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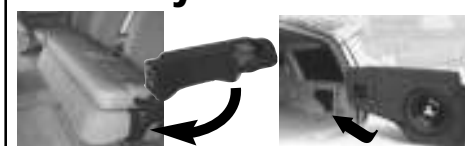
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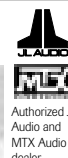
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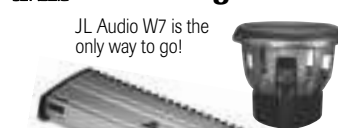
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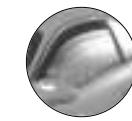
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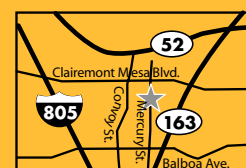
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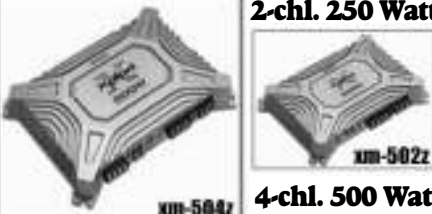
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Duke's donations Congressman **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, who pled guilty last year to accepting \$2.4 million in bribes from defense contractors, has been using campaign money to pay for the pricey legal talents of the Washington law firm of O'Melveny & Myers. According to his recently filed campaign disclosure report, O'Melveny received \$500,000 on December 2 and another \$70,000 on December 29. That money, raised from contributors to Cunningham's now-abandoned reelection bid, is in addition to funds that Cunningham is raising through a legal defense fund that the House Ethics Committee allowed him to set up in September; the Federal Election Commission, which regulates campaign financing, approved Cunningham's use of the campaign funds for defense purposes.

The balance of Cunningham's campaign expenditures of \$769,254 went for such items as an April poll and miscellaneous office costs. On September 25, the campaign paid \$3500 to Jamestown Associates of Princeton, New Jersey; the company's website says it's "a full service Republican political and public affairs consulting firm." Cunningham ended up refunding a total of



Randy Cunningham

\$17,500 to disgruntled contributors such as the Cubic Corporation Employees PAC (\$2000) and the American Sugar Beet Growers Association PAC (\$1000). Individuals receiving refunds included retired book peddler **Arthur Brody** (\$1000) and Washington lobbyist **Nicholas Cavarocchi**. None of Cunningham's biggest contributors, such as Titan Corporation PAC, which gave \$10,000, and the Science Applications International Corporation Voluntary Political Action Committee, which kicked in \$3000, received refunds. In October and December, Cunningham also paid out a total of \$13,684 in "excess funds" to the National Republican Congressional Committee. During the last half of 2005, the embattled congressman took in total contributions of \$245,435.

Only a few very loyal donors gave money to Cunningham's campaign fund after the *Union-Tribune* broke the story on June 12 of his having sold his house in a sweetheart deal to defense contractor **Mitchell Wade**. They included Solana Beach's **Robert Liddington** of the Burnham Institute, who gave \$1000 on July 6; Carlsbad's **Gregory Lucier**, chairman and CEO of Invitrogen, \$500 on July 6; and Rancho Santa Fe's **John Reed**, also of the Burnham Institute, \$1000 on July 9.

Air Vargas The top special-interest group backing Democrat **Juan Vargas's** congressional primary challenge against **Bob Filner** is made up of insurance and finance companies that last year gave him a total of \$42,280. Top donors included the American Bankers Association and the Pacific Life Insurance Company Political



Juan Vargas

Individual backers of Vargas included airport authority chairman **Joe Craver** and financier **John Chalker**, whom many expect to lead the battle to move Lindbergh Field to Miramar over the objections of the Pentagon; Chalker's partner **Luis Maizel**; airport authority PR consultant **Marlee Ehrenfeld**; **Pete Wilson** stalwart **John Davies**; city hall lobbyist and downtown library backer **Jim Dawe**; **Mike Aguirre** opponent **Leslie Devaney**; and San Diego mayoral staffer **Kris Michell**.



Bob Filner

Law and disorder When **Jorge Hank Rhon**, who has been linked by some U.S. law enforcement officials to Mexican drug gangs, was elected mayor of Tijuana in 2004, skeptics wondered what it meant for law and order in the sprawling border city. A week ago, 1500 protestors dressed in white said they had the answer: kidnappings and murders are way up. After that bout of bad PR, Hank has come up with a new gambit: a



Jorge Hank Rhon

"Press Tour" next Wednesday to feature Tijuana's "progress in improving public security, infrastructure, housing, tourism and commercial industry."

According to an invitation, American reporters will be whisked to the border via free bus from the Santa Fe Depot. After a tour of a maquiladora plant, the journalists will be welcomed by the mayor to "the new Command Center of Tijuana's Municipal Police" and be taken to Revolución Avenue to meet **Rogelio Arrendondo Guillén**, "Sub General Commander & Chief of the Tourist Section and International Border for the new bilingual police." There is a final event: "With the purpose of having an interchange of fresh ideas with local communication media, luncheon will be hosted by Mayor Jorge Hank, at 'La Hacienda' restaurant in the Grand Hotel Tijuana, with musical entertainment provided by the Municipal Police Band 'Los Tenientes de Tijuana.'"

— Matt Potter

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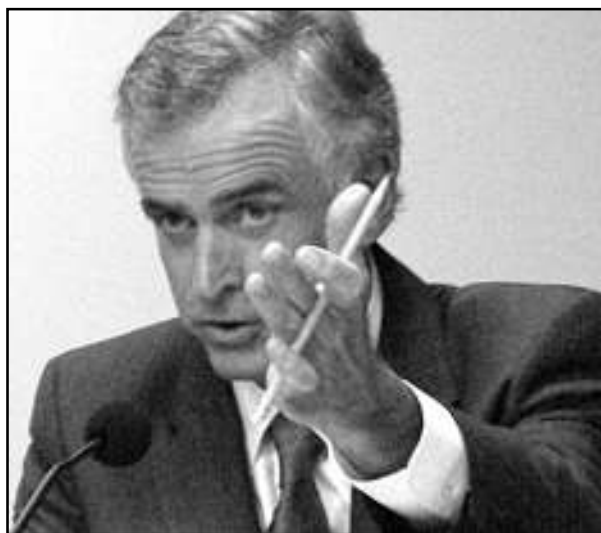
Sanders Man Knows Bootleg Money Game

By Don Bauder and Matt Potter

In his 56 years, James T. Waring has worn many hats: real estate developer, attorney, high-tech investor, environmentalist, and close advisor to a Las Vegas mobster's wealthy daughter. Waring was also involved with the late gangster's trust and with his daughter's charity, the

potential to revolutionize, for better or worse, the city's real estate, land use, and development policies.

It's still too early to say what



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOOD

James Waring

Angelica Foundation, based in tony Rancho Santa Fe.

But it's Waring's latest calling that has city hall buzzing. He's Mayor Jerry Sanders's director of land use and economic development, a powerful new post that has the

Waring, who took office late last month, is up to. He didn't return repeated phone calls seeking comment, nor did Sanders's staff or many who know Waring from his days as an attorney in the downtown law firm headed by Roy Mor-

row Bell, husband of *Union-Tribune* columnist Diane Bell.

Last October, Waring was appointed to the board of the embattled city employees' pension system, but he resigned that seat when he was named to his current post. According to a mayoral news release of January 10, Waring is co-founder and co-owner of FI Financial. It is one of several entities that own the land on which Scripps Research Institute is located, according to Reza Paydar, a La Jolla real estate entrepreneur and Waring's partner in FI and other projects.

In the January news release, Sanders played up Waring's environmental ties and praised his business acumen. "He will oversee four principal areas: real estate assets, development services, planning and community and economic development," the release said. Waring will make \$168,000 a year.

"Waring has never served in government — and the Mayor thinks that is a good thing," the release continued.

Waring takes over an ambitious agenda for even the most experienced urban-development hand, let alone for a low-profile member of the bar whose most prominent local public-land-use role has been as a member of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy advisory committee.

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Former San Diego city councilwoman Abbe Wolfsheimer Stutz, now a deputy city attorney who has been probing the city's troubled Real Estate Assets Department, says she recently spoke with Waring by phone for two hours about the city's most pressing needs.

"He wants to get organized," she says, adding that the city has little time to waste in correcting its poor business practices. "The leases have been mismanaged," she says. "There are so many different spreadsheets. One of them is almost six feet long."

According to the Sanders news release, Waring went to college at the University of Southern California and to law school at the University of San Diego. Since 1982, the release says, he has been affiliated with Ross, Dixon and Bell.

The release says that since 1998 he has served on the board of the River Network, which works on clean water and sustainable development issues. Waring is also on the director's cabinet of Scripps Institution of Oceanography and on the boards of trustees of the San Diego Museum of Natural History and Francis Parker School.

If past is prologue, it may be worth delving into Waring's sometimes controversial and conflict-filled history. It's a history peopled by the likes of banker and real estate mogul Malin Burnham and lawyers

Roy Bell and Murray Galinson.

