the tandoori chicken, and then some *palak paneer,* spinach creamed with cottage cheese; some *dal* (yellow lentils); a vegetable *korma;* and I don't know what-all else.

"This is northern Indian cooking," says Avish. "Curries, wheat-based. You wouldn't see any of this where I come from, further south, Goa."

Huh. I remember that Goa's that little bite out of India's west coast that used to be a Portuguese colony. Avish says people have heat in their food there that would kinda scalp your average American.

"Even in Delhi, where I come from, the food would be hotter — and oilier," says Jesse.

Whatever, I go for it, big time. That spinach is dee-lish. The chicken *tikki,* beautiful strong taste. The deep-fried *pakoras* dip wickedly into the tamarind chutney.

"Tamarind chutney has that sweet-sour quality," says Avish. "It's like a vinegar, but better for us Indians than vinegar, which is bad for the bones."

'Course what I'm waiting for is the word from that mouse-riding elephant-god admirer, Ms. Carla. She's been heads-down into her bright red chicken tandoori. She gnaws at the leg, looks up, thinking. Now she puts the bone down. "That's the test," she says. "You get a chewy, leathery tandoori chicken, you know you're at the tail end of a long day. But here we are, tail end of lunch, and this is so tender and tasty and fresh, it falls off the bone. This is da bomb, I'll tell you."

"Good, huh?" I say.

Then we're talking to Jesse again. Turns out he came to the States 11 years ago. Started working in a Jack in the Box. "This was the dream of my father, to come to America and open a good Indian restaurant," he says. "Unfortunately, he died before he could. So I am carrying out his dream for him."

Carla and I keep going back for more. And quick, 'cause that 2:30 cut-off hour's rushing up on us. But you know what I love most? The garlic *naan.* Dipping it in everything. Every now and then you crunch a fennel seed. Nirvana!

We sneak in a couple of *dilli ki mithai* — desserts — too. Like, golden dough balls deep-fried in a sugar syrup, *gulab juman,* and *rasmalai,* "sponges" of cottage cheese in a bowl of sweetened reduced milk. It's mild, but after the crazy procession of tastes, it cleans your mouth out beautifully.

"Methinks the good Ganesh is smiling down on us," Carla says as we roll out.

"Methinks I feel sorry for the mouse," I say. ■

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Mike Menghini started his winery because he got fired. Stints at San Pasqual and Callaway had helped him land a job as the first winemaker for Temecula's Filsinger Vineyards. Menghini recalls that he and owner Bill Filsinger "didn't see eye to eye then. We do now; we're old friends now that he fired me. I didn't like working there — I had a knot in my stomach the whole time, mainly because I wanted to work for myself. But it's hard to quit when the paycheck is coming in. Losing my job was probably the best thing; it got me going. He fired me on New Year's Eve, and by February, we had purchased this place" — a ten-acre parcel on Julian's Wynola Road. (Since then, he's purchased two adjacent parcels.) Menghini set about converting the property's apple-packing shed into a winery, lined up grapes out of Temecula, and started the long slog toward getting himself a major-use permit from the county.

What he forgot to do was get the blessing of the locals. "I had an idea to have a winery in Julian, because I thought if I could get half the people who went to Dudley's Bakery, I'd be in business for a long time. In the old days, you'd come to town, get a piece of apple pie, go to the drugstore for a chocolate malt, stop at the Chicken Shack, and then hit Dudley's on the way out." A short list; surely there was room for a free tasting at a local winery?

"When I started out going after my major-use permit, I started immediately with the county. I didn't know there were any other steps to go through. Then somebody handed me a Julian paper and the headline read, 'If we don't want a winery in Julian, we're not going to have a winery in Julian.' I put on my best suit and went hat-in-hand to the planning group and said, 'I'm sorry. I'm here to do good things for Julian, not bad things for Julian.' "

Not everyone was convinced. "One guy stood up and said, 'Well, now, we're not only going to have tourists, we're going to have drunken tourists.' I said, 'Even if I have seven wines to taste and they taste every one of them, they're going to have less than half a glass of wine. They're not going to get drunk; they're going to taste my wine and hopefully buy my product.' "

Menghini won out and has maintained his ties to folks in town. For the past eight years, Menghini Winery has played host to the Chamber of Commerce's largest event, the harvest-time grape stomp. "I was on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce when we got it going. It's a lot of fun, and it's good for Julian — it's the biggest event that the Chamber puts on. They have an ad budget, and it gets a lot of people who wouldn't necessarily come to Julian — people from Orange County. The Chamber gets the gate, but we still make money — you get 1500 people up here, and somebody's bound to buy a bottle of wine. All the wineries in San Diego County pour their wine. We have two tons of grapes in a tub for stomping — you can fit 25 people in there, up to their knees in grapes. We have food vendors and a semi-famous band, Roman Holiday, playing Italian music. It's a hoot."

But if Julian enjoyed Menghini's penchant for parties, the county was not always so sanguine. "They were trying to close me down for the events I had — they said, 'You're having too many events.' My first argument was, 'Nowhere in the permit does it say I'm limited.' They finally admitted that I could have something every day if I wanted to. Then I told them, 'This is the only place in Julian that's really conducive to having events like these. If anybody from Julian approaches me and wants to do something, I'm open to it.' I lucked out. Besides San Pasqual winery, I was the first, and they didn't know what the consequences would be. They don't understand what's going on — it's a winery." In a tourist town, a winery two miles off the main drag needs to be a tourist destination. Events help to keep people coming back.

Apparently, the county disagreed. When next-door neighbor Jim Jenkins sought his own major-use permit for a winery, he found himself dogged by Menghini's reputation for events. And when Menghini looked into making cheese on-site, he found he'd need another major-use permit. "I think it's sad," says Menghini. "San Diego wants open space, and to me, agriculture is one of the nicest ways to do it. It's not wildlife, but it's open space. I think going through wine country, with the rolling hills covered by vineyards, is just gorgeous."



Mike and Toni Menghini

He knows that San Diego is not about to become the next Paso Robles. "Up there, what was cattle country 10, 15 years ago is grapevines — hundred-acre vineyards. Down here, first of all, the property is just way too expensive. You can only grow houses." Still, he says, "You'd think they'd be embracing it, because we are a limited-growth county — we don't want to see San Diego become another L.A. If they would push agriculture, make it a little easier to do things like make cheese, by God, it might turn into a nice buffer between the heavy growth and the open space."

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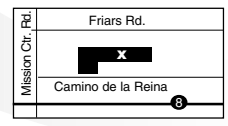

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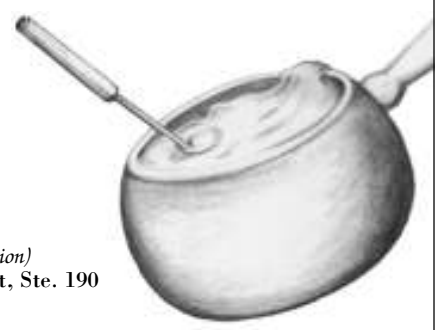

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For example, "I made a Zinfandel last year with fruit I got from a little vineyard up in Bonsall — a retired doctor with one acre. I was just tickled to death, because I was able to make a Zinfandel like Zinfandel used to be. I'm on my soapbox here, but I really don't like those high-alcohol wines. They call them jammy, but they just taste pruney. When I first started, a Zinfandel was nice and spicy, maybe 12.5 percent alcohol. This is the second year I've gotten his grapes — again, there's a lot of spice, a lot of pepper."

And if small vineyards mean smaller productions, that's okay, too. Menghini isn't looking to expand beyond his current setup as a one-man operation (with a little help from his wife). Being small keeps him flexible, and it keeps him in control — which is the whole reason he wanted to get out on his own back in 1979. "I vacillate between 3000 and 3500 cases a year. I sell out of everything I make each year. If I don't sell out, I won't make that wine next year — just sell it until I do sell out. Last year, I sold out of my Sauvignon Blanc way too soon, so I made twice as much this year. It's a gamble; I don't ever want to make more wine than I can sell in one year. I don't even have a wine library of my own; I'd rather have the money. Let somebody else collect my wine." ■

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.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic 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, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, 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.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 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, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado 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 perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta,* a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

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NORTH INLAND

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-y slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

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 savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific 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. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for $450). Warning: only open weekdays, from 10:30 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 bean sprouts.

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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 cuisine as California-French. Whatever. 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 2229 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter 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. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

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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)*

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Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts ($60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

LA JOLLA

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 427 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 6 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made 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)*

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "panwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

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 housemade, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial 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, interesting 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, dark-wood 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)*

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple, and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat al-

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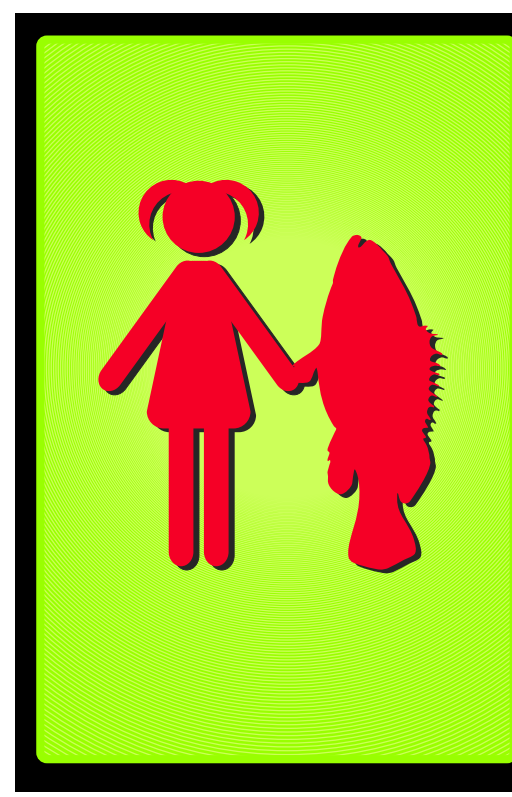

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Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Hillcrest's new owners also offer a more Lebanese cuisine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (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. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in 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)*

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná,* the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí,* 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," offered Saturday and Sunday. If you 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 and Tuesday. 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. — *E.B. (8/03)*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

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,

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e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni, toro,* mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi,* with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-*san*'s away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida:* "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until 11 p.m. 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 three- or 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, Laotians 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, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh 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 6935 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 trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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. 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 Hong Kong-style Cantonese menu runs to many 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)*

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuate* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches,* a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

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 non-sweet 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-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath,* Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on 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 anytime-breakfasts 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 anise-fig 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 spoon-

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and-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 Tuesday through Saturday; only breakfast and lunch Sunday and Monday (line at door on Sunday). — *E.B. (10/01)*

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. 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)*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (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-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow,* a spicy lamb-and-spinach 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. — *N.W. (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 Friday, 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 humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons 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)*

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner 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 venturesome, 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 appetizers 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 stuff you. They come with rice, roast potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and 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 Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina,* a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dude-friendly — 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.

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Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" 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 shellfish), 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 *puttanesca* is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (12/02)*

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping 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, or the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap. Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch till late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday *menudo*. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio:* skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada,* the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how 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 weekends. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, 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 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

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. 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 Tuesday through Sunday. 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 entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (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 license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. 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 for pig's blood. Open six days, breakfast through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas,* BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia,* and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

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Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté,* for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

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La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeado" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeurvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically 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 featured players on the seasonal menus; a spectacular rib-eye steak, tender and intensely beefy, is also a constant. Little wonder 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 system.) Reserve for weekends, especially during tourist seasons. Full bar featuring tequilas, Baja vintners. Wednesday through Saturday, late lunch through dinner, until midnight. 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 original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos,* desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "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)*

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa.* The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (9/98)*

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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. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sandwich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

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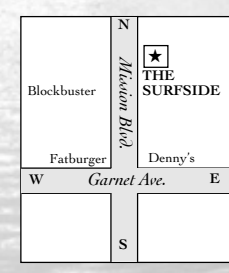

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The new James Ivory film, *The White Countess*, is the apparent last film of his longtime producer, the late Ismail Merchant. His longtime screenwriter, meanwhile, Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, has been supplanted for the occasion by the novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, whose *The Remains of the Day* was the basis for one of the better Ivory-Merchant-Jhabvala collaborations. The present collaboration is not nearly as good, which is a bit of a puzzle, even conceding a somewhat stilted and pedantic script, because it had plenty of other reasons to be good.

It has, first, the masterly cinematographer, Wong Kar-wai's main man, Christopher Doyle. It has, second, a redolent romantic setting, Shanghai in the mid-to-late Thirties, a crossroads of political intrigue, a gathering spot for the fallen and the dissolute, an exotic ambience worthy of von Sternberg (cf. *Shanghai Express* and *The Shanghai Gesture*, to stay strictly in the vicinity). It has, third, Natasha Richardson, who is no Dietrich, nor even a Tierney, but is more of an actress than either, as a widowed and exiled Russian noble, now toiling in disrepute as a taxi dancer in a single "shabby" gown, battling at home for control of her daughter against her disapproving in-laws. Curiously — fourth and fifth — these are played by Richardson's blood relatives, Vanessa and Lynn Redgrave, mother and aunt, two of the rare actresses of their time who have allowed themselves to age naturally, and who in consequence, for all their wrinkles and sags, have remained recognizable as themselves. (Not to mention castable in period pieces.) And, sixth, it has Ralph Fiennes as a blind and also widowed American diplomat, once "the last hope for the League of Nations," but now dedicated to a less lofty goal, the creation of "the bar of my dreams," a place which will aim for "a kind of balance between the erotic and the tragic," to be financed with his winnings from the racetrack and hosted by, as well named after, the debased Russian noble, The White Countess of the title.

The unnatural volume of the actor's speech, however, whether meant as a comment on Ugly Americans or a comment on overcompensating blind people, emphasizes the falseness of his accent. And somehow the heady brew, on the whole, fails to come to a boil, remains stubbornly tepid, stubbornly placid, even upon entrance into the race-against-time climax, a cliffhanger with two kinds of love in peril, the maternal and the amorous. Ivory has never been a natural, always been an earnest and lately a capable striver, and here his discreetness, his obliqueness, of approach (his, or his self-willed cinematographer's) strives to be Wong-ian, more than Sternberg-ian, but he lacks the eye for it, the feel for it. Soft focus, smudged color, smeary light will not fill in a deficient atmosphere. The hero's blindness, all too clearly metaphorical ("Why do you have such heavy doors? You think they'll keep out the world?"), might be a broader metaphor than intended.