In 1981, Galinson sued Waring for professional negligence. Now a big Sanders backer, Galinson claimed that Waring had failed to inform him of encumbrances on a property

so negligently reviewed the condition of title on the real property securing payment of the promissory note that he failed to discover a senior trust deed recorded March 10, 1979, securing payment of \$166,000,"



Jerry Sanders

and did not arrange title insurance as promised. "In performing his duties as an attorney, Waring failed to exercise the skill, diligence, and prudence which lawyers of ordinary skill and capacity commonly possess in that he did not obtain a lender's title insurance policy for plaintiff and

the suit said. Today, Galinson says, "It was not that Waring is a crook. You have to file a lawsuit to get things on the table. We settled and I got my money out of it. From everything I know, he is a nice, honorable guy."

In 1983, investors in a franchise outfit called Tools-R-U

accused Waring of fraud, unfair business practices, and legal malpractice. Franchisees claimed that Waring and fellow defendants had failed to alert them to troubles with the firm before they signed their franchise deals.

In a third case, Waring and then-partner Jim Schneider, an early Gaslamp Quarter developer, were sued over failing to make payments on a loan on Gaslamp Quarter's Keating Building. The suit was later dropped.

Perhaps Waring's most intriguing ties are those to Suzanne Dalitz Brown, who currently goes by the name of Suzanne Gollin. Her father was Morris B. (Moe) Dalitz, a bootlegger and operator of illegal Midwest casinos in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s. Ultimately, he became the moneybags of legal casinos in Las Vegas, where he was considered the brains of the Outfit, the enforcer who kept the various mob families from waging turf wars.

Public records and newspaper clips show that Waring and Suzanne Gollin have been longtime business associates. Waring has been trustee for the M.B. Dalitz Trust; he's been a partner with Gollin in real estate ventures; and he was an investor with her in Burnham's First National Bank.

The exact terms and dates of Waring's service for Gollin, why they parted company, and whether Waring knew and dealt with Moe Dalitz are not clear because Waring and Gollin refuse to speak with the *Reader*. (Ironically, one of the objectives of the Angelica Foundation is to promote "publicly responsive media.")

Despite her father's high profile, or perhaps because of it, Gollin has led a relatively low-profile life. One court filing says she was born in 1951; her voter registration indicates she was born in 1957. Her most prominent role has been as executive director of the Angelica Foundation, described on its website as "a small, California-based private family foundation that supports progressive activist organizations working for democratic change, environmental sustainability, and social justice."

"Since our inception in 1994, we have focused our efforts in the United States

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Moe Dalitz



Roy Bell



Abbe Wolfsheimer Stutz



Suzanne Gollin



Murray Galinson



Malin Burnham



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(specifically California and New Mexico), Mexico, and Central America," according to the website. "The Angelica Foundation continues to support grassroots human rights groups in Mexico and aggressive environmental organizations in the U.S., as well as innovative attempts to shift the counterproductive war on drugs."

Based on its "mission statement," the foundation is no fan of the Bush administration's war against illegal drugs. "Angelica continues its support for the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization working to overcome the drug war and promote new drug policies based on science, compassion, health, and human rights."

Records show that the Angelica Foundation and the M.B. Dalitz Foundation have done business with each other; in 1994 Angelica bought real estate on Pacific Center Boulevard in San Diego from the M.B. Dalitz Foundation. The transaction was listed as "intra-

family," indicating no transfer tax was paid. Angelica's money was invested in a variety of equities, particularly high-flying techs that ultimately crashed. One investment, according to records on file with the Internal Revenue Service, was a semiconductor outfit called MeltroniX. A member of the board and compensation committee was James T. Waring.

Waring invested in the firm in 1999, and others he knew later joined him. But despite the infusion of capital, the company found it hard to make money, even after it recruited a hot-shot chief executive officer, Andrew Wrobel, who had a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

On March 15, 2000, just as the 1990s tech bubble was about to burst, MeltroniX gave a presentation before San Diego's prestigious MIT Enterprise Forum, made up of many Massachusetts Institute of Technology grads and other local techies. Andrew Wrobel "has taken the company from a one- or two-customer, project-oriented firm mired in debt to a multi-customer, healthy com-

pany," boasted the advance description of the event.

Bud Leedom of *California Stock Report* was on the panel that interviewed Wrobel that evening. "Wrobel was trying to make it a horse race," he says. "He seemed sincere," and the company had impressive manufacturing assets.

Then tech went to hell. Quickly. Waring had 2 million shares of MeltroniX stock — 4.2 percent of the total. As the company foundered in June 2000, Waring, through FI Financial, loaned it \$250,000 at 9 percent interest. In early 2001, he loaned another \$75,000, at 10 percent interest. Other firms extended loans.

The company evinced signs of panic. In April 2001, it sued anonymous persons who had posted negative messages on an Internet chat site. This is usually a sign of desperation. Investors are entitled to post negative stock opinions on websites.

Through 2001 and 2002, MeltroniX continued to sink. For the three months ended June 30, 2002, sales plummeted by 88.6 percent to \$84,000. But the cost of achieving those mea-

ger sales was \$1.05 million. It's hardly surprising that in its last report as a public company, MeltroniX had a cumulative deficit of \$64 million.

Red ink was flowing. Unpaid vendors were suing. The auditor questioned the company's viability. On October 4, 2002, the company announced that creditors had foreclosed and sold its equipment. The company had no money to satisfy its debts.

Here was the Lacrymosa from MeltroniX's Requiem: "Given the foreclosures, the company's inability to pay the underlying debt and other debts, and the inability to raise funding, MeltroniX regrets to inform employees, investors, and customers that the company is ceasing operations effective the close of business October 4 of 2002."

The final insult: MeltroniX said it did not have the funds to put out a press release explaining what happened.

Ross, Dixon and Bell was MeltroniX's law firm, and Fletcher W. Paddison was the lawyer on the account. "The company held on by its fingernails for a long time," says

Paddison. "I lost money. Jim lost money. The law firm wrote off a lot of legal bills."

Wrobel, who had been ousted before the demise, sued Waring, his family trusts, and other MeltroniX executives. The most serious charge was that within days of MeltroniX's closing, Waring and the other executives took the assets, employees, managers, and customers and formed another company, named NxGen Electronics, that was in the same business in the same office space.

The suit was settled out of court, and Wrobel's lawyer, Michael B. Poynor, says he cannot discuss it. Wrobel is now chief financial officer of Carlsbad's NTN Buzztime and will not comment.

Wrobel's allegations against Waring and his fellow MeltroniX insiders were "totally off base," says Robert Czajkowski, who became chief executive of MeltroniX after Wrobel's ouster and is now president of the privately held NxGen. He won't discuss details of the suit, in which he was a codefendant. "It has been adjudicated," he says.

"When a company goes out of business, people feel they have gotten hurt," continues Czajkowski. "They are entitled to those opinions. The company was undercapitalized and caught up in the bubble. It couldn't dig itself out. It was hopeless; you couldn't raise capital in those days — not a nickel."

As a requirement of taking his new city post, Waring filed a personal statement of economic interests. It indicates that he owns between \$100,000 and \$1 million in NxGen stock. Czajkowski won't discuss that, other than to say that Waring has never served on NxGen's board of directors.

The Angelica Foundation had only \$30,200 invested in MeltroniX, according to its IRS filing. Aside from the MeltroniX disaster and tech stock losses, Angelica and Suzanne Gollin appear to have prospered in the years after her father's death.

Only a very few people knowledgeable about Waring and his relationship with Gollin and the Dalitz trust are willing to share their observations. One who will is Fletcher Paddison, Waring's onetime asso-

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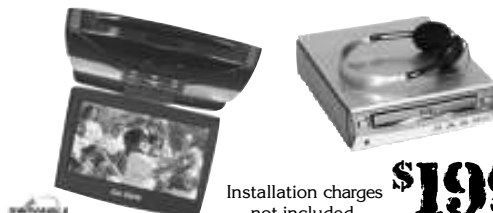
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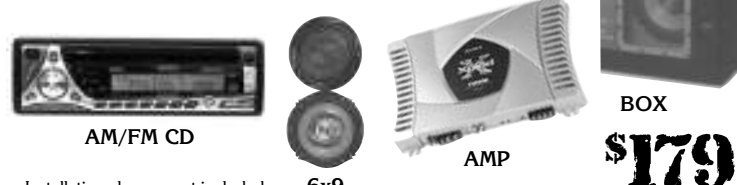
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Mr. Dolan was looking to join a small, but established company with growth potential. He became convinced It's Just Lunch was the opportunity he was looking for when he discovered many of his co-workers and clients had been using the service for years. Mr. Dolan looks like he is having more fun than if he were practicing



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law. “Yes, my friends are all jealous,” he laughs.

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ciate at Ross, Dixon and Bell.

"Moe died in 1989," says Paddison, who says he never knew the gangster. Initially, the trust was handled "by former professionals who had worked for Mr. Dalitz" in Las Vegas and Los Angeles. "The trust assets had been mismanaged. She had been struggling before [Waring's] involvement. Mr. Waring and our firm did our best, straightened out a large amount of the problem. Jim made good investments for Suzanne."

Paddison says he doesn't know when Gollin's relationship with Waring and his law firm ended or why: "Things change over time," he says. "Jim was helping Suzanne, helping her reestablish the worth of this [estate]. I believe Suzanne's [current] husband is a very financially astute guy." An administrator of the Angelica Foundation confirms that Waring is no longer providing services to the foundation but won't say more.

While he worked for Dalitz's daughter, records show that Waring, she, and others invested in various ventures. In the early 1990s, a group of speculators plunked money into something called UCLD Investors. The owners were Suzanne Dalitz Brown (now Gollin), two of her children, James Waring, and several members of the Ross, Dixon and Bell law firm, including Paddison, Roy Morrow Bell, and Van A. Tengberg, who is no longer with the firm. Bell and Tengberg did not return calls seeking comment. Paddison says he can't remember the nature of the UCLD investment.

Another Waring/Brown investment of the early 1990s was EMC Partners, owned primarily by the Suzanne Dalitz Brown trust and the Waring family trust. It is a shopping center in Escondido, according to Reza Paydar, who is the project's managing partner.

In late 1993, Waring and Brown invested in First National Bank, which had been founded by Malin Burnham. It is difficult to find whether they made money on this investment. The bank went through several recapitalizations and in 1996 was purchased by a group headed by a Mexico City banker. In 2002, Rancho Santa Fe's First Community Bancorp

purchased First National. Matthew Wagner, president of First Community, says he does not know whether 1993 investors came out whole.

Another deal involving Waring and Brown harkened back to the days of Brown's father, Moe Dalitz.

According to a deed dated July 14, 1994, a group of investors, including Waring, Brown, Toni Lena Clark, and others, acquired interest in real estate on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Who is Moe Dalitz? These days, devotees of the history of the Mob and Las Vegas are as likely to remember his front man, the late Wilbur Clark, whose widow's name is Toni. In the 1940s, Clark was a small-time saloon and card-room operator in San Diego. He decided to strike it rich in Vegas. For most of its existence, Vegas had been a festering collection of saloons and whorehouses and little else. Nevada legalized gambling in 1931, but most casinos were grimy joints. Then in 1946, Bugsy Siegel of New York's Bugs and Meyer Mob built the posh Flamingo, replete with golf course, gym, shops, and shooting range. Alas, Bugsy got fatally shot — although not on his range (and not from the front).

Enter Wilbur Clark with grand ideas about building the Desert Inn. But he got into financial trouble. To the monetary rescue came Dalitz and other members of the notorious Mayfield Road Mob in Cleveland. In the early 1950s, Cleveland's safety director testified about Dalitz before the U.S. Senate's Kefauver Committee, which was investigating organized crime. He said that Dalitz was one of those on top of the bootlegging operation: "Ruthless beatings, unsolved murders and shake-downs, threats and bribery came to this community as a result of gangsters' rise to power," said the safety director.

In Ohio, Dalitz had legitimate businesses, such as laundries, and invested in railroads and steel companies in addition to his bootlegging and illegal gambling enterprises. When Prohibition ended in 1933, Dalitz opened illegal casinos in Ohio and Kentucky. According to John L. Smith of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Dalitz once quipped to a friend, "How was I to know those gambling joints were illegal? There were so many judges

and politicians in them, I figured they had to be all right." A master of one-liners, he also told the Kefauver Committee, "If you people wouldn't have drunk it, I wouldn't have bootlegged it."

With financial help from Dalitz and the Mayfield Road Mob, the Desert Inn was completed in 1950. Clark, who died in 1965, was the glad-hander who mixed with the guests and fawned over the entertainers and other celebrities. Dalitz was the money and idea man in the back room. "The barren Strip [was] retooled after World War II by Dalitz and other mob financiers as a glitzy resort destination where golf, fine dining, and first-rate nightclub acts were on the same menu as hookers and gambling," wrote Timothy L. O'Brien in his 1998 book, *Bad Bet: The Inside Story of the Glamour, Glitz, and Danger of America's Gambling Industry*.

According to James Neff's book, *Mobbed Up: Jackie Presser's High-Wire Life in the Teamsters, the Mafia, and the FBI*, a 1978 Federal Bureau of Investigation memo stated, "The individual who oversees the La Cosa Nostra families in Las Vegas is Moe Dalitz. Dalitz makes certain that there is no cheating with regard to skim money taken out of the casinos and further, that there is no fighting among families for the control of the various casinos."

In its crudest form, skim money is cash that is smuggled out of the counting room and stashed somewhere — perhaps in an offshore bank — so that the Internal Revenue Service never sees it.

To build and buy casinos, Dalitz needed big capital. According to Neff, Dalitz initially turned to Lou Jacobs, who headed Buffalo's Emprise, which had concessions at race-track and pro sports stadiums. Jacobs "had extensive ties to the Teamsters, the Mafia and Cleveland," wrote Neff. (Emprise's successor company, Delaware North, has the concessions at Petco Park and, despite its dubious past, was named by the state to take over and transform the successful operations of the Bazaar del Mundo. By most accounts, the conversion is doing poorly.)

Dalitz knew the Teamsters' Jimmy Hoffa from the laundry days. According to Neff, Dalitz had hired thugs to keep his laundry employees from union-

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izing. Hoffa got a payoff on the deal. Then came a flow of Teamsters' Central States money into casinos, often steered by Dalitz. Over time, Dalitz received more than \$200 million of Teamster money, according to Dan E. Moldea, author of *Interference: How Organized Crime Influences Professional Football*.

Dalitz was known in San Diego. In March 1970, the Illinois Bureau of Investigation snooped on Dalitz, multimillionaire hoodlum Meyer Lansky, and then-Chargers owner Gene Klein at a romp at the Acapulco Towers. The 21-room apartment-hotel was part-owned by Klein, who denied knowing Lansky.

In the late 1960s, Dalitz and three other developers began creating Carlsbad's La Costa resort with loans from San Diego's U.S. National Bank and the Teamsters. In 1975, *Penthouse* magazine printed a story saying the place was filled with mobsters. La Costa, Dalitz, et al., sued for libel. Mike Aguirre, now San Diego's city attorney, was in charge of the truth defense. "I assembled the best group of organized-crime investigators that was possible," he says. "We took every single sentence of that article" and proved that each was true. "The jury found for us," but the judge threw out the verdict, and the case was finally settled with each side issuing bland statements. The magazine said that it didn't mean to say that two of Dalitz's codevelopers were associated with organized crime. Dalitz? He had been active in philanthropic activities, the magazine said.

Indeed, Dalitz, particularly in his later years, had tried to establish himself as a philanthropist. In 1957, he and his casino confreres had built a for-profit hospital in Vegas. Teamsters money went into that project too. One partner was Roy Cohn, the former McCarthy-era attorney.

Dalitz made much of his generosity. He even wept during an interview with Ovid Demaris and Ed Reid, authors of *Green Felt Jungle*. They called Dalitz "a sanctimonious little mobster from Cleveland.... He is still a hoodlum in conscience and mind, but his heart has weakened."

When he died, Dalitz left \$1.3 million to 14 charities. Maybe Suzanne Gollin inherited the charitable side of Moe Dalitz. According to a petition

granted by the North County Superior Court on May 5, 2005, she changed her legal name from Suzanne Dalitz Brown to Suzanne D. Gollin. According to its website, James D. Gollin is grants advisor and director of Angelica. Other

biographies on the Web say he is chairman of the populist Rainforest Action Network and a naturalist author who is called "one of the most prominent green Buddhists in America" by the *Buddhist Review*. He once worked for Morgan

Stanley International on Wall Street.

Angelica, from which Suzanne Gollin draws a \$150,000 annual salary, according to disclosure reports, shells out money liberally to "organizations that defend the envi-

ronment and its resources from the destructive practices of powerful corporate and multinational interests," according to its website. The group proselytizes for "more effective, humane, and economically sensible social policies."

That seems to track with Jim Waring's own interests, but it will no doubt fuel plenty of heated gossip among San Diego's mainly Republican downtown establishment, which is the backbone of Mayor Jerry Sanders's support. ■

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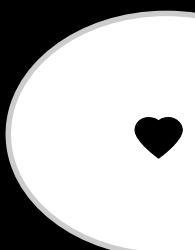
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Credit Freeze

For those concerned about identity theft ("Social Security Numbers Up for Grabs," "City Lights," February 2), there's an easy answer: California is one of a few states allowing consumers to "freeze" their credit files with all three agencies. Once done, no one who may have stolen any amount of information about you may open a credit account in your name. Go to Google and enter: credit freeze California.

Jon Harris
Poway
via e-mail

the French would not take credit for. *Frites*, or *pommes frites*, came from Belgians, like flavored beer. Likewise, what we call French poodles are actually German duck-hunting dogs, shaved in that cute way to protect their joints from the cold. You will not find anything remotely resembling French dressing anywhere in the country. The French prefer vinaigrette, handmade. French curls?? French maids?? American imagination. Even french braids in France are called *nattes Africains*, or African braids (makes sense, huh?). On the subject of french ticklers, whatever, okay, maybe they do own a patent on those.

However, manicures, twists, and the ubiquitous American breakfast staple, French toast, one will not find anywhere in Francolandia. *Vive la mis-information!* It's made this country what it is! And apparently others as well.

Kari Nansen
via e-mail

Why Not Motown?

In your January 26 column "Sporting Box," Mr. Daugherty appears to have a good time questioning why Super Bowl XL will be held in Detroit. While he fairly questions "why not" for several other primarily cold, Northern cities, that answer is obvious for most on his

Zese Are Not French

As much as I enjoyed the article by adorably named Geoff Bouvier ("Pardon the French," January 26), I have to point out a few inconsistencies he must have missed in his research. First, despite all the Bushite swager, what we call french fries

list. I believe only Indianapolis and St. Louis have domed stadiums to provide a controlled climate for the game. Seattle demolished theirs, and Dallas has an opening in their dome to allow in snow or rain. All others on his list are "open sky."