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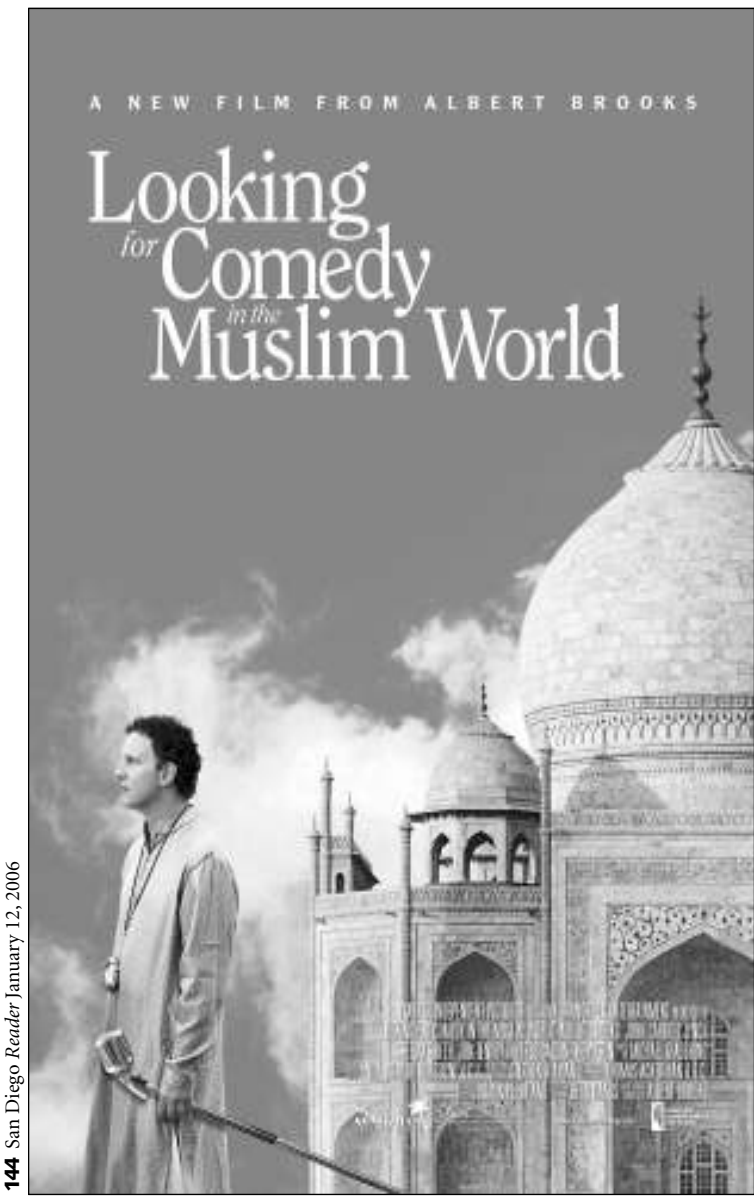
Last Holiday is the old, old — fifty-six-year-old, to be exact — Alec Guinness vehicle retailored to the expansive personality and physique of Queen Latifah. As a mousy cookware clerk at a department store in New



The White Countess



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Orleans, given three weeks to live and determined to blow her bank account on a dream vacation at the Grandhotel Pupp (pronounced "Poop") in Karlovy Vary, the actress shows a bit more than her usual capital-A attitude — a reserve, a restraint, a wider range. That's hard to sustain, though, when she's doing things like snowboarding down a "black diamond" ski slope or BASE-jumping from the top of a hydroelectric dam. You go, girl. She is flatteringly photographed in the bargain, although the lighting that gives her (and a nonthreatening LL Cool J) a golden glow, gives the white folks jaundice and anemia.

One of those is the pre-eminent French actor of his generation, Gerard Depardieu, in a subordinate role as the hotel master chef who holds the secret of life: "Butter." This (after I so recently groused about the puny part in *Munich* for Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi) is roughly tantamount to seeing a French comedy starring Firmine Richard wherein Robert De Niro would pop up intermittently, speaking broken subtitled French as a philosophical hotdog vendor. Wayne Wang, the director, appears to feel no urgency to correct the course that has led him away from *The Joy Luck Club* and *Eat a Bowl of Tea* toward *Maid in Manhattan* and *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Not the most credible source, in other words, for a moral homily on living without fear.

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Glory Road, the directing debut of James Gartner, is yet another Disney raid on the annals of sport for an Inspirational True Story: the 1966 NCAA basketball final in which the upstart Miners of Texas Western (today, UTEP) sent out five blacks for the opening tip against the "basketball royalty" of the all-white Kentucky Wildcats. This story, within a larger story of sports in America as an agency of social change and collective consciousness-raising, is such an intrinsically good one (what took so long to get to it?) that it cannot really benefit from dramatization, or more particularly, Disneyfication. Nor can it benefit from its transformation into a visual accompaniment for a double-disc collection of golden oldies.

I well remember watching this game on television as a high-school student in a suburban Minneapolis school district that had exactly one black family in it. But since my pro team at the time, the Boston Celtics, had made history already by starting five blacks, it was the most natural thing in the world for me to be backing the Miners. I remember, too, just last year during March Madness, watching a CBS documentary on the same subject, *Glory in Black and White*, by which I was much more moved than by this formulaic fictionalization. (That documentary might have been the source of the clips sprinkled through the closing credits, wherein Pat Riley — one of the stars for the Wildcats — calls the game, with only the mildest hyperbole, "the Emancipation Proclamation of 1966.") Having seen that so recently, I can't even say that the feature film was a useful refresher.

It does depict some good practice sessions and good coaching lessons, with the dagger-eyed Josh Lucas as Don Haskins, the fifth-year coach at Texas Western, not first-year, as portrayed here, much less straight from coaching a high-school girls' team. (Ah, Hollywood.) And Jon Voight, in a putty nose to rival the one he wore as Howard Cosell in *Ali*, creates a sizable diversion in his comical but not disrespectful portrait of the old-school Kentucky coach, Adolph Rupp. ("You're going to win this game," he assures his disarrayed troops in the desperate waning minutes. "Now go out there and make me a prophet.") And I was gratified by the couple of shots of UK black students huddled around a TV set in a dorm room and stifling their cheers for the opposition. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Aeon Flux — The live-action adaptation of an MTV cartoon remains so cartoonish — what with its computer-generated futuristic utopia, computer-animated internal organs, computer-manipulated stunts and body doubles, computer this and computer that — it's a wonder it bothered with flesh-and-blood actors at all. Charlize Theron, who may have been worried after *Monster* and *North Country* that you were beginning to view her as a frump, demonstrates that she can be as sleekly dehumanized as Kate Beckinsale in *Underworld* or Halle Berry in *Catwoman*. ("I want to know what it feels like to be a *person*," she says at one point, a tad disingenuously.) Frances McDormand, who played opposite Theron in *North Country*, cannot be dehumanized to quite that extent, but she can at any rate be given a monstrous Pre-Raphaelite hairdo. Director Karyn Kusama, once upon a time the maker of the gritty little *Girlfight*, might have persuaded herself she was still carrying the flag of feminist empowerment, but she could not very well persuade the rest of us unless maybe the computer was named HALLE 9000. With Marton Csokas, Jonny Lee Miller, Sophie Okonedo. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

Breakfast on Pluto — Odyssey of a transvestite, self-christened Saint Kitten, from postwar Irish Catholic orphanhood to Swinging London in the Sixties and on through the Disco Daze into the Thatcher era. Cillian Murphy, speaking at the breathy top of his range, is so obnoxiously overconfident, dauntless, irrepressible, etc., as to not only renounce our sympathy but thoroughly rout it. It isn't just him. Director Neil Jordan sets an overall tone of obnoxiousness with his thirty-odd chapter headings (from "In Which I Am Abandoned" to "It's Tearing Me Apart"), a Greek chorus of subtitled songbirds, and a parade of goldie-oldies ("Honey," "Me and Mrs. Jones," "Feelings," "The Windmills of My Mind," and on and on) as congested as that in any Cameron Crowe comedy. The previous film of Jordan's that merits a mention on this occasion would obviously be *The Crying Game*. "I'm not a girl," the hero confesses to none other than Stephen Rea, who, unlike in that other film, wasn't fooled: "Oh, I knew that, princess." With Liam Neeson, Brendan Gleeson, Ian Hart. 2005.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 1/12)

Brokeback Mountain — Here's fulfillment of any desire for a homosexual cowboy movie, superseding all those inadmissible innuendos as to Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Cisco Kid and Pancho, et al. It fills out and plumps up a sketchy, skinny, yet ample short story by E. Annie Proulx, about a love that dare not speak its name in the unliberated time and place of 1963 Wyoming, a love that could not be denied despite denials ("You know I ain't queer" and "Me neither"), a love that would survive each man's marriage and fatherhood, over a period approaching two decades, but a love that could never come down from the mountain where it sprang up: "This is a goddam bitch of an unsatisfactory situation." Though the story was quite presciently written before the murder of Matthew Shepard in that same territory, the movie arrives long after that, and with a clearer, cruder sense about it of payback, of axe-grinding, of remedial education. There is also a sense about it of material stretched too thin, a slow, uneventful, time-biding start, working up stealthily to the moment

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of maximal male bonding, and then a straightforward, chronological, but time-skipping follow-through. The greater detail and delay on screen, as against the page, do not equate to greater credibility. One credible detail: the horseplay that turns rough on the eve of their first parting, the eloquent expression of nonverbal types. Contrastingly, their first reunion, a clinch of sumo-wrestler ferocity, right under the nose of one of the wives, is miles from credible. Jake Gyllenhaal, with his choirboyish pretty face and lofty voice, is the more acceptably typecast of the two. But Heath Ledger, lowering his voice to a Scott Glenn register, inside a clamped jaw, and suppressing his native Aussie accent, conveys the more poignant image of inhibition and concealment. Both actors look good in their jeans, in their hats, on their horses, and with their Marlboro Man smokes. And the voluptuous landscape is lovingly photographed. Director Ang Lee already did a lot of that in *Ride with the Devil*, and did it, at the time, with more impact of surprise and revelation. (Ang Lee? Man of action?) What's new here feels frankly inevitable, not at all revelatory; and the director of *The Wedding Banquet, Sense and Sensibility*, and *The Ice Storm* seems an unsurprising man for the job. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway. 2005.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; KEN; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Mid-



The Chronicles of Narnia

west breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.
★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Casanova — Undisclosed chapter in the career of the 18th-century rake: his courtship of a protofeminist ghostwriter and swordswoman, the Ms. Right who can tie him down for keeps. The sort of romantic fantasy, in other words, that ruins real lives. A tiresome rompish costume party in antiquing golden light, under a shower of Baroque standards (Vivaldi, Corelli, Albinoni, et al.). Venice looks magical, but sounds predominantly British. With Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller, Jeremy Irons, Oliver Platt, Lena Olin; directed by Lasse Hallstrom. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 — A family feud, over Labor Day at Lake Winnetka, between the twelve-kid Bakers and the eight-kid Murtaughs, or anyway between their hotly competitive dads (Steve Martin, Eugene Levy). Humor and sentiment every bit as cheap as *Cheaper* One. The only notable change is in the suddenly sculpted Hilary Duff, who either has done some work or, odds are, had some work *done*. (The change in directors, Shawn Levy to Adam Shankman, is undetectable.) Bonnie Hunt finds a few crannies in which to do something resembling acting. With Piper Perabo, Tom Welling, Carmen Electra. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Chicken Little — "The sky is falling," in Disney's computer-animated retelling of the tale, turns out to be a metaphor for an alien invasion, and the title character becomes a synonym of civic-minded vigilance. More basically, he and his styrofoamy chums — the ugly duck, the fat pig, the fish out of water, et al. — are just cartoon conformists anxious to show off their pop-culture hipness. With the voices of Zach Braff, Joan Cusack, Steve Zahn, and Garry Marshall; directed by Mark Dindal. 2005.
● (VOGUE)

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe — The mythic children's book by C.S. Lewis makes for a good children's film, better, to pick a couple of nearby co-ordinates, than any of the Harry Potters, better than any third of *The Lord of the Rings*, albeit still rather longish at two hours and twenty minutes. In the first place, and in spite of the existence of six other books in the Narnia series, it has a beginning, a middle, and an end — and all in one film! (What a concept!) In that respect, it calls to mind the original *Star Wars*, not the original trilogy, much less the following trilogy, but the single, solitary film. The stand-alone film. The ending of *Narnia* in particular, with all its triumphal pomp and circumstance, calls that film to mind. The beginning, on the other hand, calls to mind an even better children's film, *The Secret Garden* (the 1993 version at any rate), with four parentless children packed off during the London Blitz to a gloomy mansion of rigid rules ("No improper use of the dumbwaiter," etc.), where they soon discover, at the back of the wardrobe in the spare room, a portal to the alternative universe of Narnia, populated by talking animals and a messianic lion named Aslan. (The transitions between the two worlds are dreamily seamless.) A prophecy, they further discover, has foretold of their coming as well as their overthrow of the reigning Wicked White Witch, wonderfully visualized — an icicle crown, frozen-stiff hair, snowman's lump-of-coal eyes, clammy, oystery skin — and commandingly played by Tilda Swinton. The narrative incidents unfold smoothly and swiftly and at times quite excitingly. And the execution of Aslan, in an atmosphere that reeks of a witches' Sabbath, is about as brutal as it could be without becoming as sadistic as *The Passion of the Christ*. His immediate resurrection, although the logic of it had been withheld from us, and although the Christian allegory of it cannot be ignored, is nevertheless easier to swallow than, subsequently, the prowess of the children on the battlefield or the wholesale resurrection of casualties on that field. The lesson in courage at that point, or those

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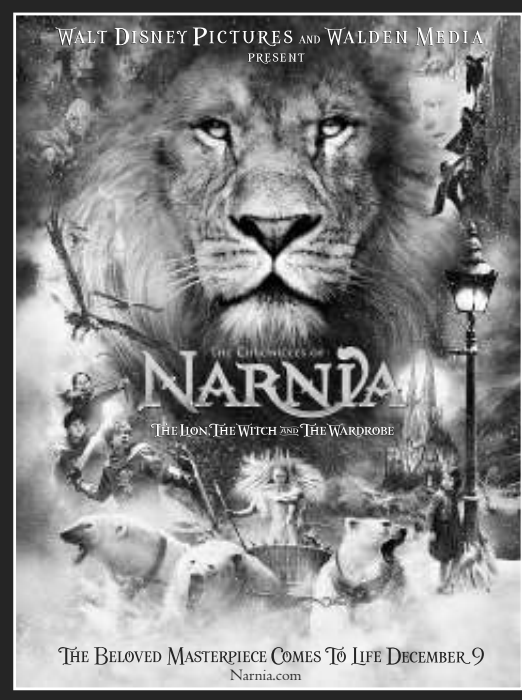

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points, gets a bit muddied. It almost smacks of cowardice. With Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, and the voice of Liam Neeson; directed by Andrew Adamson. 2005.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Family Stone — Christmas comedy about the gathering of a clan, and allies, in snowy New England at the holiday. The core family, name of Stone, numbers seven, so a lot is afoot: terminal cancer, a pregnancy, a gay-couple adoption (minorities within the minority: the couple is interracial and one-half hearing impaired), an old flame, a guttering flame, two new flames. It all sorts itself out, in a next-Christmas coda, with no sticky residue. The cast, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Claire Danes, Dermot Mulroney, Luke Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Elizabeth Reaser, Ty Giordano, Diane Keaton, and Craig T. Nelson, could use any help they can get, but what they get from the bilious photography is skin the complexion of uncooked chicken. Written and directed by Thomas Bezucha. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18)

Fun with Dick and Jane — Fast and loose remake by Dean Parisot of the all but forgotten 1977 social satire by Ted Kotcheff, the American Nightmare reimagined specially for the epoch of Adelphia, Enron, and other corporate miscreants. Fast pacing, that is, and loose plotting. Jim Carrey, as the out-of-work executive who stops his financial free fall with a spree of armed robbery (armed with a squirt gun), can still execute a pratfall and can still out-flex Gumby, but now a little more restrained, a little more aged, he is starting to look less like the new Jerry Lewis and more like the new Johnny Carson. Ace cinematographer Jerzy Zielinski (Agnieszka Holland's *The Secret Garden, Washington Square*, and *The Third Miracle*, for three) sees to it that the star, his co-stars (Téa Leoni, Alec Baldwin, Richard Jenkins), and their antiseptic surroundings at least look good. 2005.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Glory Road — Reviewed this issue. With Josh Lucas, Derek Luke, Austin Nichols, Mehcad Brooks, and Jon Voight; directed by James Gartner.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/13)