And what was the point in comparing San Diego crime data to Detroit's? How did this relate to any other listed city not being chosen for SB XL? A similar point could be made on his quoting GM's announcement of eliminating 30,000 jobs. This is a problem for America, so how does it relate to Detroit being the site for a football game this year?

That Detroit is a city with a large number of problems is hardly a secret. But if they can provide an acceptable facility to host, and then benefit from a little economic boost, good for them, say I.

Tim Price
La Jolla

CORRECTION

Last week's "Best Buys" column omitted the phone number for Paul Bloomquist Stained Glass. The number is 858-735-1539.

Stones Were Bigger Bang

Billboard reports that the Rolling Stones concert at Petco Park on November 11 had \$5,956,083 in gross sales, making it by far the biggest-grossing concert of the year in San Diego, more than twice as big as the U2 show. You guys should have figured this out just by knowing that the U2 show was only at the Sports Arena ("Blurt," January 19).

Herschel Stern
via e-mail

Hometown Butchery

In regards to Josh's "Crasher" and Ollie's "Hometown CDs" review (January 19). Writing and living in the

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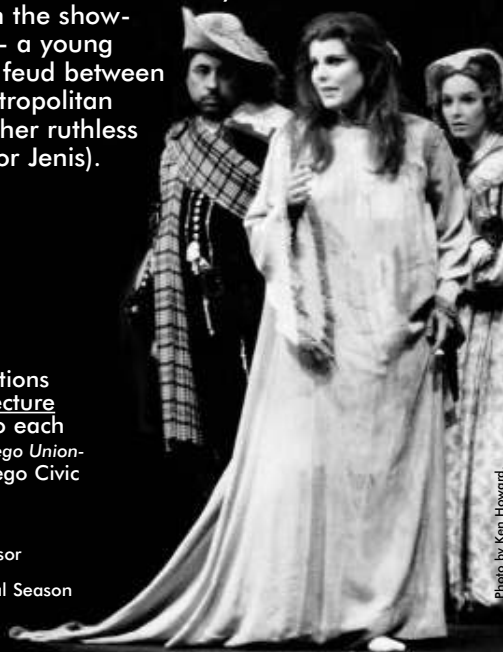


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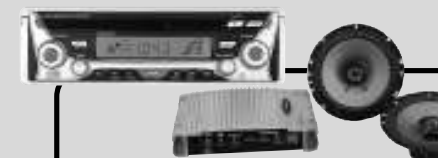
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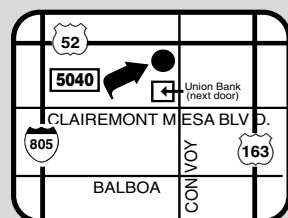
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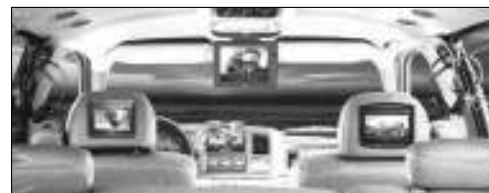
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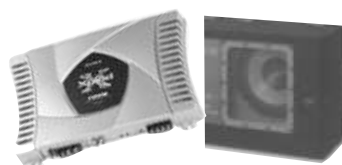
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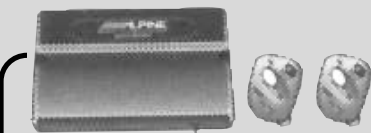
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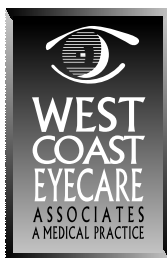
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

Is there a difference in the chemical composition of sweat produced by nervousness and dread and that of sweat produced by good, honest exercise? My friend says he can smell the difference. I think he's crazy. Please advise.

— Ray O., North Park

What we won't do for you Alicelanders. Checking out the elves' pits is about my limit. Anyway, we had half of them run up and down the street for an hour or so. The other half we jammed into the kitchen and had Grandma put the fear of God into them. Had something to do with nothing but okra for dinner for a week and definitely no pie. In the end, the jogger elves took off for the movies before we could get a good reading on the sniff-o-meter. As for the kitchen elves, before we could stop her, Grandma decided it got smelling so bad she had them scrubbing the place down with toothbrushes and Lysol. So about all we got was the smell of a bathroom in an old gas station. That left us with nothing to do but check with the science guys — always our last choice.

And I'm afraid we have bad news for you, Ray. Not as bad as a week of okra and no pie, but close. The science guys say we actually have two kinds of sweat glands and they squeeze out different stuff. All over our bodies we have eccrine-type sweat glands. These are the ones that put out good old honest work sweat or body-temp control sweat, mostly water and various salts such as sodium and potassium. Sweatin' to the oldies stimulates the eccrine glands. Low ranking on the smell gauge, unless you delay showerin' to the oldies.

On the other hand, if things had gone our way, we'd have had a kitchen full of sweaters under the influence of adrenaline, which stimulates the apocrine glands, a whole different kettle of rotting fish. Our apocrines are clustered in hairy places — head, pits, crotch. Most any kind of emotional stress kicks the apocrines into action. And they put out sweat with a fatty component and some other organic compounds that are broken down by skin bacteria and begin to really stink the place up. Someone who is as smell sensitive as your friend (or as obsessed, maybe) could tell the difference between eccrine and apocrine sweat. Our apocrine glands are actually busy bees. In modified form they are also responsible for ear wax and breast milk.

Having figured all that out, the science guys are now teaming up with the spook guys to develop devices capable of calculating a person's smellprint. They're figuring that each of us has a distinct body odor that can be analyzed to identify us individually. With a database of smell profiles of bad guys, we'll be even safer than we already are. And you can expect a sniff test to be added to all the other indignities of commercial travel.

Dear Matt:

How high up over a country is international air space considered to begin? Sea-bound countries claim a certain distance from their shores as their property. Many countries also consider the air over their land to be their own, justifying military action should another country's aircraft fly over it. Yet satellites are not shot down. At what point does a country's "sovereignty" of the atmosphere end?

— John, North County

It's vague, John, all pretty vague. Can't pull any official treaties or international agreements out of the file to answer this one. Before 1957 most countries that cared about such things claimed the air space directly above them, all the way to the edge of the universe. But the Russians changed the game when they orbited *Sputnik*. In the past 50 years, many countries have chucked hardware into the galactic free-for-all, with only the sketchiest of territorial guidelines, to wit: "The upper limit of air space subject to national jurisdiction has not been authoritatively defined. International practice has established that [national] air space terminates at some point below the point at which artificial satellites can be placed in orbit without free-falling to earth." That's the official albeit fuzzy word from the state department. So, how high is up? Probably 75 or 80 miles. Below that a satellite would be subject to too much drag from the atmosphere to maintain an orbit.

Matt:

I can understand why we have two eyes (judge distance) and two ears (locate sound), but why two nostrils?

— J.R., Cardiff

Stereolfaction doesn't make much sense, unless it has something to do with locating dinner. So let's look elsewhere. Your nose's most important job is to protect your lungs by warming, cleaning, and moistening inhaled air. For this, the air has to come in contact with the mucus lining and the millions of tiny hairs in our nostrils. The central membrane dividing what would otherwise be one big nose hole adds extra surface to condition our breath, not to mention keeping us from inhaling large bugs and small birds.

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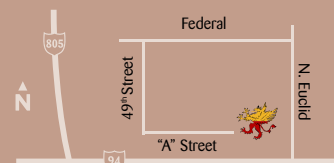
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Tour de California

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For those who followed last summer's Tour de France and fell in love with the sport, this race is an unexpected and considerable gift. The inaugural Tour of California will be the largest professional cycling race in the United States.

It's a real race: February 19th to 26th, eight days, 700 miles, a prologue in San Francisco followed by seven stages. The race begins in Sausalito, travels up to Santa Rosa, back down to Martinez, on to San Jose, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and finishes with a circuit race (10 laps), in Redondo Beach.

Sponsors say, "...the field of 128 athletes will be among the most internationally diverse and accomplished group of cyclists ever assembled for a professional stage race on American soil." The best professional teams in the world are entered. Eight division I teams from Europe are here, including the number-one ranked team in the world, Team CSC (Denmark); number-two ranked team in the world, Phonak (Switzerland); number 4, Davitamon-Lotto (Belgium); number 6, Gerolsteiner (Germany); plus Discovery Channel (USA), T-Mobile (Germany), and others.

I should add that although the world's best teams are here, not all of the best riders are. Lance Armstrong, seven-time Tour de France winner, has moved from rider to Discovery Channel team mouthpiece. Second place 2005 Tour de France finisher Ivan Basso (Team CSC) will not be here, nor will third-place finisher Jan Ullrich (T-Mobile). That leaves 125 of the world's best riders. I'm exaggerating, but not by that much. The field is flush with Tour winners, national champions, and Olympic medalists.

The UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) is the international regulating body of cycling. The UCI ProTour includes three Grand Tours: Tour of France, Tour of Italy, and Tour of Spain. Grand Tours last for weeks, have daily stages, long climbs, descents, sprints, team and individual time trials, and so forth. It's always been a European game.