Good Night, and Good Luck — Unabashed hero worship of the "crusading" CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow's television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow's somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-of-



The Family Stone

honor's scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-white (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the *Weltanschauung* of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION VALLEY 7)

Grandma's Boy — From Adam Sandler's Happy Madison production outfit, a losers' comedy below the standard of the head man. Now, that's low. So, Allen Covert, instead, takes the lead role of an overaged video-game tester reduced to living with his grandmother and two old cronies (i.e., crones). It would play like a sitcom pilot if not for the potty mouth and the pot. With Linda Cardellini, Doris Roberts, Shirley Jones, and Shirley Knight; directed by Nicholaus Goossen. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire — The fourth installment in J.K. Rowling's series of children's books yields a two-and-a-half-hour movie which, for all its furious activity, gets virtually nowhere. It gets, more specifically, through the "legendary" Triwizard Tournament, only to arrive at the dampening admonition, "Dark and difficult times lie ahead." Potterites, under the freedom-of-religion pact, ought not to be begrudged their mythology; and two and a half hours of lavish illustration might well strike their eyes as a feast. The skeptic or the mere apathetic is more apt to notice the presumptuousness

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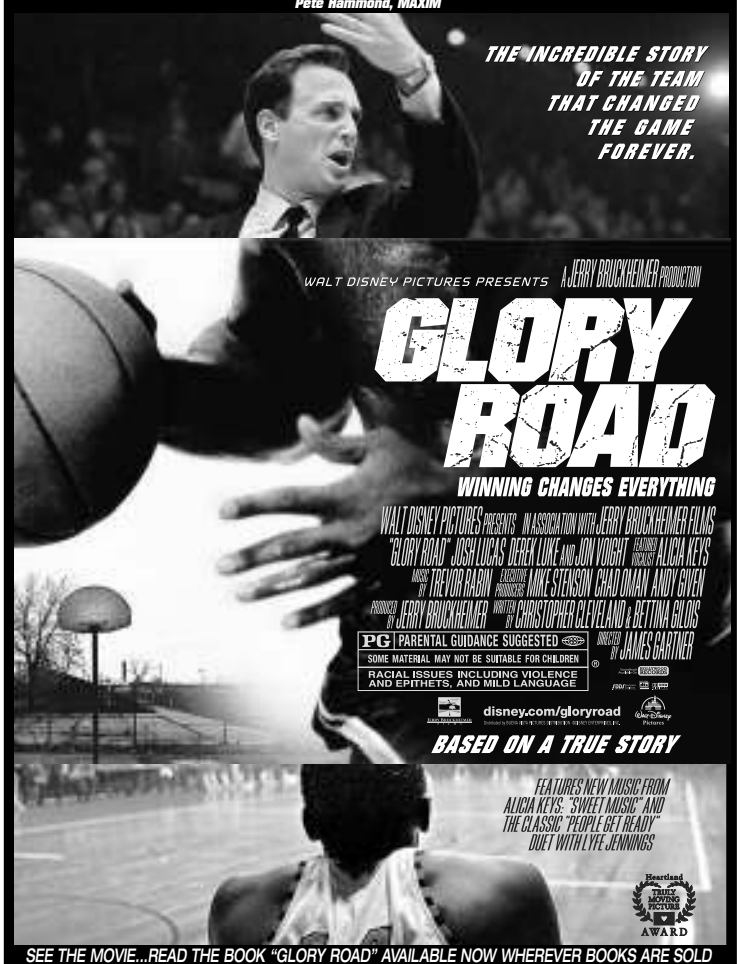

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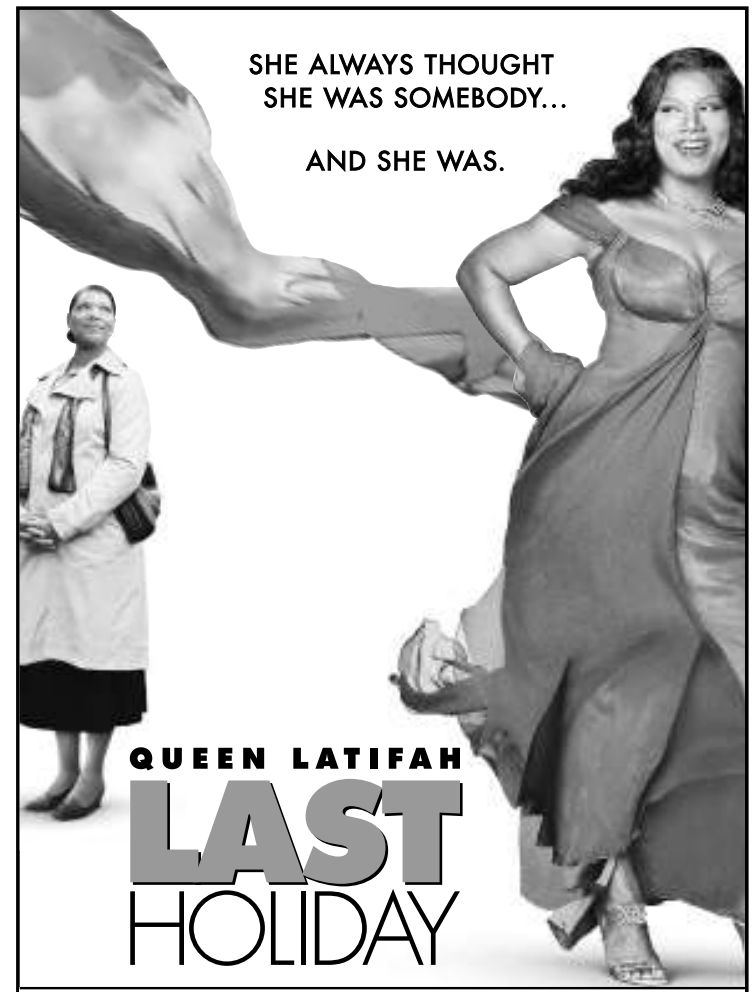

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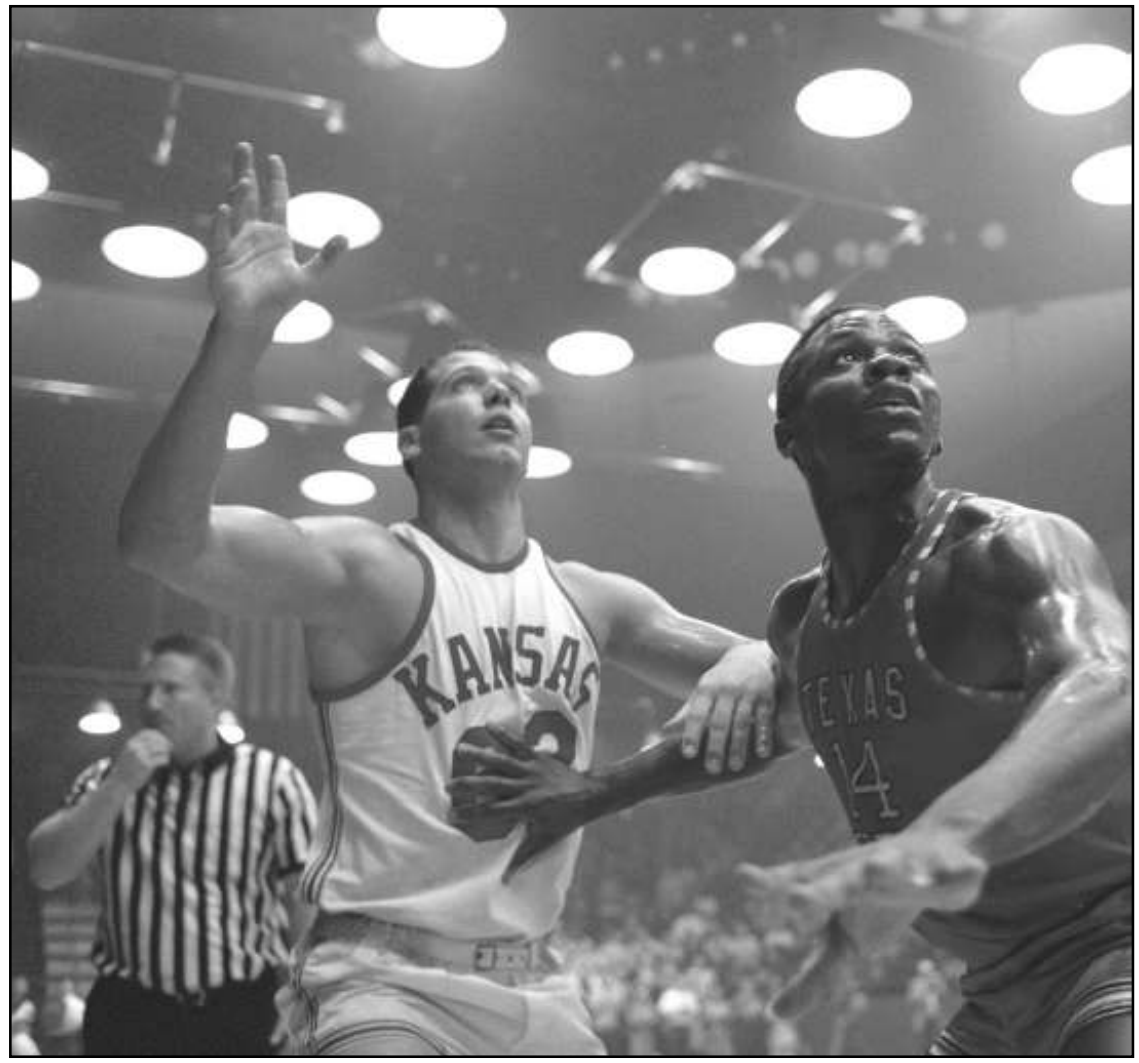
of filmmakers who expect their audience to meet them seven-eighths of the way. (Have you done your homework, kiddies?) The skeptic or apathetic will also be quicker to sense that the unabated spectacle of special effects becomes almost routine, almost humdrum, regardless of how imaginative some of those effects may be: the sailing ship that surfaces and submerges like a submarine, the ghostly face of Sirius molded in the glowing embers of the hearth for a fireside chat. Such a viewer will also be more prone to argue that this sort of anything-goes fantasy, with few established rules, fosters a feeling of passiveness if not instinctive, involuntary withdrawal. The new director, Mike Newell, is the best of the three to take the controls in the series to date (Chris Columbus for parts one and two, Alfonso Cuarón for part three), although a runaway train is open only to the most limited guidance. We are reminded of his capabilities not so much by any demonstration of them as by the presence of Miranda Richardson, his scintillating star in *Dance with a Stranger*, and quite delightful here in the new role of Rita Skeeter, nosy news reporter for the animated scandal sheet, *The Daily Profit*. With Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson, Michael Gambon, Ralph Fiennes. 2005.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hoodwinked — Animated takeoff on the tale of Little Red Riding Hood (voice of Anne Hathaway), co-directed by Cory Edwards and Todd Edwards.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/13)

Hostel — Sophomoric gore, "presented" by Quentin Tarantino but directed by Eli Roth. Youthful backpackers interrupt their tour of Amsterdam (a cannabis cafe, a disco, the red-light district, no time for Anne Frank House) in order to pursue the promise of beautiful and easy girls in Slovakia, where indeed a couple of beautiful and easy girls lead them straight to a torture chamber. The Slovakian tourism board cannot be pleased. Jay Hernandez, Derek Richardson, Eythor Gudjonsson. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)



Glory Road

Just Friends — Broad comedy about a high-school fatso who slims down to become a callous Casanova in adulthood. Unlike him, the humor never slims down, remains broad throughout; heavy; clumsy; lazy. With Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart, Anna Faris, and Chris Klein; directed by Roger Kumble. 2005.
● (VOGUE)

King Kong — Fresh from *The Lord of the Rings*, Peter Jackson could presumably have done anything he wanted. What he apparently wanted was to do a remake. Check that, a second remake. A 21st-century Kong. A CGI Kong. A kung-fu Kong. (Three T. rexes at a time, one hand tied up with a savory maiden.) And not least, a three-hour Kong, even though it takes over an hour to get to him, and though he must share screen time after that with an entire ecosystem of slimy, slithery critters. Jackson, remaking almost slavishly the 1933 version rather than the rerouted 1976 version, returns the action to the original period, plays up and jokes up, with help from the turtle-faced Jack Black, the film-within-the-film element (Fay Wray is unavailable because "she's shooting a picture with RKO"), and imbues the beauty-and-beast theme with the sort of modish, operatic amplification that says so much about our Age of Indulgence, squeezing every last drop of emotion from the death of the ape, all the way down to the emotion (among the most sensitive individuals) of mirth. The Kong films show a sharp decline, this one a farther step down from the last than the last was down from the first. Three hours are not automatically "better" than one and three-quarters or two and one-quarter. Even the supposed progress in special effects — from stop-motion models to computer animation — is largely illusory. The former falsity of stiffness and creakiness has simply been replaced by the falsity of fluidness and facileness. Exhibit A: the stampede of brontosauruses, an enlarged replication of the running of the bulls at Pamplona, wherein these nimble, fleet-footed behemoths scarcely seem to occupy the same space as the humans, even when stepping on them. Exhibit B: the attack of the giant bats on Kong, flittering like shadows and creating a timely diversion that affords the boring romantic couple (Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody) a means of escape by hang-gliding from a bat's feet, easy as catching a ride on the trolley. In whatever measure such effects might be "better" than the old, it's too short a measure to make up for the falloff in imagination. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Last Holiday — Reviewed this issue. With Queen Latifah, LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, and Gerard Depardieu; directed by Wayne Wang.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; 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; FROM 1/13)