There is no reason why the Tour of California can't join the gang of three. We have everything we need. France has a land area of 212,934 square miles. California has 163,707

square miles. Close enough. Both territories have a full range of climates, from alpine to seashore. France has the fifth-largest economy in the world. If California were an independent nation she would have the fifth largest economy in the world. The 2005 Tour de France lasted three weeks and was 2241 miles in length vs. eight days and 700 miles for the Tour of California. No problem there; California organizers can pump up the mileage and throw in mountain climbs.

World Class anything is worth watching. The gap between amateur boxing/baseball/basketball/anything else and Best in the World in those activities is so large as to make it appear as if two related but different sports are being played. I interviewed Bill Walsh once and asked what he thought the most important difference between college and professional football was. Walsh said, "Speed." On the field, the pro game is a blur to college football players. Watch Bobby Julich fly past you at 50 mph, wearing skin-tight shorts and a short-sleeved jersey, nothing between bare skin and pavement but a 15-pound bike, and you'll see what I mean.

Professional cycling is human activity, and once you get familiar with it you'll find the same percentage of psychopaths, liars, and frauds there as anywhere else humans congregate, plus rampant doping. Happily, most of us are not that familiar with professional cycling, so, for the moment, we are in the best of times — enthusiastic ignorance. Or, to put it more elegantly, in the words of Senior Dharma Teacher Zenkei Blanche Hartman, "Beginner's mind...is the mind that is innocent of preconceptions and expectations, judgments and prejudices."

We can just dig it.

The race will conclude in Redondo Beach on Sunday, February 26th. Football season is over, you could be there by brunch. Or, you could leave Friday afternoon, catch the peloton Saturday morning on its way out of Santa Barbara.

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Dress: semiformal (at Cornerstone service)
Diversity: mostly Caucasian
Sunday worship: Celebration service, 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m.; Cornerstone service, 10:30 a.m., La Promesa Ministerio Hispano, 10 a.m.; call for times on Vietnamese and Japanese services. Length of reviewed service: 1 hour 30 minutes
Website: www.cabc.org

“We bring the great king our worship this morning,” said Pastor Rob Gowing from the lectern, “and we must remember this day that it’s because of the cross that He is our king.... He conquered death, conquered sin for us.... We gather around this table to remember Him, to remember what He has done for us.”

“The table” stood below the stage, covered in a white lace tablecloth that depicted the Last Supper and bearing an engraved silver plate and chalice. The stage, meanwhile, was reserved for preaching and music-making. A grand piano held the center behind the lectern, surrounded by seats for a full orchestra, as well as the organ, its pipes both lining the back wall and jutting from it in a sweeping metal fin. Behind the orchestra were row upon row of seats for the choir.

Pastor Gowing made remembrance and the preparation of hearts his themes during the opening of the Cornerstone service. To aid in remembrance, everyone read from Isaiah: “He was wounded for our transgressions...and by His stripes we are healed.” And from Revelations: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive...glory and blessing.” To prepare hearts, he prayed that people would praise God “from hearts that have been washed pure and white and clean by the blood of Your Son.”

The choir backed him up, first reminding us that “the love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell/it goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell,” and then pleading, “If I should ever doubt your love, my only prayer would be/That you would keep the rugged cross etched upon my memory.” The organ, orchestra, choir, and congregation combined to drench the great space with booming swells of sound.

Darrel Johnson took up the themes in the Communion Meditation; he stood at the Communion table and asked people to exam-

ine themselves. “If repentance is needed, repent; if correction is needed, ask Him.” Then he read from Paul where Christ at the Last Supper said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” “In other words, remember back to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, what He’s done for us.... Communion reminds us of the basics.” Ushers came forward and passed silver trays carrying pieces of dry bread, similar to oyster crackers; after the bread was distributed, all partook in unison.

Johnson took the cup as ushers passed deep silver trays filled with tiny plastic cups of grape juice. “Jesus did say, ‘Whenever you drink this in remembrance of me, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.’ We’re saying to the world, ‘I’m one of His.’ Lord, we thank you for your shed blood.... We remember and proclaim.” Again, all partook in unison.

Sunday was Pastor Carlton Harris’s first as senior pastor at College Avenue Baptist, and a woman called him up to the stage and presented him with a gift basket “full of all

kinds of our favorite San Diego places.” She spoke of the Board of Ministries’ “great anticipation of partnership in ministry with you.” Then Harris — youngish and professional in his dark pinstripe suit and swirling red tie — launched the first of a seven-part series on Christ’s words in Revelations to the seven churches of Asia Minor, starting with the Church at Ephesus: “I know your deeds, your hard work, and your perseverance...that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false.... Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen, repent and do the things you did at first.”

After giving his reason for the series (“I want to see a revival here”), Harris placed the church in historical context and then moved on to its relation to Jesus. “The church is composed of people who are under Jesus’ authority. Will we submit to His authority? Will we submit to God-ordained human authority, or rebel against it?”

Harris took the issue to those present. “What happens to all of us over time? Our hearts freeze over.... Christ would say to Ephesus, and He might say to us, ‘You can smell heresy a mile away, but there’s a coldness to you...a lack of love for Christ and for other people.’ Our hallmark as a church should be that we are loving people.”

What happens when we die? “It depends on your relationship to Jesus Christ,” says Harris. “If you believe that Christ gave His life to pay the price — to pay your debt for your sin — then you go to heaven. If you don’t, you go to hell. I understand the Bible to say it clearly.”

— Matthew Lickona

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—EVE KELLY

My love Patrick is receiving a nose hair trimmer for Valentine's Day. Though I know he will appreciate the thought, I figured I better throw a little romance into his gift as well. He's a lover of chocolates, the higher end the better, and I'm hoping he will share a few with his better half. A tip from a friend led me to Chuao Chocolatier, which has four store locations in San Diego. Chocolatier Michael Antonorsi founded the company three years ago in Encinitas. "I decided to pursue my passion," he told me, "so I went to France and became a chef, then specialized in chocolate and pastry. I am from Venezuela and the best chocolate in the world comes from Venezuela. So we figured we will use the best techniques, with the best raw materials — Venezuelan chocolate. And where do we make it? Well, in the best place — San Diego."

The secret to good chocolate, Antonorsi explained, is in the cacao plant it comes from. "There are different types or families of cacao," he said. "From the south coast of the Amazon river is a cacao called forastero. It is a type of cacao that is very robust, solid, but a little less refined in the flavor profile. It has a flat type of cacao flavor.... The criollo blossoms in the north coast of South America, which is now Venezuela, and it is much more refined and delicate. Not even one percent of the cacao in the world is criollo. The criollo type is very delicate, complicated, low yields, but very, very fine. Since criollo is so delicate and sensitive, the type that has been industrially grown worldwide is the forastero type of cacao. Then there is a third version, which was sort of like a hybrid called the trinitario strand. About 10 percent of cacao in the world is some sort of trinitario blend. It's more aromatic, fruity, but it is also a little more resistant than the criollo. So in Venezuela now there are many different crossovers and combinations. We have over 14 types of cacao in Venezuela. We make some really fine chocolate based on the Venezuelan cacao. In the past 20 to 40 years, every chocolatier in the world trying to be very refined would have some kind of a reference to Venezuelan cacao."

Beyond the high-quality cacao, Antonorsi says, "What I think makes our chocolate special is our creative combinations of centers and the fact that it is freshly made. It is all natural — no preservatives and no artificial flavors — which for the chocolate industry in the United States is something new. Some chocolates you buy have been sitting on the distribution chain for two or three months. Artisan chocolatiers like us make small batches, handmade, with fresh fruit, real ingredients, no extracts or artificial compounds. And that by itself makes a big difference between my chocolate and other kinds. So if we do a passion fruit caramel, the ingredients are sugar, cream, butter, and passion fruit. We have been free to create some very interesting combinations, with spices; we have chocolate with goat cheese, chocolate with strawberry caramel and balsamic vinegar." For this Valentine's Day, Chuao Choco-

"Artisan chocolatiers like us make small batches, handmade, with fresh fruit, real ingredients, no extracts or artificial compounds."

latier is offering a limited edition chocolate gift package called Eros (\$39), after the god of love. "It's a heart-shaped chocolate shell," explained Antonorsi, "about a third of a pound, which is sealed and needs to be cracked open. And inside there are champagne truffles. The outside heart is painted in a shiny coppery glitter. The champagne truffles are made without champagne extracts or artificial champagne flavors. It's made from 12 bottles of champagne that we reduce down to one bottle of champagne. We will be offering it only until Valentine's Day."

Another sweetheart present offered this year is called Mi Amor (\$32), a pink and brown, polka-dotted, heart-shaped box filled with 16 truffles: honey truffles, almond truffles, wild truffles, and Chuao's signature champagne truffles. A box of nine bonbons or truffles costs \$15 at Chuao. Sixteen chocolates, \$25, and 50 go for \$75. And what is the difference between a bonbon and a truffle? "My definition of a truffle,"

Antonorsi said, "is a confection that has a free form or a rounded kind of a free form, and to which the outside layer is other than chocolate. While a bonbon is a confection that has a more defined form, can be molded or dipped, and the outside layer is chocolate."

Chuao is also offering a chef wine selection box (\$59.95), a 2003 Piemonte Moscato with a box of 25 wine pairing bonbons, packaged in a brown suitcase box.

I pressed Antonorsi to share his favorites. "My favorite ones normally have a little bit more than just the flavor. I like the Picante, which has a bit of cayenne pepper and pasilla chilis. It is very smoky, and it has a little heat on your throat."

Another favorite, "the Candela, which is in the shape of a little flame and painted like a flame. It's a macadamia nut praline with chili and salt. It is almost like a snack. The Chèvre is the top of the top. It is goat cheese buttercream with pear Williams, and it has crushed black pepper and chocolate. So you can imagine you get the acidity, the tartness of the goat cheese, and then the round sweetness of the pear, and if you happen to crush to a little bit of crushed black pepper, you get a little spike of peppery aroma to it, and it is just awesome."

The store will ship chocolates nationwide, and Antonorsi recommends placing orders for store purchases.

The UTC shop was hopping when I arrived there to buy some bonbons and truffles for tasting. The saleslady told me that their chocolate bars were a popular item as well (\$5.95 each or \$15 for three). "The spicy Maya dark chocolate bar is quite popular," she pointed out, "as is the Earl Grey milk chocolate bar."

The store also offers chocolate-making classes each month. Contact store for times and dates.

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I'M WITH BEAST

by Josh Board

an invitation to a party at a Point Loma apartment instructed me to wear an obnoxious shirt, preferably one that would offend. I put on a T-shirt that had "I see dumb people" printed on it and headed out.

Teresa, who threw this party, had set up a canopy in front of her building as the forecast was for rain. (It never did.) As I stood under the canopy I saw several people run across the street to the liquor store. I said, "That liquor store has a great location. They must love when people around here party." Someone overheard this and said, "Yeah, but this is one party that probably won't run out of anything. I've seen three bottles of Jaeger."

Every conversation I had started with me reading the other person's T-shirt. One woman said, "Yeah, it really is a great excuse for guys to stare at our chests." One woman wore a shirt that said, "My eyes are up here." Teresa added, "Some guys use it as an excuse to touch you. They stretch the shirt out and say they are trying to read it."

There were a few tame shirts, such as concert T-shirts and one that read, "Kiss me, I'm Irish." A tall African-



American wore a shirt with a phrase that didn't make sense. I asked him about it. He said, "I row. And when you're on a crew, you compete against other teams and win their shirts. So I have a lot of shirts with weird phrases on them."

I asked him how one gets into rowing. He explained, "Back east, where there are more lakes, it's more popular. But a lot of it starts in college. Someone will recruit you."

"I used to have superhuman powers, but my therapist took them away."

When I later saw him talking to a pretty woman, I said, "Are you telling her about our days on the row team together?" He laughed and continued to share his stories: people throwing up while row-



ing, how your body weight is regulated, and one about a rich guy who left his beach house in Del Mar to the row crew at UCSD. (I'll bet they liked living there a lot more than in the dorms.)

In the living room were two DJs, a disco ball, lights, and parties dancing. DJ Pocket was the son of one of the birthday girls. This was his first gig.

There was a table set up

with ten different-colored Sharpies. I asked Teresa about that. She told me that if anyone came without a proper shirt, they'd make one for you.

When a girl showed up in a plain white T, a guy wrote "Open all night" on her shirt. She said, "Mom is going to kill you." It turned out they were brother and sister. Another woman who showed up without a shirt had one made for her that read, "Nice rack."

Someone walked by with a shirt that said, "I used to have superhuman powers, but my therapist took them away." Another shirt read, "I put the

sexy in dyslexia."

I went outside to smoke a cigar and smelled some pot coming from around the side of the building. I talked with a female probation officer who wore a shirt that read, "I need a stiff one," with a picture of a glass on it. She came with a guy who was a bartender, and another guy was trying to pick her up. He was a Raiders fan, and we gave him a hard time about that. He said, "Well, I can be a Chargers fan for a night, if that will help my chances."

I asked her if she had any good stories from her job. "Yeah, lots." She told me about an old man they picked up who was smoking crack. She said, "He was so nice and sweet until we put the cuffs on him, and then he started screaming obscenities." She told me she's reluctant to reveal her job at parties because then people act weird around her. She told me about a person who was stabbed over 270 times. I said, "Did they die?" She leaned forward and said, "Ah, let me think about that.... Yeah." A few people laughed at my dumb question, and I replied, "Hey, you could get stabbed in the hand 270 times, and I'm sure you'd live."

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I talked with a guy who had a shirt that read, "PETA — People for Eating of Tasty Animals." He pointed out someone else's shirt. I said, "Hey, that guy had a different shirt earlier." It turned out that several people at the party couldn't decide on what shirt to wear, so after an hour, they went to their cars and changed.

One couple had shirts that read, "665, the neighbor of the beast." The guy said, "Since we have two shirts, it should say, 'neighbors.'" I told him his shirt should've had an arrow pointing at his wife and "I'm with beast" printed on it. Someone overheard this and told us, "I was going to have a shirt made for this party that said, 'I'm the man from Nantucket.' The place

couldn't make it in time, though."

For food, there was a table that had a few bags of chips and other snacks, and a guy named Scotty showed up with French bread and dip. Everyone devoured it. I asked what he put in his dip. "It has basil, pine nuts, cream cheese, garlic, Roma tomatoes, and two kinds of cheeses." One was goat cheese, but I forget the other. I asked if he was a good cook, and he said, "Look at my girlfriend's belly. Go ahead, honey, lift your shirt." She punched him in the arm.

One couple was walking into the bedroom, and a person nearby said, "Go take pictures of that. If it runs in the *Reader*, you can blur out the naughty parts, or put black bars over their

faces."

One woman was showing her new shoes, and I said, "Only a woman would buy new shoes for a T-shirt party." She explained how they matched her shirt and then mentioned stepping on a guy's toes — he was wearing flip-flops.

As I was leaving, a bartender I had talked with about the Pittsburgh Steelers was trying to get me to do a shot of something. I declined, and another guy grabbed my arm and pointed out a shirt. It read, "The more men I meet, the more I like dogs." ■

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Gold Diggers

She's lookin' for a prize, man you killin' me/Actin' like you don't see the dollar signs in her eyes/She wants her nails done, and her hair, too/Plus a diamond necklace, that's all on you.

— Ludacris

It saddens me to overhear women at the coffee shop comparing and contrasting their husbands' financial merits and shortfalls over a latte.

If you could have any kind of car you wanted, bought and paid for, what would it be?"

"That's easy — Corolla," I said.

"Come on, think about it. Money's not an issue. *Any* car in the world." David leaned toward me, expectation written on his face.

"Well, I've eyeballed the Passats, but I would have to test drive one first. But the Corolla is a sure bet — she's practical, reliable, and comfortable."

"I told you, practicality doesn't factor into the equation." David's doubt in my veracity was evident in his

tone. But his smile revealed his admiration for my reasoning.

"I stand by my answer. What about you?"

"Austin-Healey 3000. Or a Mini," David said. Then, with a smirk, "But you know I'm not that into cars."

David's atypical priorities were among the many things that attracted me to him before we first met. In his online ad, he had written, "I drive a 1985 Saab with over 200,000 miles on it. But I would rather buy a piece of original art than a new car." David was the first person I ever met who truly did not give a shit what other people thought — an attitude I considered impossible but that, if achieved, could be more liberating than a bonfire of bras.

I once overheard a middle-aged attorney joke about his new hot rod: "I like my

cars like I like my women — new and fast."

What a cliché, I thought — a man with diminishing testosterone levels purchasing virility in the form of rubber and steel and hoping the honeys won't notice the difference. A man like David who did not rely on status symbols was a rare thing, and I wanted one.

Such an atypical man naturally sought a like-minded woman — one who was not impressed with the flashy mating dance of the yuppie, who responded more to eloquently spoken words than to a glimpse of a well-endowed money clip. I made it clear during my first few interactions with David that I was my own person, that the last thing I needed in life to make me whole was a man. My determination to maintain financial and emotional independence was a potent pheromone for this advanced male I now call Lover.

The foundation for my values had been set years before, instilled by my father, whose greatest fear was to see any one of his daughters become dependent on somebody else, thus limiting our choices in life. "Never get stuck," Dad used to say. "Don't ever rely on anyone to take care of you." Through my father's eyes, a man was judged by his work ethic alone — he who flipped burgers day after day received more admiration than a CEO who was "in between jobs." Hard work and independence were the only ways for a person to gain Dad's respect. As a result, not one of his daughters is comfortable with the idea of a free ride.

The lessons of my youth were cemented

while living in Los Angeles. It was in America's shallowest city that I learned what kind of woman I never wanted to become — the gold digger. Vanessa was the first real gold digger I encountered. As the receptionist in our small office, her income was modest. And yet, each day, she would strut from the front door to her desk in a boldly colored ensemble branded with the logos of Versace or Louis Vuitton, and peel away as the clock struck 5:00 in her shiny red sports car.

Vanessa spoke openly of her two boyfriends — one she fucked and her "sugar daddy," or the one who paid her bills. "He's nice," she once said of the latter, "but he's old and fat." When I asked how she got him to pay her car and cell phone payments, and fund her wardrobe, she said, "I tell him I'm having trouble with my bills, and he asks me how much I need." She never flustered at my questioning, which only astonished me further.

One Saturday evening down at my local haunt, the Formosa Café, I overheard three women competing to see which of them could earn more free drinks. The same night, when a man sidled up to me at the bar and said, "So what'll it be?" I politely refused his offer. I had no interest in either following through with the obligation to chat and/or go home with him, or the heart to give him the brush off after collecting my prize, which was clearly something these other girls excelled at.