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The Matador — Smarty-pants comedy-thriller written and directed by Richard Shepard. Pierce Brosnan, producer and star, further purges himself of James Bond (if *The Tailor from Panama* didn't do the trick) in his garish portrayal of "a facilitator of fatalities" who befriends a timid American businessman on a job in Mexico: "For an assassin, he's very nice." He certainly appears to be enjoying himself. The viewer will be hard pressed to match him. Greg Kinnear, Hope Davis. 2005.
★ (MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Memoirs of a Geisha — Nipponese bodice-ripper, from the best-seller by Arthur Golden, though it plays as if it could just as well have been by Danielle Steel, a Cinderella story of the rise and fall and rise and fall and rise of a blue-eyed geisha in pre-war and postwar Japan. "A story like mine," she starts out, meaning more than she means, "should never be told." Nor should it be illustrated with the frenzy, flamboyance, and insufficient illumination accorded it by the razzle-dazzle director of *Chicago*, Rob Marshall. (Earlier in the gestation, it was going to be Steven Spielberg.) Gong Li is still Gong Li, and still beautiful, but in the lead role Zhang Ziyi is now Ziyi Zhang: the boom in Asian imports has brought no consistency in appellation, only confusion. (The catty rivalry on screen between the older actress and the younger, and eventually the all-out catfight, gains an added dimension when you recall that the one was bumped by the other in the films and affections of Zhang Yimou, or Yimou Zhang.) Using Chinese actresses is of course defensible in a movie aimed at the American masses, just as their speaking in English is defensible. Their speaking in unintelligible English rather defeats the purpose. With Michelle Yeoh, Ken Watanabe, Koji Yakusho, Youki Kudoh. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Munich — Steven Spielberg's profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist massacre of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics and the bloody aftermath of tit-for-tat reprisals. The director, while he plainly wants to pay his respects to all parties, has not rid himself of his grandiosity and his self-indulgence. The overextended running time is simply, contradictory though it sounds to say so, a shortcut to Importance, a direct equation of size with significance. And the assorted lightening, whitening, fading effects in the cinematography of Janusz Kaminski (*Schindler's List, Amistad, Saving Private Ryan*, etc.) call attention to themselves in their inconsistency. For a very large fraction of its two-and-three-quarters hours, however, the action is tense and unpredictable, kept within the straits of credibility by various means: by a consciousness of, if not a strict fidelity to, the factuality of the case; by a care not to let the thrills overpower the aversion to violence; by an accent on the human factor. With Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Ciarán Hinds, Mathieu Kassovitz, Hanns Zischler, and Geoffrey Rush. 2005.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Pride and Prejudice — By this time the Jane Austen novel qualifies as a repertory piece, a mettle-test for would-be Darcys and Elizabeth Bennets, little different from *Romeo and Juliet*. The team behind the present production of it, apart from their attempt to replace the titular conjunction with a dashing ampersand, earn no points for imagination or courage in finding their way to so trafficky a corner of the library. (Can no one, for a change, find his way to the shelf of Thomas Love Peacock? George Meredith?) And the prospect of again sitting through the machinations of the author's mating game (match four from Column A to four from Column B) sounds quite tedious in advance. Nevertheless, the filmmakers have not failed to make it involving. Austen herself made it hard for them to fail, as long as they stuck close to the text. Joe Wright, a British TV director in his feature debut, certainly did more than his share to gum up the works, with an anemic, coarse-grained image and a lot of mushy telephoto camerawork: a pale substitute for the MGM sheen of 1940. And Matthew MacFadyen makes a dull Darcy, a blank, more stuporous than brooding, a kind of waxwork Stan Laurel. Any doubts, however, as to the star potential of Keira Knightley — and after the likes of *Domino* and *The Jacket* and *King Arthur*, how could there not have been doubts? — are decisively routed. She may be too pretty for Elizabeth, she may be too young, but she is just sufficiently feisty, just sufficiently fiery, without being too and too. It's a tightrope she walks, and she keeps perfect balance. Two old pros, Brenda Blethyn and Judi Dench, bring solid support as two very dissimilar women, the high-strung Mrs. Bennet and the haughty Lady de Bourgh. Any well-bred young woman who can endure the one on a daily basis and stand up to the other in a moment of crisis must be made of stern stuff. Donald Sutherland, Rosamund Pike, Jena Malone, Tom Hollander. 2005.
★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; SAN MARCOS 18)

The Producers — For posterity, Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their roles in the Broadway musical, together with Gary Beach and Roger Bart, while Uma Thurman (with a funny SVEE-dish accent) appropriates the cheesecake, and Will Ferrell goose-steps into the part of the playwright of *Springtime for Hitler*, "A New Neo-Nazi Musical." (Director and choreographer Susan Stroman, too, reprises her offstage roles.) At first the actors might seem to be still projecting for live theater, but their energy eventually, or intermittently, pulls you in. The musical version reminds you of what was good about Mel Brooks's 1968 original (a bit less of a musical, but a bit of a musical all the same), and there is enough newness in it to keep it interesting: a chorus line of tap-dancing blue-haired old ladies on walkers (well, their walkers tap-dance at any rate), a delightful pas-de-deux between Broderick and Thurman, and more. The action is advisedly set in the Fifties (although some of the flaming gayness feels later), and its vaudeville roots remain brazenly exposed. 2005.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Rumor Has It — Barren ground for the comic charms of Jennifer Aniston, as a hesitant fiancée investigating the possibility that her Pasadena family was the model for the Robinsons in *The Graduate*. That would make Shirley MacLaine Mrs. Robinson, and Kevin Costner the nuptial Lochinvar. (A self-described "dilettante Che biographer," he ignorantly pronounces his subject's surname as "Gwa-vara.") When those two once again come face to face at the climax, the music comes from a different 1967 movie, *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. The script is similarly heavy-handed, a hammering rhythm of easy set-ups and smashes. With Mark Ruffalo, Richard Jenkins, and Mena Suvari; directed by Rob Reiner. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Squid and the Whale — Complex relationship film. Parents and children, husband and wife, brother and brother, in the main, but supplementarily wife and lover, male professor and female student, older boy and new girlfriend, among others. The uncommon specificity as to time and place and cultural milieu — 1986, Brooklyn, the bourgeois intelligentsia — is to some extent a limiting factor but more so an animating factor. These people live and breathe. (Or, in view of the time, lived

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DIANA SAENGER
Film critic, *East County Gazette* and *La Jolla Light*

In *Hotel Rwanda*, Don Cheadle gives the performance of a lifetime as Paul Rusesabagina, a real-life hotel clerk who promised to save his family from the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, Africa, and saved over 1200 people besides. The DVD offers incredible special features, including director and cast commentaries and a documentary.

Doris Day, America's sweetheart of the '50s and '60s, is witty, charming, and sings and dances up a storm in this Warner Home Video collection. The DVD set features six new-to-DVD titles: *Young Man with a Horn, Lullaby of Broadway, Love Me or Leave Me*, *Billy Rose's Jumbo, Please Don't Eat the Daisies, The Glass Bottom Boat*, and two of Day's all-time favorite musicals, *Calamity Jane* and *Pajama Game*.

HOTEL RWANDA (USA) 2004, MGM
List price: $19.94

THE DORIS DAY COLLECTION (USA), 1950–'66, Warner Home Video
List price: $88.98 (eight discs)

GREG EICHELBERGER
Editor and film critic, *East County Herald News*

Terry Gilliam's dark-humored *The Brothers Grimm* relates the fictional story of the famous German brothers. True to Gilliam's idiosyncratic style, the movie plays nothing straight down the line. In this case, the brothers are con artists traveling through French-occupied German villages and playing on the fears and superstitions of their idiot occupants.

John Singleton's *Four Brothers* isn't exactly *Boyz N the Hood*; nevertheless it's a decent work with crisp writing and terrific cinematography. Excessively violent at times, this is a well-acted revenge-thriller that comes close to going over the top, but thankfully doesn't.

John Dahl's *The Great Raid* sheds light on a little-known rescue attempt in the waning days of the conflict in the Philippines. A fine little film — smart, patriotic, and historically fairly accurate.

THE BROTHERS GRIMM (USA) 2005, Miramax
List price: $29.99

FOUR BROTHERS (USA) 2005, Paramount
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THE GREAT RAID (USA) 2005, Miramax
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JAMES COLT HARRISON
Film critic, *La Jolla Village News*

Oklahoma stars 20-year-old Shirley Jones and Gordon MacRae in the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. The 50th Anniversary Edition includes the Cinemascope widescreen version featuring nimble Gene Nelson's interpretation of choreographer Agnes DeMille's now-classic dances. This musical embodies the sweeping grandeur of America's heartland.

Beautiful Jeanne Crain and singer Dick Haymes find Dana Andrews and Vivian Blaine to fall in love with in *State Fair*. This film harks back to when times were simple and pure. Bucolic and sweet, the film is a confection.

Orchestra Wives takes the show on the road — literally. Following the wives of big-band leaders like Glenn Miller, the gals (Ann Rutherford, Lynn Bari, and Carole Landis) supply something the boys (Cesar Romero and George Montgomery) can fight over.

OKLAHOMA (USA) 1955, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment
List price: $26.98

STATE FAIR (USA) 1945, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment
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ORCHESTRA WIVES (USA) 1942, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment
List price: $14.98



and breathed.) The parents, the husband and wife, are respectively a has-been "serious" novelist, now a musty academic, and a soon-to-be first novelist, presently excerpted in *The New Yorker*, and to make matters worse the wife's wing-spreading encompasses an occasional affair. When the couple try a joint-custody separation, the older boy sides with his aggrieved father, while the younger boy, barely into puberty, sides with his mother. Though well played by the sagely bearded Jeff Daniels, with his outer show of cultivation and his undertow of savagery, the character of the father is seen as a bit of a caricature; and though likewise well played by the cosmetic-free Laura Linney, the mother is seen more distantly, less distinctly. But the characters of the children are unqualified successes, especially the older one, whose age, by no mere coincidence, closely matches that of writer-director Noah Baumbach at that same period. The hunched shoulders, the sniffy nose, the sleepy eyes, the shrugging speech of Jesse Eisenberg capture perfectly the role-playing pretentiousness of the young, and the damning details of intellectual laziness all throughout the script complete the portrait. The younger brother, played under a cloud of moroseness (with passing squalls) by Owen Kline, registers as a total original, a self-proclaimed philistine, after



King Kong

careful consideration of Dad's disdainful definition ("Someone who doesn't care about books or interesting films"), and no less pretentious, in his inverted snobbery, than his *faux*-cultured older brother. This painfully funny film, put simply, is a comedy of character, a human comedy. And while the filmmaking itself is nothing special, the not too jiggly hand-held camera does achieve, in its positioning and its movement, a sort of natural rapport with the humans, an easy congeniality, a Frenchified nonchalance. William Baldwin, Anna Paquin. 2005.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Syriana — Serioso. Molto serioso. Not so much a drama as a diagram, didactic in purpose, of the chain-link interconnections, the slow-burn chain reactions, in the Middle Eastern oil trade. What screenwriter Stephen Gaghan did for the illicit drug business in *Traffic*, he attempts to do again, as both screenwriter and first-time director, for the even more intricate oil business, adopting some of the same "realistic" conventions (the unsteady camera, the intermittent subtitles, the egalitarian cast of characters, a lack of dramatic emphasis, an absence of heroics), and following the same pattern of crosscutting between plotlines in an apparently deliberate strategy of *suspensus interruptus*. Limpidity is not his aim. Complexity is, and no matter if the cost is confusion and incomprehension. You really need a scorecard to tell all the players, and even once you have figured out who's who, it's still hard to know which one, or ones, to root for; which outcome would be for the best; which course of action, if any, would clean up the mess. In the end, Gaghan convinces us he knows a lot more about how the world works than about how fiction works. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Jeffrey Wright, Chris Cooper, Christopher Plummer, Tim Blake Nelson, Amanda Peet. 2005.
★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

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Bloodrayne (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:50, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20 Sun. 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20; **Casanova** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 2:25, 5:15; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:25, 8:15, 11:00; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:05, 8:00, 10:55 Sun. 12:10, 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:55; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:25, 4:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55 Sat. 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40 Sun. 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:50, 6:05, 10:15; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 3:10, 6:25, 9:40; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:40, 3:15, 6:55, 10:35; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:05, 10:40; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 3:35, 7:05, 10:25; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 4:25; **The Matador** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25; **The Producers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:35, 10:45; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 3:25, 6:35, 10:00

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) Fri. (3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 7:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:45) 7:35; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 7:00, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:35) 7:20, 10:10

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (5:30) 8:30 Sat.,-Sun. (2:30) 5:30, 8:30

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Capote** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **The Squid and the Whale** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:15) 7:25, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 1:45, 4:15, 7:25, 9:40; **The White Countess** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 5:20) 8:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 2:20, 5:20, 8:20

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Island of the Sharks (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Mystic India** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 10:00; **Whales** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Bloodrayne (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:05, 10:35; **Casanova** (R) Fri. (11:35, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri. (11:30, 5:10) 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 5:10, 10:50; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00, 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:20; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 5:00) 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 5:00, 9:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (11:35, 2:25, 5:15) 8:05, 10:55 Sat.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:25) 5:15, 8:05, 10:55; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 3:25) 6:45, 10:05; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:20) 7:55, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:25; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:10, 8:00, 10:50; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:00) 7:40

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Casanova (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:45, 8:15, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:45, 8:15, 10:25; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:45) 7:10, 10:15; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (2:25) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 7:00, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 3:00) 7:00, 10:40; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00) 4:20, 7:50, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:50, 7:50, 10:35; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:35) 7:05, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:35) 7:05, 10:10; **Munich** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:50) 7:30, 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:50) 7:30, 10:50; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:55) 7:20, 10:20; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 3:15) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 3:15) 7:15, 10:05

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:45, 7:10, 9:25; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (3:05) 5:15; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:30) 7:05, 10:10; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:20, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 6:00, 8:20, 10:30; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10) 7:30, 10:15; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 5:30, 8:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:30, 8:30; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10) 4:40, 7:20, 9:40; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
Bloodrayne (R) Fri. (11:50, 5:25) 10:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 5:25, 10:50; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (12:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (12:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:50; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri. (12:25, 5:30) 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25) 5:30, 10:35; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:55); **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00, 9:30; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:55; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 4:00) 8:05; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:10, 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 7:10, 10:25; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 3:25) 7:00, 10:30; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:00, 5:30) 8:00, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 4:20) 7:30, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:20, 7:30, 10:40; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:55) 8:00; **The Producers** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:20) 7:55; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:50)

VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Tristan and Isolde — Kevin Reynolds's retelling of the legendary love story, starring James Franco and Sophia Myles. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 1/13)

Walk the Line — The same line, that would be, as the previous year's *Ray*, a musical biopic on a recently fallen giant of popular song, C&W instead of R&B, Johnny Cash instead of Ray Charles, two years dead instead of mere months, but the same backstage tale of early poverty and tragedy, meteoric ascent, marital discord, drug abuse, salvation. Fewer people this time, in describing Joaquin Phoenix's impersonation of the Man in Black, will be inclined to link the adjective "uncanny" to the noun "likeness." Though he has obviously studied hard for the part, copying the horselike head-toss and breaststroker's air-gulp in performance on stage, he lacks both the stature and the weight: a sort of Cash shortage. It doesn't help that his singing (separate from his head-tossing and air-gulping) is of dog-howling caliber. Reese Witherspoon's June Carter — a ten-year-old voice on the radio in Cash's cotton-picking childhood, a touring mate in the mid-Fifties along with Jerry Lee, Buddy, and Elvis, and finally his second wife in the late-Sixties, when the movie ends — dances rings around him. And sings them, too. With Ginnifer Goodwin and Robert Patrick; directed by James Mangold. 2005.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA)



Rumor Has It

The White Countess — Reviewed this issue. With Ralph Fiennes, Natasha Richardson, Vanessa Redgrave, Lynn Redgrave, and Hiroyuki Sanada; directed by James Ivory.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 1/13)

Wolf Creek — Unsolved Mysteries, Australian-style, from tyro filmmaker Greg McLean. A malevolent Crocodile Dundee ("Now *that's* a knife," or rather, "Nah *thet's* a knoif") is postulated to explain the disappearance of two pretty British backpackers in the Outback. And untold others besides. Wretched, low-budget, psycho-boogeyman antics, more exasperating than exciting. Cassandra Magrath, Kestie Morassi, Nathan Phillips, John Jarratt. 2005.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Yours, Mine, and Ours — Two old flames, a Coast Guard Admiral and a freelance designer, both widowed, reignite in later life, after he has got eight well-drilled children and she's got an anarchic Rainbow Coalition of ten (four biological, six adopted). That's a lot of kids when they all act with sitcom aggressiveness and when the gags mostly derive from the comic prototypes of the banana peel and the cream pie. With Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo (it was Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball in the 1968 version); directed by Raja Gosnell. 2005.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:25, 10:40