David is the first man I have seriously dated whose income is greater than mine. Most

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women (particularly the money-hungry, dependent kind) infer from this that David's financial status was a major draw for me. The opposite is true — the inequality of our income is the only source of discomfort for me in our relationship. I would rather pay his way (and have) for a romantic evening or weekend getaway than have him pay mine.

Shortly after we began dating, I excitedly told a coworker that David and I were flying to New York to check out a piece of artwork he was interested in purchasing. I showed her the image online and, noticing the price, she said, "Wow, that's expensive. You should have him buy you a new car."

I stood in shocked silence for a moment, attempting to figure out how

one related to the other. Unable to make the connection, I said, "I don't know what you think his choice in art has to do with my transportation, but you're assuming two things here. One, you're assuming I don't like my car, when, in fact, I like it very much. And two, you're assuming I am the kind of person who would ever *accept* such a gift, let alone *ask* for it."

Last fall, I met up with a friend upon her return from a two-week getaway to Paris.

In expectation of being regaled with tales of kisses at the top of the Eiffel Tower and strolls through the Louvre, I asked, "So how was the trip?"

With the smile of a giddy schoolgirl who was just given a pony, she said, "It was like all of my dreams had come

true — he paid for everything, and he bought me a \$600 purse from a shop along the Champs Elysées."

Perhaps it's unfeminine of me, but I'd rather receive a new experience or a tender moment of intimacy from my man than all of the expensive jewels in the world. I pity those women who think the measure of a man's love is through how much money he spends on them. It saddens me to overhear women at the coffee shop comparing and contrasting their husbands' financial merits and shortfalls over a latte.

I used to think that shallow, money-hungry women were the collective fabrication of writers, moviemakers, and rap stars. When I learned firsthand that they did indeed exist, my initial reaction was one of disgust and disappoint-

ment in this (hopefully small) percentage of my gender. For a while, I held on to the idea that these women simply had yet to learn the truth of what matters, that living a superficial existence, in which one prostitutes one's looks, company, or services for money, can only last so long.

From a more jaded stance, I now assume these women are sad, miserable people, lacking the drive to develop any redeeming qualities. I will never comprehend the gold diggers' "I'm gonna get mine" mentality, nor their sense of entitlement for a man's money simply because it's there. If there's anything I "get," you can assume it is something I earned. If I didn't work hard to pay my own bills, I could never look my father in the eye, or myself in the mirror. ■

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He couldn't have been more than five feet tall. I guessed him to be around 50, taking into account that Asian men often look much younger than they are. The music began, a flattened sound I imagined could only have been created by an orchestra playing from within an enormous tin box. He gripped the microphone with white knuckles and, when his cue came, he sang, *"Are the reeves are budown! And the sky is guday! I went for a wok! On a winter's day!"*

After the first two lines, he fell out of sync with the words flashing by on the large TV screen above his head. His voice was loud in spurts, for a known word or part of the chorus, but mostly it was soft and quiet — mumbles through a foreign verse, a few disconcerting squeaky noises during the instrumental break. The karaoke jockey (KJ) was visibly agitated, his arms flapping in frustration as he tried to lead the confused crooner back to the right lyrics, the right pitch, the right tune, and, at one point, even the right song.

The singer, however, looked as though he was having a great time. A minute into his performance, he politely stepped aside to allow a waddling old white man with a beer belly the size of twins into the unisex bathroom behind the "stage." There were no more than 20 people in the small bar, but it was enough to make the place look crowded.

I had thought it would be funny to drag my posse to a place named after an amused fish for one of its many karaoke nights. Little did I know that this random idea to entertain myself while annoying my friends would lead me straight to the underbelly of a thriving San Diego subculture. The Tickled Trout in



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Chelsea sings at Champs

Mission Valley became my doorway to this underworld's inhabitants — the Karaokians.

During a break between singers, I stared at one of three television screens on which the KJ was playing a scene from *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*.

"Have you seen a small CD case?" I looked to my left to find a woman who resembled my high school PTA president — middle-aged, short and stocky, tight brown curls framing her bulldog face.

"No, sorry. Nothing was on this table when we sat here," I said politely. Then I turned back to the screen.

"It was right here," she said, pointing emphatically at the empty spot next to my Guinness.

"Listen," I said calmly, now giving her my full attention. "When I arrived at this table, there was nothing on it but a napkin. I hope you find your CDs, I really do. But they aren't here, and no one here would take them. Okay?"

She didn't believe me. This became obvious when she began circling our table, looking underneath it suspiciously, then back up, as though she might catch one of us passing off the stolen goods. Finally, she turned back to her table, where she proceeded to accuse each of her three companions until one of them produced her case from the spot where she had hidden it before she went to the restroom. In the CD case were her cherished homemade karaoke discs.

Empty Orchestra

Karaoke, defined as "a music entertainment system that provides prerecorded accompaniment to popular songs

that a performer sings live by following the words on a video screen," was introduced in Japan in the late 1970s. "Karaoke" directly translates as "empty orchestra," or more loosely, "without a band." No one can be sure exactly where this phenomenon began, but a popular story places the beginning in a snack bar in Kobe City.

According to this widely believed tale, a guitarist was suddenly unable to perform at the bar; in an attempt to keep his patrons entertained, the proprietor prepared tapes of the music from prior performances and invited volunteer vocalists to sing along.

There is one man, however, who is credited with inventing the first karaoke system (8-track accompaniment tapes and custom-built 8-track player) — Daisuke Inoue. Though we can thank (or curse) this drummer from Kobe for kicking off the karaoke craze, his failure to patent his invention has kept him from reaping the rewards. He first leased out his karaoke machines in Kobe in 1971, but Inoue did not actually try his own invention until 1999, while celebrating his 59th birthday.

In 2004, when he was 64 years old, Inoue received the Ig Nobel Peace Prize for "providing an entirely new way for people to learn to tolerate each other." As a token for the humorous award, which is a pun on the word "ignoble," Inoue was gifted with a medallion made of tinfoil. If he had filed his patent in 1971, he'd be a billionaire.

Soon after Inoue's invention, manufacturing companies picked up on the idea and began churning out

The first time I
tried it I was 21.
It was 1998 and
my date, a tall
gangly thing I
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better systems. Ten years later, with the help of laser disc technology, lyric sheets were thrown away and words were displayed on TV screens. After that, it wasn't long before someone added graphics to accompany instrumental breaks (those cheesy beach scenes and photos of lovers walking hand in hand).

Today, wannabe singers (like the bulldog I encountered at the Tickled Trout) can make their own CDs that they can cue up in modern karaoke systems found in bars around the world.

Before embarking on my karaoke quest, my experience with what I thought was a silly pastime was limited to three hazy memories. The first time I tried karaoke I was 21. It was 1998 and my date, a tall gangly thing I met in Pacific Beach, brought me to a dive in East

County. After he bought my third margarita, he persuaded me to take the stage. With liquid confidence, I belted out the words to "I Feel Lucky" by Mary Chapin Carpenter. Later that night I learned that my improvised "meow" and growl had delighted the roomful of middle-aged men, who, at the time I sang, seemed nothing more than a sea of flannel and denim.

The second time I stepped up to the mike was at a place on Melrose in West Hollywood where people didn't just sing, they auditioned. I wasn't interested in that — I wasn't delusional enough to think I had the talent it takes to be a rock star — but I was out with a handful of friends and I craved a moment in the spotlight.

Conveniently, two of my friends were weekend Vegas showgirls and part-time dancers at the gentlemen's club in Bev-



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Tony T. onstage at the Charcoal House

erly Hills. To deflect some of the attention (I wanted the spotlight, but I feared its intense heat on me alone), I asked my girls to dance behind me

as I sang Natalie Imbruglia's "Torn." I'm not sure what they did behind me, but it worked. Of all the singers that evening, I

received the most applause.

I should have stopped at two. I'm humiliated to report what happened the third time. A week-long training seminar brought me and other new employees from the southwest region of our company to Irvine. The bar was located across the parking lot from our hotel.

My first mistake was to drink four sweet, strong, fruity boat drinks. With not one inhibition left to my name, I thought it would be a great idea to sing some Tori Amos tunes. The KJ plugged in my request, and in two seconds I had gained the attention of the entire bar with my off-key screeching and tone-deaf impersonation of my idol. When the song was over, I insisted on singing another. At the time, I didn't know that I was breaking one of the karaoke command-

ments — thou shalt not sing two songs in a row.

But I didn't stop there. When the next person in line — a coworker from another office whom I had met only that morning — tried to take his place onstage, I hit him in the head with the microphone. Repeatedly. Despite my abuse, or perhaps because of it, he followed me back to my hotel room that night. At our meeting the following morning I couldn't decide what was most embarrassing — my frequent vomit-visits to the bathroom, my questionable singing ability, or the fact that everyone knew exactly why I was avoiding eye contact with what's-his-name.

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"Come on," I whined. "We don't have to stay all night. I just want to see what it's like." With each word, my partner David received a poke in the

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arm. Finally, he looked me in the eye.

"Fine." Though the word came out as blunt and forceful as a hammer to the head, it was good enough for me. As much as I wanted to check out the karaoke contest that evening, I couldn't get up the nerve to go alone.