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **Rumor Has It** (PG-13); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Bloodrayne (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (3:45) 8:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:30, 6:00, 10:30; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (3:00) 7:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Bloodrayne (R); **Casanova** (R); **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG); **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13); **Glory Road** (PG); **Grandma's Boy** (R); **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13); **Hoodwinked** (PG); **Hostel** (R); **King Kong** (PG-13); **Last Holiday** (PG-13); **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13); **Munich** (R); **Rumor Has It** (PG-13); **Syriana** (R); **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG); **The Family Stone** (PG-13); **The Producers** (PG-13); **The Ringer** (PG-13); **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13); **Yours, Mine, and Ours** (PG)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
Casanova (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:10; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:15; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:50, 3:50) 7:10, 10:25; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri. (12:05, 5:05) 10:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:05) 5:05, 10:25; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:40) 7:10, 10:35; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:35, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 9:55; **Hostel** (R) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (2:10) 4:45, 7:35, 10:20; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 4:00) 8:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 4:15) 7:05, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:05, 10:00; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:50) 7:20, 10:40; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50, 3:25) 7:00, 10:35; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:25) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:30) 6:55, 9:55; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:45) 7:00, 10:15; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:35) 7:50; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:40) 7:15, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (2:15) 4:40, 7:15, 10:05

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Aeon Flux (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:15, 9:30; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 6:00; **Just Friends** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:15, 7:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 9:10; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:50; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 11:35; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:55; **Saw II** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 9:20; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:15

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Casanova (R) Fri. (2:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:25, 8:05, 10:35; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:55 Sat.,-Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:30, 7:55; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 5:45, 8:15, 10:25; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (1:45) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:35; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:10; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 2:45) 4:45, 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:45; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:55, 8:20, 10:40; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 7:05, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30, 3:15) 7:05, 10:40; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:50) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:45, 2:50) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 3:35) 7:25, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:25, 3:35) 7:25, 10:30; **Munich** (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:55) 7:15, 10:40 Sat.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 7:15, 10:40; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (12:45, 3:40) 7:10, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 7:10, 10:15; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:15) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
Call theater for program information

FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13) Fri. (3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri. (4:00) 7:00, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Casanova (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 5:00, 9:45; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (2:30) 7:30; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:30, 3:45) 7:10, 10:25; **Casanova** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 10:45; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 2:15, 4:55) 7:35, 10:15; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25, 4:05) 7:25, 9:55; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:00, 2:30) 7:00, 10:00; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:55) 5:45; **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 4:15) 8:10; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:35, 2:00, 4:25) 7:15, 9:40; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:20, 1:55, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 5:10) 9:15; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:30, 2:40) 7:05, 10:05; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:45, 3:35) 7:05, 10:20; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:15, 3:00) 7:00, 10:40; **Pride and Prejudice** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (11:50) 6:25; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:05, 4:10) 9:20; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (3:10) 9:30; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:10, 3:25) 6:55, 10:10; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 6:45; **The Ringer** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 8:05, 10:35; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 3:15) 7:30, 10:30; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (2:25) 8:15

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)
Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 8:55 Sun. 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55 Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:25 Sun. 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40 Sun. 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Casanova (R) Fri. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Syriana** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 2:30, 7:45, 10:30; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Family Stone** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15) 5:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15) 5:15

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sat.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Munich** (R) Fri. (3:15) 7:00, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. 11:30 (3:15) 7:00, 10:30; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:25; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:30, 5:30, 9:30; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 3:20, 6:35, 9:45; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:25, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:40, 10:00

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
Walk the Line (PG-13) Fri. 6:35 Sat.,-Sun. 3:00, 6:00, 8:50

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Glory Road (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:45; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00 (4:00) 8:00; **Munich** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30 (3:30) 7:00, 10:30; **Rumor Has It** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
Bloodrayne (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Cheaper by the Dozen 2** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:05, 3:40, 6:40, 9:25; **Fun with Dick and Jane** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:45, 3:45, 7:15, 10:15; **Grandma's Boy** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 6:55, 9:30; **Hostel** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 4:00, 8:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 1:00, 3:30, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:05, 3:35, 6:50, 10:05; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:50; **Tristan and Isolde** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:20

Oceanside 16
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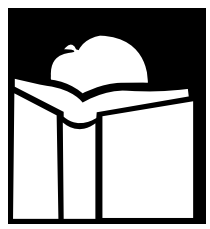

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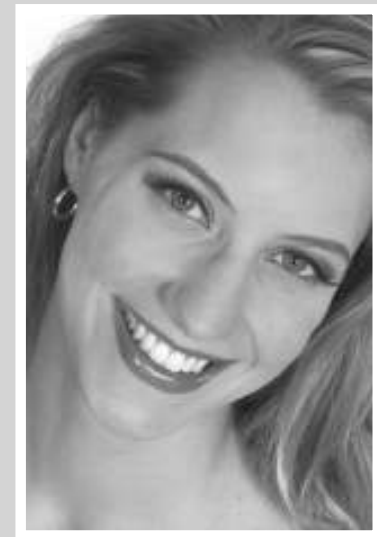

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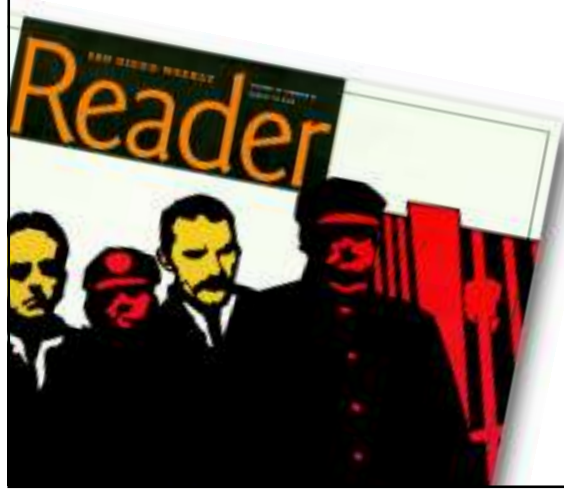

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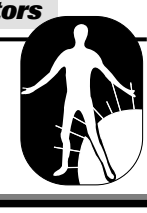

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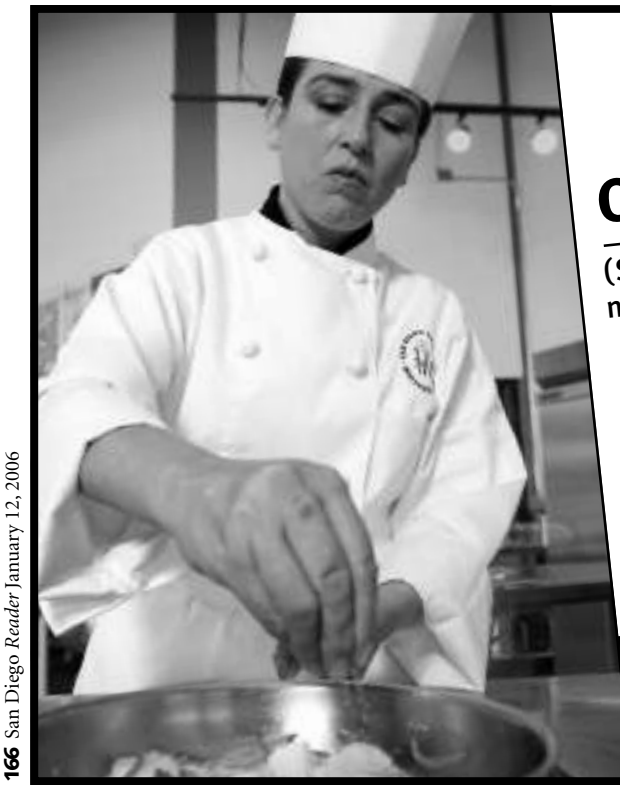

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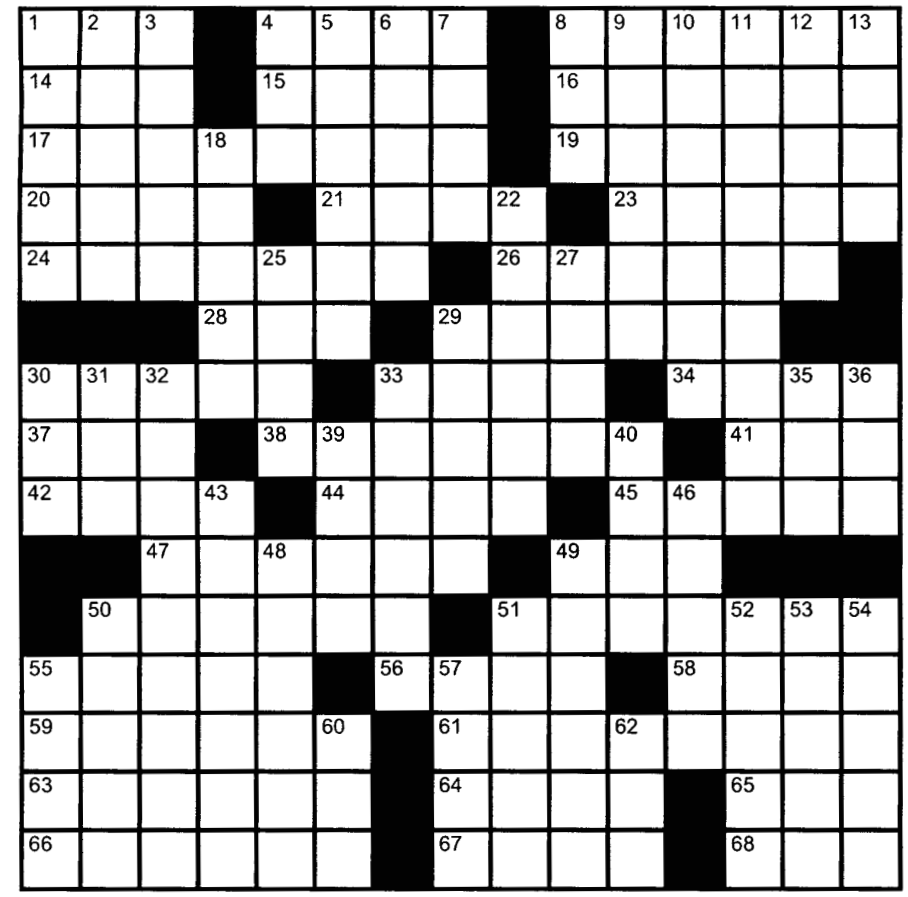
by David Levinson Wilk

Across

1. One in the legislative biz
4. Itsy-bitsy biter
8. Winter formation
14. Discovery Channel subj.
15. Mystique
16. Area
17. Basically
19. Guadalajara girlfriends
20. Fork-tailed bird
21. TV tavern that sells Duff Beer
23. Avoid answering directly
24. Ms. founder
26. Copier liquids
28. Minor functionary
29. Back porch luxury
30. Blew a gasket
33. Dullea of "2001: A Space Odyssey"
34. "The Godfather" author Mario
37. Cold War president, familiarly
38. Recycled item
41. One may follow a breakdown
42. Play the field, so to speak
44. Auto pioneer
45. Gone, in a way
47. "____ noches"
49. Snitch
50. Author Melville
51. Like Caravaggio's paintings
55. Recovery clinic
56. It may make you sick
58. 1880 Zola novel
59. Maroon
61. This puzzle's title
63. Lennox and Leibovitz
64. Earned
65. Casino cube
66. Women's titles
67. Comic Sandler
68. They might pop up while browsing

Down

1. Tests for jrs.
2. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
3. Cuba ____ (rum drink)
4. Gangster's weapon
5. Pumpkin pie spice
6. "Get ____!"
7. Like housepets
8. A Gershwin
9. Make firm
10. "It's useless!"
11. Havana remains
12. Laundry units
13. Massachusetts motto starter
18. Chilling
22. Zeno's followers
25. Shows silent support
27. Other, to Ortega
29. Toss call
30. Free (of)
31. "America's Most Wanted" letters
32. Endorse
33. "Constant Craving" singer
35. Muppet friend of Elmo
36. Possess
39. Charlie Chaplin's widow
40. Within reach
43. Turkey is part of it
46. Do penance
48. Insignia
49. Marriott rival
50. Salon color
51. Kind of basket
52. Press conference period
53. Reversed
54. Loosens up
55. 500 sheets
57. Female name that's an anagram of 55-Down
60. Feminizing suffix
62. "Losing My Religion" band



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.



Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 1/5/06.

Of the 192 entrants, 180 were correct. The winners are:

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PRETTY, PLAYFUL, passionate, slender, 40, Caucasian. Seeking clean-cut, handsome, trim, 30-40, Caucasian, romantic, mellow, nonsmoking, sober, sweetie. Must love animals, amusement parks, arts, affection, etc. (1/25) ☎49432

LEFTIST, 51, 5'9", natural, Ocean Beach-blues, classical, son (17), canine. Seeking progressive, young 50s, comely, easygoing, fit adventurer for sailing into sunset. Bonus: cook/handyman! (1/25) ☎49427

HAPPY 2006 AND GOD BLESS America. Mature, Caucasian, busy, fun, active woman. To meet tall, Caucasian, 70+, active, nonsmoker man. For possible long-term relationship. (1/25) ☎49419

ATTRACTIVE, EXOTIC, young black beauty seeks a cultured, financially stable, generous Caucasian gent, 45-80 years for a mutually fulfilling friendship. (1/25) ☎49428

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINO WIDOW, 60, sexy, educated, secure, homeowner. Enjoy dancing, travel, dining, cuddling, movies, will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, white, handsome, financially secure gentleman. (1/18) ☎49408

AGELESS ROMANTIC AWAITS thee! The picture frame hangs empty on the wall. Designed to embrace the image of my absentee love and kindred spirit! (1/25) ☎49435

SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE, Beauty, well-educated, professional woman. Seeks attractive, well-preserved "got their act together" male 45-60 for romance, companionship, possible long term relationship. Is that you? (1/18) ☎49400

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AFRICAN QUEEN, professional nurse, secure, honest, caring, loving, great smile, travel. You: nonsmoker/drinker, no baggage, honest, financially stable, Christian gentleman, humor, under 50. (1/25) ☎49425

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman who appreciates the best. (1/18) ☎49390

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BLACK WOMAN, 36, looking for you. You placed an ad in November. You're white male, 42, 6'3", 250lbs., hazel eyes, St. Louis Rams. Please call. (1/25) ☎49426

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BIG BEAUTIFUL, Mature Christian lady, 42. Seeks mature Caucasian Christian man, 42-55 to grown old and build a good life with, no games. (1/18) ☎49392

EXCITING, PRETTY, BRIGHT, caramel-colored teacher. Seeking exciting, smart, white, sensual, left wing, financially-stable man who makes me laugh and reads between lines. (1/25) ☎49415

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN FEMALE, 37, 5'6", tall. Seeking single Asian/Caucasian male, 30-42, 5'10"-6'2", adventurous, romantic, funny, a good heart a plus for friendship, date, marriage. (1/18) ☎49413

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PRETTY WOMAN OF COLOR, 5'6", 130lbs., shapely, sexy, with long legs. Kind, honest, romantic, 40s. Seeking gentleman, 5'11"+, fit, clean face, equally attractive, nonsmoker, 44-55. Real Christian a plus. (1/25) ☎49422

RECENTLY RETIRED, Poetlady, new to this area, would love to meet Sir Poet to discuss life and explore new places. (1/18) ☎49398

GENUINE, ATTRACTIVE, 45, Christian lady. Seeking quality companionship with stable, sincere, intelligent gentleman, 45-59. I enjoy traveling, movies, reading, photography, gardening and outdoors. (1/25) ☎49429

STOP! SMOKER, WIDOW, 61, apartment manager, bored. Likes jolly, honest, country gentleman, smoker, 59+. Lunches, talks, quiet evenings, Chula Vista area. No drinking, drugs. Coffee? (1/25) ☎49416

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BLACK, ATTRACTIVE, Excellent shape, 42, very laid back and confident. Seeks intelligent, attractive, easy going lady for a mutually enriching fulfilling friendship. (1/18) ☎49889

59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeking a nice woman, nonsmoker, sense of humor and in North County, laid back person who likes herself and her life. (1/25) ☎49902

INTERESTING, FUNNY, curious, quick, fun, good listener, conversationalist, literate, aesthetic, sensual, entrepreneurial, idealistic, secure, intuitive, integrity, 56. Desire smart, moral, selective, genuine, best friend. (1/18) ☎49895

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, debonair, 6'1", 165lbs., 53, blue/red, bald, swing dancer, bicycle road racer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection. (1/25) ☎49906

SINGLE AFRICAN-AMERICAN homeowner, tall, handsome, educated, to meet Caucasian, evolutionary, educated, sophisticated, attractive blonde, 44-54, 5'5"+, Aries, athleticism plus. (1/25) ☎49909

CHRISTIAN MAN SEEKS very attractive, 23-48, nonsmoker, stop here! You be monogamous, spontaneous, sweetheart, dress to impress, cuddly, kind, sexy, let me indulge you. I'm 6'3", 190lbs., 49, good looking, sophisticated, sensual, funny, GQ dresser, successful, wanting committed companion for finer things of life. Paradise awaits. (1/25) ☎49911

NORTH COUNTY BACHELOR! Trim, great shape, educated, financially secure, homeowner. 50ish, light brown/blue, 5'9", 150lbs. No kids! You: 40ish, attractive, not overweight and available! (1/18) ☎49890

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ARE YOU SPIRITUAL, romantic, and sensual, loving and affectionate? Are you petite and shapely with long dark hair. Spiritual soul, seek mate for eternal relationship. (1/18) ☎49874

Seeking Black Lady

Courteous, friendly, nice-looking white male, 50s, 6'2", 210lbs. Seeking mature, warm, kind-hearted black lady for committed relationship, conversation, fun. You'll like my voice. (1/25) ☎49929

SEEKING LADY FOR LASTING relationship with early 60s guy. Movies, home life, quiet evenings, glass of wine, ladies with disability OK. Race open. (1/25) ☎49925

MODERN MAN WITH universal values seeks a partner in crime. Into the arts, nature, yoga, swimming, travel, KPBS radio. 24, chemistry, communication, 38-48, petite brunette. (1/25) ☎49931

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 50, 6'1", 190lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Seeking mature, assertive, beautiful, sublime woman to show her the respect she deserves. (1/25) ☎49912

53, SLIM, FIT, humorous, divorced, father, degreed, mannered, fun, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, nonsmoker, sincere, feminine, trim, North County, for conversation, outings, possibly more. (1/18) ☎49898

57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8", medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy music, film, metaphysics, dining out, teacher, author, student, joyful. (1/18) ☎49877

49, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-50, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, relationship. (1/25) ☎49910

HONEST, CARING, EASYGOING, 50, 5'6", white male, financially secure. Looking for same, old fashion values a plus, age/race open, for long-term relationship. (1/25) ☎49917

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl looking for a lasting relationship. Please be slender and nice. I am 48, 160lbs., blond, blue, my daughter is 8. (1/25) ☎49907

MALE MASSAGE THERAPIST, 45, nice looking, tall, intelligent, funny, skilled in Swedish, Tui Wa, and deep tissue. seeking female massage counterpart for friendship and trades. (1/25) ☎49932

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent, professional seeking nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, casual entertainment, travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (1/18) ☎49896

IVORY MALE, Seeking Ebony female who likes being spoiled with love, honesty, and simple romance. Me tall, 43, attractive, shaved head, hazel eyes, big heart. (1/18) ☎49887

SEEKING A GOOD GIRL who wants to be bad! I'm Hispanic, 39, 5'11", 165lbs., attractive, fit, humorous and easygoing. Let's enjoy it together. Race unimportant. (1/18) ☎49893

HISPANIC MAN, 57, looking for lady for friendship. I'm a nonsmoker. I enjoy movies, quiet times together. I'm easygoing, honest and loyal. (1/25) ☎49919

6'2", EYES OF BLUE. Seeking Jewish woman, 35-50 with similar interests. Tennis, swimming, movies, theater, concerts and travel. (1/25) ☎49918

LOVING, COMMUNICATIVE, low-maintenance, monogamous, trustworthy, classy, educated, arts-oriented, highly accomplished, enlightened, passionate-soul. Seeking rare counterpart for home, travel, music, movies, fine dining, walks, outings, sensual, exploration, cuddling, true intimacy, 59, 5'10", dark, attractive. No confused burnouts! (1/25) ☎49922

HANDSOME, SINGLE, STILL searching for woman for long-term relationship. Not looking for casual dating or anyone not sincerely interested. You: 21-31, intelligent, funny, sweet. (1/25) ☎49901

TOMBOY, COUNTRY GIRL, Or from a small town: I'm 6'2" home in the country, 45, hike, nature, classic cars, passion, hot springs, singing around campfire. (1/18) ☎49878

ANATOMICALLY BLESSED, self-preserved Italian, easy on the eyes, 35, 6'2", 210lbs. Be a good nonartificial gifted girl. You've never been kissed like this. (1/25) ☎49908

IF YOU'RE 45-49, White, slender, nonsmoker, smart, playful; enjoy sunsets, candlelight dinner, wine, music, good conversation, laughter, sunrise, call me, 54. (1/18) ☎49883

NEW YEAR WITH ME, healthy fun guy, 61, good shape, wants counterpart for fun, as in travel, tennis, ocean, lakes, movies, adventure, and eventually love. (1/25) ☎49921

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Are you a flake?



Ian Ladran

Food Server

Imperial Beach

Sometimes…it happens when my friends will talk to me early in the night about going out and I'll get ready, but when it gets later and I'm tired, I'll bail on going. My friends will talk smack, but it's not like they hate me for it; most of them know I work three jobs and train for strongman competitions in my spare time. They know if I'm not carrying plates of food, I'm carrying hundred-pound buckets of sand around my back yard. One place I won't flake is work; it'd be impossible to have as many jobs as a Jamaican and be a flake.



Andrew Anguiano

Student

Bonita

I'm never a flake. Bro, you could set your watch to how on time I am to places. My friends know they can get ahold of me whenever they need me. I'll text message friends back the second they text me; it's dangerous because I'll be driving with my knees so I can text at the same time. I got one of those Sidekicks with the big screen, so I'm pretty good at text messaging; some people see me text messaging my girlfriend and say I'm Sidekicking like Van Damme. Van Damme's cool, though; I like that one movie he did where he was his own twin. I think I learned not to be a flake from my parents because they're both such hard workers, and I respect their strong work ethic.



Steven Troths

Student

Mission Valley

No. I don't think my friends would consider me a flake. If I say I'm going to do something, there's a 99 percent chance I'm going to do it. I have friends who are total flakes. It always happens. We'll plan on going to some bar, but when you call them they don't answer their phone; you're going to a bar as a group of ten, but it turns into a group of three. You call them, but they don't answer because they're watching TV all night. I blow it off, though; it's not a big deal. I know guys who say "call me tonight," and I automatically know they're going to flake; those people are more like acquaintances. One time I needed a ride to the airport, and everyone was out of town but this one guy and he didn't answer his phone; I had to take a cab, and that sucked. He needed me to do something later, and I told him, "Yeah, I'll totally do that for ya," but I didn't. Chicks are bigger flakes than guys are; they just plan around their own agenda.



Erin Kilpatrick

Lab Assistant

Pacific Beach

Not necessarily a flake, but I'm always late to everything. I always show up, but I'm always late by at least a half an hour. I always procrastinate and wait until the last minute; my friends are just as bad as me. My friends run late, so we're all on time together. I'm sure there're a couple [of friends who get annoyed], but they've gotten used to it. If it starts at 6, they tell me 5:30. My family never has set schedules.



Allison Fernandez

Administrative Assistant

Pacific Beach

Yes. I say that I'm going to call back, but I don't. Then I feel bad for not calling back, so I don't call them for even longer. I feel really guilty all the time about it. It should [change my ways], but it doesn't. Some of them remember, but some of them do the same thing. It's the way I am, and [my friends] gotta accept that. Mostly my family members get annoyed. I've flaked on graduations and weddings; it was laziness, really. It wasn't important enough. Usually [flaking] isn't intentional.



Annette Sagastume

Dental Assistant

Pacific Beach

Never. I'm very reliable; if I say I'm there, I'm there. Only to guys [do I flake]. I just think that you shouldn't say you're going to do something to anybody if you're not going to do it. So they [guys] will leave you alone, I'll tell them I'll meet them somewhere. It depends if I'm under the influence. I have friends that are flakes, but you get used to it after a while, when they've done it so many times.

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PICTURE STORY

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Janet Jones of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, 1954. During Christmas of 1954, PT&T hired 100 long-distance operators to handle the volume of calls. So prevalent were women as telephone operators in the ’50s that they served as managers at the company’s downtown business office (the former Jordan-Marsh store at Sixth and C).

— by Robert Mizrachi

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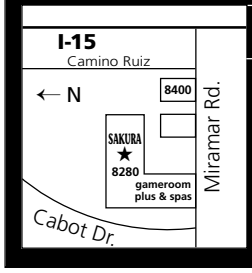

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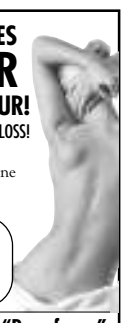

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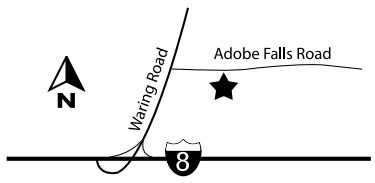

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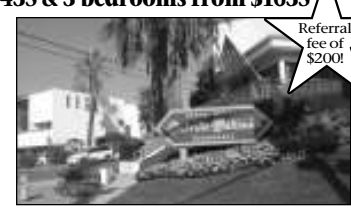

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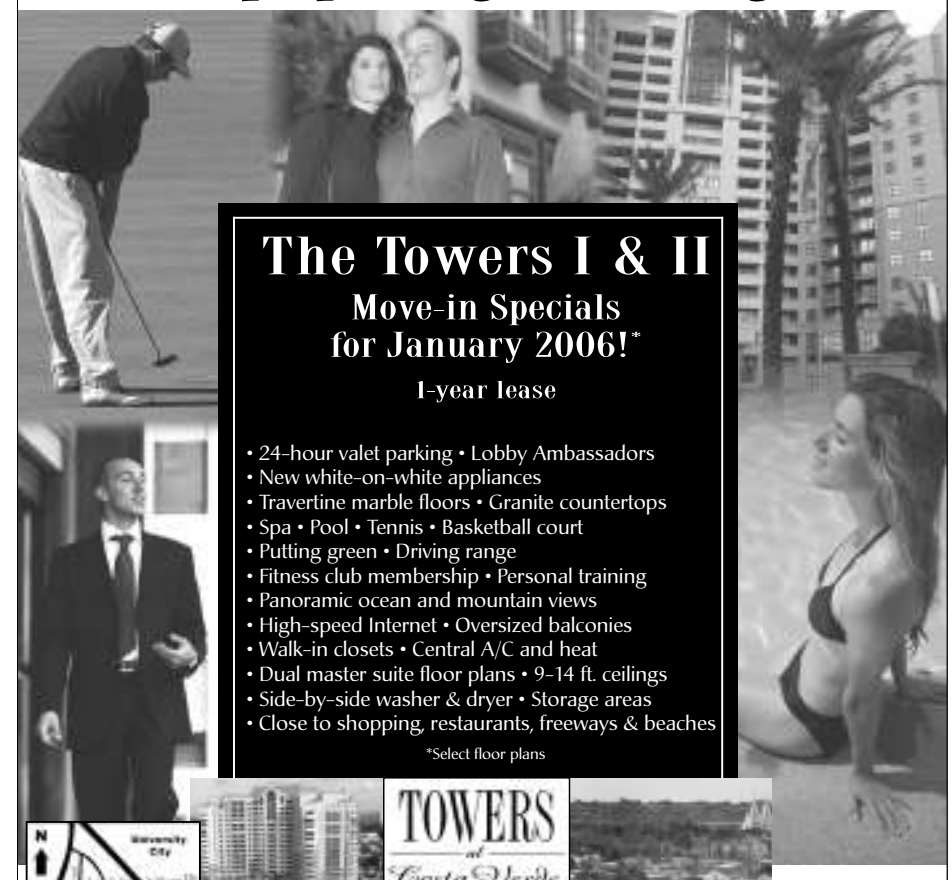

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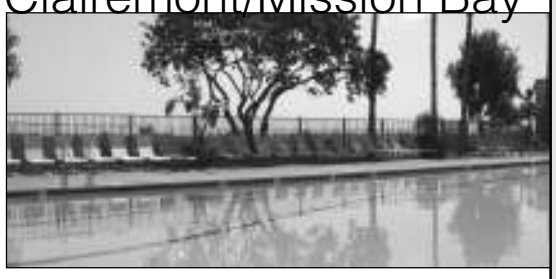

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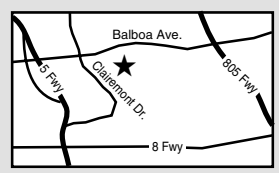

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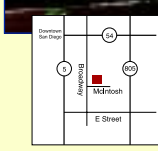

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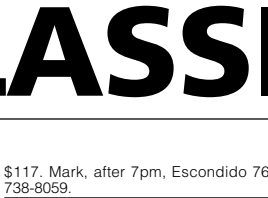

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LEAD STORIES

— (G)Ass Backward: To support its December rate-increase request, the Connecticut utility Yankee Gas Services said it needs more money because too many of its customers have lowered their bills by heeding calls to conserve energy. ... A November report commissioned by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce included the proposal that Congress replenish the federal Highway Trust Fund by imposing a tax on gas-saving hybrid cars (in that those cars consume less fuel than regular cars and therefore pay less in gasoline tax).

Cultural Diversity

— In South Korea, which has the highest rate of high-speed Internet use in the world, more than one-third of the population plays video games. Thus, an alarming number of obsessive gamers require counseling. So far, two deaths have occurred after, respectively, 50 and 86 straight hours of playing. According to an October Associated Press dispatch from Seoul, at the many Internet cafés, gamers "typically live on instant [noodles] and cigarettes, barely sleeping and seldom washing." Video games are also a spectator sport: Three cable channels show matches, and the government is building an electronic-sports "stadium," where competitions will be shown on big screens.

— Update: In 2001, "News of the Weird" reported on the southern Tibetan Mosuo people's tradition in which females nightly choose the men who will be their bed partners, but a September BBC News dispatch emphasized females' dominance in other aspects of the society (e.g., only women have the right to inherit property or raise children, with the "father" barely an occasional presence). BBC reported that the picturesque Mosuo region around Lugu Lake is now so popular with visitors that commerce is superseding Mosuo traditions.

Questionable Judgments

— (1) Police in Hampton, Va., knew who the suspect was for the robbery of a Wachovia Bank in October (a man named David Wescott, 44), but he got away. They learned his identity because, said witnesses, after he fled the bank with the money, he ran to a nearby cellular phone store to pay his bill before leaving the area. (2) Quebec's La Fromagerie Boivin announced in October that, even with divers and high-tech equipment, it had given up on finding the nearly one ton of cheese that it had sunk underwater in 2004 north of Quebec City in a plan to improve its taste.

— Andrew Uitvlugt, candidate for mayor of Kelowna, British Columbia, proposed in November to coax drug addicts into public jobs, such as trash collection, by rewarding them with crack cocaine, on the theory that the work would be so fulfilling that they would ultimately decline the drugs. (He finished fourth out of five candidates.)

— Hair Mania: (1) Pontypool, Wales, bus driver Mark Davis had his hair colored red, with an actual (small) fir Christmas tree woven in, along with a string of lights (according to a December BBC News report, with photo). "It gives everyone a laugh," he said, but "It's very difficult to sleep with it." (2) An October profile in the *Jamaica Star* reported on barber Darain Housen, 40, who is well-known in St. Thomas parish as the guy who has shaped his hair in the form of a baseball cap, with the bill extending out a couple of inches over his forehead.

More Animals' Weird Mating Habits

— In September, scientists from the Institute of Marine Research in Vigo, Spain, described, likely for the first time, the probable mating ritual of giant squid (which are typically 50 feet long, with eight legs and two tentacles, living in the blackness of the ocean a mile down). Based on examining five squid stranded on a beach in Spain, they posited that the larger female could rather easily resist the male, whose eight-foot-long, hypodermic needle-like penis is wielded so clumsily that he could mistakenly inseminate another passing male, or his own tentacle.

— Even though bonobos (small chimpanzees found in the Democratic Republic of Congo) are among the most copulating animals on Earth, poaching has dropped their population by 90 percent in the last 25 years, according to a September dispatch in London's *Daily Telegraph*. Explained the director of a primate orphanage in Kinshasa, mellow bonobos enlist for sex immediately upon sensing any danger, stress or friction: "They also have sex for pleasure, but most of the time, it's a way of making peace."

Least Competent Criminals

— In New Braunfels, Texas, in November, Robert Villarreal, 34, was sentenced to 50 years in prison after he sold drugs to the same undercover officer for the third time in a 14-year period. He had actually argued "entrapment," claiming that for the first sale, in 1988, he was so young that he shouldn't be expected to remember later what the officer looked like.

— In September, Washington, D.C., police charged George Haynes with three robberies and suspect he is the man who committed two dozen more in the area since being paroled in 2004. Haynes was fingered for the latest robberies after he violated parole in July and was fitted with a global positioning satellite tracking device, linked to his ankle monitor. He apparently was not aware that police then knew his whereabouts 24 hours a day, to within a few feet, and found that Haynes was in the exact area of the three robberies at the exact, odd hours in which they occurred.

Clumsy People with Guns (all-new)

— People who accidentally shot themselves recently: A 22-year-old driver, in the abdomen (gun in waistband) while reaching down to pick up money (Colorado Springs, Colo., October). A 34-year-old hunter, in the foot, where his rifle was pointed while he was loading it (Barrington, N.H., November). A 15-year-old boy, in the hand with a shotgun he was building based on instructions he had downloaded from the Internet (Round Rock, Texas, November). A 59-year-old man, in the hand, while removing his gun from a hook in the men's room at a gun show (Faribault, Minn., November). A 22-year-old man, in the leg, when his propped-up rifle fell over while he was posing for photographs with a deer he had just killed (Lawrenceburg, Tenn., December).

Recurring Themes

— More Pain-Resistant People Scamming Insurance Companies: A 50-year-old dentist in Amsterdam, Netherlands, received only a suspended sentence in November for a scheme in which he had chopped off a finger but then staged a car accident to claim the equivalent of about $2.2 million for the finger-maiming under his auto policy. … In November, a 35-year-old man in St. Johann, Austria, was arrested for trying to claim the equivalent of about $1.17 million in insurance based on his severed finger from a bicycle injury, when, according to police, he had actually placed his finger on a rail and let a train run over it.

Thinning the Herd

— (1) A 23-year-old man was found dead of smoke inhalation in a burning house in Billings, Mont., in November. Police said that to the best of their knowledge it was the man who started the fire in two rooms to cover up the burglary he had just committed but he wasn't able to get out of the house in time. (2) And in Reseda, Calif., in September, one man was killed and his pal wounded in a shootout as they attempted a random carjacking but didn't realize that men in the targeted car were FBI agents on surveillance.

CORRECTION: In November, "News of the Weird" reported that a great white shark tracked 12,400 miles over nine months, ostensibly in search of sex, was a male. It was female.

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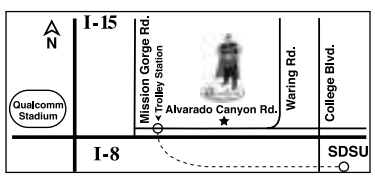



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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

After six years of self-imposed abstinence, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* has reopened its entertainment pages to X-rated movie ads. In reversing a 1969 decision by former publisher James Copley, the *U-T* management, now headed by Copley's widow Helen, cited the results of a poll that showed 68 percent of the paper's readers felt the X-rated ban was a "form of censorship."

—CITY LIGHTS: **"LIFTING THE BAN,"** *Paul Krueger, January 8, 1976*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Here's a simple question: How the heck did Mayor Pete Wilson happen to land a nationally televised interview with Howard Cosell on the night of December 22, 1980? You remember, it was during the Chargers-Steelers Monday-night football game, and Cosell broke the ice by saying, "Now, I understand, Mayor Wilson, that it was your idea to name the stadium after Jack Murphy.…"

"That's right, Howard. Jack Murphy was…" began the mayor.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"TELLING IT LIKE THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT MIGHT BE, UNLESS, OF COURSE, IT'S NOT THAT WAY AT ALL,"** *Neal Matthews, January 15, 1981*

Twenty Years Ago

Reporters who sought an interview with Roger Hedgecock in the waning days of his mayoral administration had to assure Hedgecock's press secretary that they would ask no questions about his two trials, the aborted attempts at a plea bargain, or the severe penalties sought by prosecutors. Following Hedgecock's December 10 resignation and sentencing hearing, the list of taboo subjects grew to include his plans to appeal the verdict, the impending mayoral election, and political issues in and around city hall.

—THE INSIDE STORY, *Paul Krueger, January 16, 1986*

Fifteen Years Ago

Flaherty dismisses any claims of racial crimes in O.B. solely because a police spokesperson says as much. As a resident, I personally have known of small groups of white supremacists living in O.B. from Nazis in the early 1970s, Klan-types in the late '70s, and racist skinheads in the '80s. I personally tore down two posters off of O.B. stop signs calling for a "race riot." There are prejudiced individuals living in our community, and now and then, their actions and words become publicly known.

—LETTERS: **"SLAM DEBUNK,"** *Frank Gormlie, Ocean Beach, January 17, 1991*

Ten Years Ago

On May 5, 1992, LaTwon Weaver entered Shadowridge Jewelers in Vista's Shadowridge Shopping Center. Holding a .44-caliber Magnum, he herded the two saleswomen and the owner to the rear of the store. According to witnesses, business owner Michael Broome was cooperating when suddenly Weaver opened fire. Broome fell to the floor, where he bled to death before onlookers.

Weaver, a young black man (he was 23 at the time), had no prior criminal record. He had assisted his father, the Reverend Ray Weaver, minister of the Southern Missionary Baptist Church in Inglewood. A student in private Christian schools, LaTwon sang in his father's church choir. In April 1992 he moved to Vista, where he was told jobs were plentiful.

—**"WILL CALIFORNIA KILL LATWON WEAVER?"** *Hawkins Mitchell, January 11, 1996*

Five Years Ago

Leorah's father greeted me at the door.… "In case Leorah didn't tell you," he said, rubbing his palms together briskly, "ours is a vegetarian household. We eat no meat of *any kind*. We hope you'll respect that."

He gazed at me as if he suspected I had a standing rib roast hidden in my backpack.



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We sat around the kitchen table. In front of me sat a nice big bowl of the stuff Leorah's mother had whipped up in her food processor. Pineapple, carrots, apples, oranges, walnuts, and plenty of bran. (But no honey. "It's stealing from the bees," Leorah's father hissed.) Leorah and her mother and father stared at me. The frothy, pulpy muesli was so rich in fiber that even a termite would have had a hard time digesting it.

—TIP OF MY TONGUE: **"BRAN,"** *Max Nash, January 11, 2001*

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UP-IN-ARMS MOTHER-IN-LAW
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Dear Up-in-Arms,

If a family member has died and your son-in-law wants to attend the funeral, I don't think that's unreasonable. Perhaps the party can be postponed. Then, if possible, your son-in-law, daughter, and their children can all go to Sacramento to comfort his mother on the loss of her brother. Later, when the grieving is over and people are in a more celebratory mood, the party can take place with everyone in attendance.

Dear Saffron,

We recently got a dog. The kids love her, and she's very good with them and generally a sweet creature. She barks a little, but not much. Recently we noticed a strange new sound coming from our next-door neighbor's house. It sounds like a hunting horn or a shofar. It's not a pleasant noise. It's loud and screechy. All the dogs in the neighborhood howl and bark in response to it. The sound probably hurts their ears. I assumed that the little kid next door was learning to play an instrument and that gradually the screech would turn into music as she gained skill in playing. I know that at least a couple of neighbors have heard this noise, too. When the wife from this next-door couple was out in her yard pulling weeds, I asked her if their little girl was taking clarinet lessons. She said, "No." I then asked if the girl was learning some other musical instrument because I thought I'd heard someone practicing. She said, "We don't like it when your new dog barks so we bought her a horn and told her to blow it as loud as she can whenever she hears your dog." I was horrified. Speechless. I asked five other neighbors if they have been bothered by our dog. No one was, but they all said something like, "It's that crazy horn on the other side of you that bugs us." The horn-playing neighbors also have a dog who barks (a great deal more than ours, I might add) and who now yowls like crazy whenever this awful horn is played. Do you have any advice for me about how to approach these neighbors to share the information that it is they who are the noise polluters on the block?

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Dear Not a Horn Fan,

Humans are amazing. These people claim to crave silence in the neighborhood, but could they have done anything more counterproductive? If you are close with any of the neighbors who complained of being annoyed by this horn, maybe they'd be willing to be deputized to visit the horn household on behalf of the entire block and plead for sanity. The horn blowers apparently need it patiently explained to them that trumpet blasts don't quiet barking dogs — they only upset canines and make them even noisier. Unless these people want to start a block-wide dog chorus that could tour and end up at Carnegie Hall, they need to cease and desist immediately. In addition to making the vicinity much noisier and making themselves unpopular, they are also setting a strange example for their small daughter about how adults resolve conflict.

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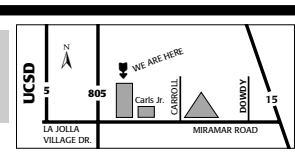

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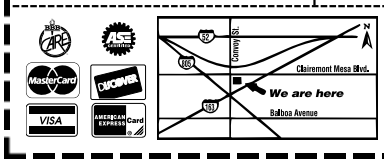

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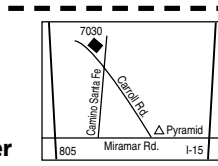

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JERI KEMPLE

AMERICAN WOMAN

My life before my husband came into it was out of control. Divorce, incest, neglect, abandonment, promiscuity, alcoholism, drug addiction — just to name some of the elements throwing my life out of whack. I could bore you with the details and the degrees of hurt and shame that followed, but expressing these issues is enough. It is enough explanation needed to express how miraculous it is that I am where I am now, unscathed. Functioning as a positive aspect of people's lives is my primary incentive. My purpose, regardless of where I live or what my job is, is to stay positive. I have one of my favorite quotes taped up on the cupboard in my kitchen: "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome — Booker T. Washington."

This quote means many things to me. Success is relative to what one thinks is important to excel at. Success is crucial to happiness — this is an important aspect of my personality, I am capable of becoming spiritless if I am not stimulated, nurturing my intellectual self. I associate achievement with improving my artistic ability as well. Being well-rounded and balanced is also an aspect of how I feel successful. Every day I focus on being the most positive person I can, for my family and myself. Some days I slip and become blue, but I realize different aspects of my personality and other issues to conquer.

I feel successful in my life. I have broken many dysfunctional patterns, as did my mother for me, and her mother for her. My sister is making life better for my nieces. Better than it was for us as children. I feel all parents should strive to accomplish this for their children.

I have done many things that make me feel successful in my life: I have lived abroad (Norway); I have gone to college (for two years); I have had two children (2 and 7 years old); I have two beautiful stepchildren (13 and 10 years old); I married the man of my dreams; I am close to my siblings; I have made artwork I think is beautiful (because it expresses emotion); I have nurtured my children; I have been steadfast in my life. (These few things are not in order of importance.) I have come far but still have a long way to go.

My children will get older, and my life will take on new meaning. I will once more be focused on what I want to do with the rest of my life, and I will have plenty of time — I became a mother at 21 years of age. In some ways life will get easier as my children get older, and in some ways life will become much harder. I will need to face some of the issues that have kept me from continuing my education. Feeling incapable, or feeling overwhelmed, or wondering if I am choosing the right career path. I have wanted to become an art therapist since I was a young girl. I used to have an "art therapy help wanted" ad framed in my bedroom. I would look at it and dream about my future patients. People with autism or Alzheimer's, individuals fighting cancer or some other terminal illness, children whose parents have abused them, or children who have lost a parent.

My grandmother wanted to be an art teacher. She had the opportunity once; a man who admired her had offered to pay her way through college. She didn't take him up



on the offer. Perhaps this is part of the reason that I want to be in the art field. I am certain I want to be in the field of psychology because of what I have come through. I am also positive I can help. I really want to help humanity see things more clearly. I want people to understand that what they do now affects generations to come. I also want to pay tribute to my grandmother, who helped to make a difference in the way her grandchildren help generations to come.

Maybe someday my husband and I will move to a city that has a university with art-therapy program. Or maybe I will realize that I should just give up on the notion — chalk it up as one of those things you love but never do. Not everybody gets to have all of her dreams come true. Some lucky few do. I used to believe I was one of the lucky few. I still do, in some aspects — like how beautiful my children are, or how lucky I am to be an American woman; that alone (in a worldwide perspective), is about as lucky as one can get.

I hope someday I can make my luck count and pay it forward, make someone happy by giving her an outlet to solve her problems. An outlet that helped me remain sane and happy through all of my unnerving experiences. Maybe someday I'll get into explaining these things, but for now, I am happy to keep moving on. Staying balanced and healthy.

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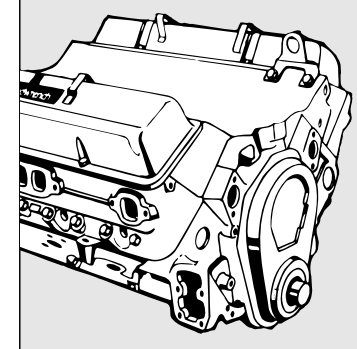

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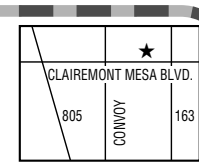

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ATTEMPTED CARJACKING

Location: 13323 Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard, Rancho Peñasquitos

Date/Time: 7:34 p.m. on 12/21/05

Incident: The victim, a white female, 41, was sitting in her parked Honda Accord talking on her cell phone



when a white male, 20s, dark complexion, approached her driver's side door. He pulled the door open and had his hand tucked in his waistband, simulating a handgun. He told the victim that he was armed and to get out of the car. The female refused to comply and demanded to see the weapon. The suspect then gave up and fled the scene on foot.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT

Location: 1602 University, University Heights

Time/Date: 3:10 p.m. on 12/25/05

Officer's Investigation: Officer M. Dewitt #5971 and I received a radio call to check two males who were fighting at the 7-11 store. When responding to the location, SDPD air support unit (ABLE) advised they were flying overhead at the location. ABLE advised there were three males detaining the suspect on the ground. Officer DeWitt took custody of the suspect. The suspect identified himself as Carols C. with a DOB of 9-11-1962. I spoke to the 7-11 clerks and took their statements.

Jamie M. said he was working behind the counter when the suspect entered the store. M. did not pay attention to the suspect.... After a couple of minutes, M.'s co-worker told him that the suspect was walking towards the front door with two packs of Corona beer. M. told the suspect to stop and pay for the beer. The suspect ignored him and continued to walk out the front door.

M. said he ran outside and confronted the suspect. He told the suspect to return the beer if he could not pay for it. The suspect told him, "I'm leaving and I'm taking the beer with me. I'll kill you if you don't let me leave with the beer."

The suspect then put the two twelve-packs of beer on the ground and said, "I'm going to kill you now." The suspect punched M. in the right eye with his left fist.

M. grabbed the suspect with the assistance of two other unidentified white males. They forced the suspect down to the ground and detained him.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND MAYHEM

Location: [13000] Pomerado Road, Poway

Time/Date: 1:55 a.m. on 12/22/05



Incident: Antonio A. (suspect), Roger G. (victim), and Allen C. (witness) were together in the apartment drinking beer. Apparently, unprovoked, A. attacked G. with a 9" long serrated knife, taken from the victim's kitchen. The injuries to G. were substantial and life-threatening. G. suffered deep cuts to the left side of his face. His left ear was cut in half. G.'s right hand was cut deeply in three places. One of the cuts to the hand severed tendons connecting to the thumb. C. is credited with keeping G. from bleeding to death via his use of direct pressure on G.'s wounds.

C. provided a description of A. to deputies. This resulted in A. being quickly located nearby and arrested. A. was uncooperative and had to be physically subdued to be taken into custody. C. positively identified Allen at a curbside lineup.

ROBBERY AND ASSAULT

Location: 400 Deep Dell Road, Skyline

Time/Date: 6:50 p.m. on 12/25/05



Officer's Investigation: I was dispatched to a report of a battery at the corner of Paradise Valley Road and Deep Dell Road. While en route to the call, it was updated to say that the victim (Charles H.) had moved to the corner of Deep Dell Road and Brookhaven Road.

H. told me that he was riding his bicycle north...against a red light. A white Toyota Corolla was westbound. He and the Toyota nearly collided. H. continued north across the street. He saw the Toyota make a U-turn...and then pull up near him. The taller of the two suspects was driving. Both suspects got out of the car and yelled at him: "What the fuck are you doing in the middle of the street?" The driver then punched him once in the face, knocking him to the ground. Both suspects began kicking H., who dropped his cell phone as he fell. The shorter of the suspects picked up his cell phone. A transit bus then turned onto Deep Dell Road and stopped at the adjacent bus stop. When the bus stopped, both suspects got back into their car. They pulled forward, making a U-turn. The bus driver brought H. onto the bus and called police for him.

STABBING

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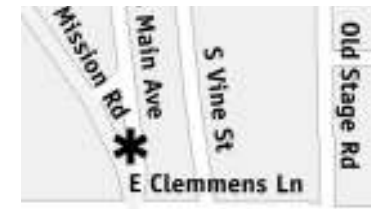

Incident: Deputies responded to an assault with a deadly weapon at Robertito's Taco Shop. Upon arrival, [they] found an adult male who had been stabbed several times in the back and lower abdomen. According to witnesses, the victim became involved in an altercation with another group of males while eating in the restaurant. The confrontation turned violent, and the victim was assaulted and stabbed. The suspects, who were described only as six or seven Hispanic males, fled in a white sport-utility–type vehicle.

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"She stayed there a little longer, and then she went to Mississippi to help with the Katrina recovery. So I've been using it for four or five months. I put two new tires on the front and had the oil changed and had it tuned up, just to be nice. And when she got back she was thinking about selling it, so I said I'd buy it from her. I'm going to give her the first payment this week."

I say, "You must like the car."

"Yeah, it's cool," he says. "Especially now with the gas prices, it beats driving a V-8 Chevy Vortec 305 and watching the gas gauge drop every time you punch the gas."

I tell him, "A couple years ago, I bought a Dodge Ram because I was hoping to get a trailer for a weekend getaway. But I didn't get a trailer, and I don't even enjoy driving the truck anymore, it slurps so much gas."

"I know how you feel," Brian says, "Especially now when I'm back in school, the Jetta is helping a lot. I fill it up like every other week. And it runs great."

"You don't feel any less macho after moving from the truck to the Jetta?"

"I'm not too worried about my image," Brian says. "When I get a job, maybe I can afford to worry about my ego a little more. But until then, we're fine.

"The only complaint I've got with the Jettas is the back side windows. The back side windows won't close all the way. You can see, they're both about an inch down. You always see that on Jettas.

"This model is called the K-2. I'm not sure what that means. Maybe it's got a better undercarriage for driving in the mountains to go skiing. But if they make it for the cold weather, they should make the back windows go up all the way.

"But it's a sporty little car, a five-speed. And if I want to throw a surfboard in, I just go through the trunk and pop the back seat down and it goes in right over the front passenger seat. And the trunk is big. Right now I've got a big cooler in there and my golf clubs and a bunch of other stuff.

"I'll probably get another truck after this car. Growing up in Ramona, you get used to throwing stuff in the back of the truck and not worrying about whether it'll fit. But if gas keeps going up, I might stick with cars."

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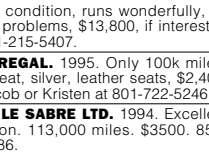

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He turns back around before I need to say anything, and the measured language comes from him to his buddy again, and I'm ignored again and the fire alarms in my head finally shut off and I think I'm going to pass out, but that would look a *little* suspicious, so I wave back and forth on my feet on the corner with two policia, ignoring me. Sunlight tumbles down the mountain above town, pops off the palm trees like golden fireworks in the air, and shatters across the waves. I'm another gringo in another ugly shirt overlooking another Mexican beach and I sigh.

Since I've been here nobody's given a damn about me. Boxy federale armored vehicles with rifle barrels that stick out — black like coffin nails through canvas curtains — roll by on the street, and the federale gunmen ignore me. Policia in shiny crisp uniforms on cobblestone corners ignore me. No one could give a sweet goddamn if I'm here or not, except the street vendors, looking for another peso. Thank the heavens. I'm another gringo.

At the peeling wooden sign that reads "Red Onions," I bound up the steps, cross into the dark shadow of the bar, and pull a stool underneath me. A sort-of cold bottle of cerveza and a plate of sort-of hot rolled tacos clink against the bar. The smell of limes cuts the taste of guacamole, and the gold beer fizzles. "Another cerveza," calls another gringo to Hector, the bartender. Another cerveza.

Mexican TV makes no sense to me. Since I've been in this bar, since I've worked through the taquitos and poured down the thin water of three beers, there's been the lamest chase scene imaginable up on screen. The aerial shot shows only the top of a tiny white Ford Bronco cruising the asphalt with police cars loping along after it in slow motion.

"What show is this?" I ask the bartender.

"This is not a show, amigo," Hector informs me while he wipes out a shot glass with a white towel. "That is football star, OJ Simpson, in his truck running from the police."

"What?!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

YOU BELONG TO ME FOREVER

LIFE 7:00 P.M.

Here's a movie that the director can't brag about to women he just met. "Oh, have you seen my movie, *You Belong to Me Forever*?" Come out with that one in the first ten minutes of meeting someone and all you'll be left with is the faint odor of burnt rubber and the fading glow of taillights.

THE OFFICE

NBC 9:30 P.M.

Working in an office is terrible and boring. The game "How Many Rooms Can I Masturbate In?" can help pass the time.



The Office

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

O'REILLY FACTOR

FNC 8:00 P.M.

Now that I'm making big money as a writer, I need a manservant. Someone I can ride around, piggyback fashion, and sniff his ears.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

ABC 8:00 P.M.

All I ask is that the poker be red hot and you get both orbs from lens to retina, clean through.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS 2

VH1 6:00 P.M.

If I gag my mouth with an apple, plug my right ear, and push rhythmically on my bellybutton, I can whistle "Black Dog" by Led Zeppelin. I'm not going to do it in church, though, you sicko.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

EBERT AND ROEPER

NBC 6:30 P.M.

Roger Ebert looks like a bowl of microwaved tuberculosis. If he came near me on the street, I'd flick a coin at him and run the other way doing that close-to-the-chest, tyrannosaurus-arm thing that people do when bugs fly at their faces and I'd be yelling, "yeeiggyeeeiggyeeiggy!"

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

BLIND DATE

WB 11:30 A.M.

If you get nervous meeting new people, all you have to do is remember everyone, from your sainted grandmother to Mother Teresa, from George W. Bush to Bill Gates (everyone!), has itched their butthole and sniffed their finger. At least once; c'mon, if you say you haven't you're lying.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

NAKED SCIENCE

NGC 8:00 P.M.

If I have to hear "science is cool" one more time, I swear to God I will compress air in my lungs and force it past my vocal cords, causing high-decibel sound energy to emit from my oral cavity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

PLASTIC SURGERY: BEFORE AND AFTER

DHC 9:00 P.M.

Oh, sweet mercy. Please, don't let me turn to this program during any of the "operating room" shots. The blood and cuts are bad enough, but when they're combined with the ballpoint markings made by the doctors, it makes my eyes roll back and my mouth get a little too wet. Please, don't let me see this.

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By John Brizzolara

I think I might assume that I am not alone in the aftermath of the holidays (whatever you need to call them), surrounded by yet unchucked gift wrappings, batteries; maybe your tree is still in the living room aging as fine kindling, and one or more of your kids has been locked away in his or her room entranced by the novelty of a new video game. My son (and flatmate) Jason has been at this same one for years now, and he has reached level whatever-it-is and has all the refinements, upgrades, and whistles. Your offspring may seem to lock themselves away, to emerge for meals, maybe a job or school (if they can be forced away from the screen), and speak a foreign — alien, really — language invented by brilliant, likely neurotic, young, likely pimpled online role-playing designers to cement whatever barricades may already exist between parents and their son/daughter players. I'm betting enough can relate here.

But kick this Other-World/Alienation factor up a few notches, well into the red-marked obsessive/compulsive/addiction, add a clinical diagnosis of schizophrenia and schiz-affect disorder, and we are firmly in my post-holiday terrain. Oh, minus the job or school.

When I asked him last night, as I have several times with some decent results, what I should write about for my column, his first suggestion was the high surf along the coast. This surprised me and pleased me because I immediately saw the poetic imagery, the Jungian backdrop for tumultuous emotions of unimaginable force gathering them upright, poising them for a brief moment before dashing themselves where they may onto the shores of consciousness. And I might still do it if the surf's up, but I don't want to get waylaid by tracking down actual facts from the Weather Bureau, the Coast Guard, what have you.

His second suggestion was to write about video games, "You know, the culture of video gamers. But I guess you've done that."

Yeah, I have, but that's not really what he meant, anyway. This was an invitation to the world he inhabits, where he knows the language, the imaginary people or creatures, the wild geography, and surreal furniture. "Well," I said, "give me some ideas. What's interesting? How does this relate to your life? Your world? Or does it?" This last question seemed almost cruel, though I did not mean it to be. Jason's world can be triangulated with his bedroom, Sav-On a block away, and Big Lots farther down University. In that area is a fast-food Mexican joint he'll frequent, but expeditions outside the apartment are not even daily some weeks.

While encouraging him to wax on about this cyber fantasy realm he inhabits, I found myself taking notes on the back of Tobias Wolff's *Old School*. This morning, I see I have written, "...downloading a patch, one hour, slow. The New Year's patch has Santa gone, but you can click [quoting Jason] on these Christmas gifts he left behind, and inside there'll be, like, a little bell, and when you ring it, a reindeer comes and does certain things for you. 'I was selling enchantments at an auction house, and I let someone overpay 40 gold and 40 silver. I kept it for a whole day before I gave him back his money.'" Jason was talking about game currency, but there was a real-life player on the other end of this transaction, and Jason seemed troubled by this moral lapse on his part. I suppose that was a good thing.

Other notes I had jotted were: "...servers, PVP (Player vs. Player), P.K. (Player Killer) — when you kill a character you own them? Own? Jason in Illuminati Guild. Korean player recently kicked out by consensus for reckless attacks on others. Thinks she is Korean; thinks she was a girl but talked like a guy. This allegedly Korean berserker is a real player (in Korea) and seems incoherent, giggly, and insane in her e-messages. Maybe language thing."

Like an auxiliary travel guidebook, I referred to the bible, that is, *The World of WarCraft Player's Guide*. This is daunting. Here were over 200 pages with chapters on Corpse Retrieval, Resurrection Spells, Resurrection Sickness, What it Means to Level, Weapons Availability, Betrayer Ascendant, and so much more. As we spoke, me listening mostly, gaping, I was put in mind of a book popular in the 1950s and early '60s called *The Fifty Minute Hour*, a collection of true psychoanalytic tales, by Robert Lindner. One section of the book, "The Jet-Propelled Couch," was concerned with a patient of Lindner's, a physicist in an important government project, who had, over many years, constructed this vast



The World of WarCraft

web of trans-galactic, science-fictional reality over which he, in some capacity or other, either ruled or wielded great influence. Lindner, the shrink, was an old sci-fi fan and found the delusion fascinating. He attempted to enter the delusion and was so successful he alarmed himself at points when he discovered flaws in the delusional logic. I wondered if this sort of thing might be a hazard with me. I think I can rely on the fact that games, in most of their forms (beside trivia question games), bore me senseless.

But here was a conversation. Can I somehow use this world as an entrée into some very important stuff that otherwise Jason will not discuss: dangerous weight gain from psych meds, a two- or three-year-long inability to read much of anything outside of the world of WarCraft that I am convinced is linked somehow to myself and am now finding contagious? Some sort of rudimentary job threatening his state disability checks needs to be broached; and simple matters of laundry, hygiene, his agoraphobia all need to be addressed with no way in.

In the end, he senses my lack of interest and retreats again into his room. "Goodnight, Buddy," I say and tell him that I love him

"Okay," he says through the closed door. Schiz-affect. And while I know that isn't contagious, I am left flailing in the living room with my Wolff novel trying to access and download my capacity for tears.

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