I had heard about the contest being held at the Charcoal House Restaurant in La Mesa from Linda, who would be competing. The seven-week contest, sponsored by the restaurant and a local radio station, would bestow upon the winner a professionally produced CD and the chance to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a Padre game at Petco Park.

"I always practice my songs before I go out," says Linda, who has not one but two karaoke machines in her home. "I try to actually memorize the words so I don't

have to look at the screen. I try to be a performer and be interesting. I look at the audience, but I usually never lock on to their eyes, because I realize sometimes that can bother a person — they can feel challenged — so I look in their direction, ten o'clock, two o'clock, but I rarely lock in on them unless I know the person really well."

I met Linda through my piano teacher, Frank. Every time I've seen Linda she was wearing something flashy — a red scarf, matching cheetah-print leggings and top, a white pantsuit with a brightly colored floral-patterned jacket. On her toes she might be five foot two, but you wouldn't know it to talk to her. Linda's presence is ten feet tall.

Karaoke is Linda's passion. She told me how, last year, she wowed judges with her version of Tina Turner's

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"Proud Mary." "I sort of became Tina with a Linda twist to it. I had a wig on, a short dress, and did some of the Tina-like moves. But I really love to moonwalk, so I threw in a moonwalk all the way across the stage, and the audience went nuts." Linda won that contest, the "Best of the Best" at the Viejas Casino. The Tina Turner 'do is one of 15 wacky wigs in Linda's 400-square-foot costume closet.

The Charcoal House was already packed when David and I arrived almost an hour before the contest was scheduled to begin. The large barroom was located to the left of the entrance. I chose a booth in the restaurant directly to the right, which granted me a clear view of the stage across the way. Reminiscent of my high school choir performances, the red curtain behind the stage was adorned with

giant stars and treble clefs cut from a yellow fabric and covered in glitter.

A woman named Leslie was letting contestants warm up. While David and I picked our way through overcooked chicken and soggy veggies, the bar, populated mostly by white people in their 40s, was alive with the sound of "music." Soft rock seemed to be the popular choice, and I was surprised at how many songs I knew by heart.

I was excited to see the name "Dido" appear on one of the screens, but my feeling was soon one of torment as the woman onstage proceeded to destroy everything I loved about the song. She mesmerized me, though, because I could tell by her stance and facial expressions that she believed she was nailing it — standing there screeching, this woman thought she was



Mike and Lauren

Dido. This was my first glimpse of the impressive Karaokian ego, which I had yet to experience in its maniacal, delusional entirety.

David and I paid our dinner bill and took our place in the stand-

ing-room-only bar, where we ran into Linda. She had already warmed up with a country song I didn't recognize (I don't think there are any I would). Linda had been animated during her warm-up. She left the

elevated stage for the dance floor (making it difficult for most patrons to see her), boogied back and forth and, more than twice, waved the microphone in the air as though twirling a lasso.

Before Linda performed her song for the competition (a slow LeAnn Rimes number called "Blue"), we watched a man who couldn't have had more than three teeth in his skull jabber his way through another tune I didn't recognize (probably a country song). Despite the sentences rolling by on the screen above me, I couldn't understand a word he said.

A skinny little woman followed next with a frighteningly accurate impersonation of Céline Dion. Then, just as I was beginning to drift mentally, a young guy took the mike. His voice was a salve for the

auditory abrasions inflicted by the string of people who sang before him. His was a slow R&B song that I later learned was first performed by Luther Vandross. The singer's appearance was jarring in this environment; he wore an oversized jersey, and his dark hair was pleated in tight cornrows. I couldn't guess his ethnicity, maybe an Asian and African-American mix. When he finished his song, he put his hands to his face as if in prayer and thanked the cheering crowd. Tony T. was his name, and he is well known by Karaokians throughout the county.

Neither Linda nor Tony T. placed in the contest that evening. That prize went to another young man with an excellent voice who sang the top-20 hit "I'll Be" by the Goo Goo Dolls. "I'm going to come back every week until I win," Linda said.

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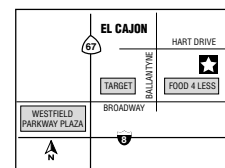
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"This is political bull-shit," said Tony T.

The following week, Tony took first place for the evening after singing a popular Bon Jovi song. Unfortunately, no one would win the seven-week contest. After a few weeks, it was inexplicably canceled.

Earlier in the evening, one man caught my eye when he sang during the warm-ups, and then again later when he chose not to compete. He was tall with shaggy blond hair and looked like a retired surfer, but when he sang, he was a dead ringer for Frank Sinatra. When I asked him why he didn't compete, he said, "I've never entered a contest. The people that enter them are the people that work the circuit. I feel contests are designed by bars to bring people in to spend money. It's not really about finding the best singer. It's about a bar owner who says,

'Hmm, we're slow on Wednesday nights. We'll offer a \$300 prize, but we'll have six weeks of first rounds, three weeks of second rounds.' And every one of those nights people who are in the contest have to come back and they're supposed to bring their friends to cheer for them and, you know, it's just a big contrived thing to bring people into their bar. And then you're down to who's judging you? Who picks the winner? How much does this person know about music or performance?"

This was Mike, a rare breed of Karaokian, one of the few who think karaoke is supposed to be fun and that people who take their karaoke hobby too seriously are missing the point. If the Dalai Lama were to be reincarnated as a fortysomething surfer dude with a passion for karaoke, he would come back as Mike. I wanted



Linda at the Charcoal House

to know what this point was that so many others were missing, so I met up with Mike at his weekly KJ gig — a vol-

unteer position at a retirement community.

The Orchard

"At this point, I don't

consider anyone there elderly," says Mike of the 700 senior residents at the Orchard in Point Loma. He first showed up four years ago to volunteer as part of an assignment for a class at Mesa College. When the assignment was over, Mike continued his free Friday-afternoon gigs. "Those people make me feel good. In a bar, I turn off the music at the end of the night and everyone's drunk, nobody notices; the jukebox is turned on and I'm gone. But these people really appreciate it. I mean, these people are my friends."

This venue is open to the public. "The more the better," urges Mike. "The people that live here get to see new people come in and sing — it's entertainment for them — and the people who come in from outside places get to see a new place." Not to mention that at the Orchard,

unlike at a bar, the audience is seated, quiet, and attentive. I greeted Mike as he arrived in the parking lot. Before he made it to where I was standing, two older men, reminiscent of Statler and Waldorf (the old guys in the balcony on *The Muppet Show*), called out from behind his truck, "Open the damn door!"

Mike obeyed, and as soon as he unlocked the back of his truck, the two old men rushed his equipment into the building like expert stagehands. "If we can get this set up now, we might be able to get in one more song!" one of them shouted.

At the tender age of 28, I was the youngest person in the room. The excitement was palpable, or maybe the weight and buzz I felt was some sort of chemical reaction to the density of perfume and pain patches.

"Welcome back, Annie!" Mike said. "Hey,

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"Not good, Mike. Her hip is broken. I want to sing first because I need to take her to her doctor's appointment." Richard was one of the men who had been waiting in the parking lot for Mike to arrive.

Then it hit me: Mike was not simply these people's friend — he was family. He knew every name, alluded to stories and experiences shared. Like a son returning home from abroad, he was the cause of the excitement.

Richard took his place before the giant television, in front of expectant, smiling, and attentive friends and neighbors, and sang "Blue Bayou." At one point in the song, he did a little dance, turning and shaking his octogenarian booty at the audience, inciting cheers from the group behind me who had proclaimed themselves hecklers.

Ninety percent of the songs performed were written before 1950. Half of them were love songs. Old people singing about love is apparently one of my emotional triggers. Starting at a wrinkled, life-worn face, I found myself wondering, *Who were you with when you first heard this song? How much heartache have you suffered in your many years on this earth? What joys do you remember when you mouth these words?*

When Ray got on his knees to ad-lib during "Rock-a-Bye Baby," making the room erupt with laughter, I wondered if he had been the class clown 60 years before. They danced, they laughed, they crooned with the raspy voices of those whose vocal cords have long surpassed their warranty. They were having more fun than I'd had at any nightclub.

I laughed through

most of the songs, as was the obvious intention of those who were singing them. Then Mike called the name "John," and an old man shuffled his way to the microphone. His calm presence quieted the room, and we waited

in silence while Mike cued up his song. John focused his gaze somewhere far away — another time, another place — and he began to sing "The Rose," ever so slowly, his pace bringing new meaning to these

lyrics I knew by heart. After he whispered the last two words, "the rose," he smiled sadly, nodded, and returned to his seat.

Hosting Karaoke

Aside from his Friday-

afternoon appearances at the Orchard, Mike doesn't KJ anymore. In 1989, at the El Torito in Mission Valley, Mike experienced karaoke for the first time. "I had never seen it before in practice. Having always

been a singer and musician, it was easy to embrace it." In 1989, karaoke was still on laser discs. "I wanted to get into the technology of it. At the time, I was way into computers.

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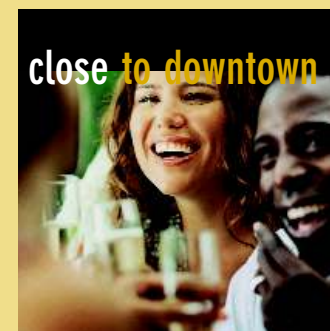
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become like pool and darts and cocktails — a lot of bars have it,” Mike says. “Working in bars just doesn’t pay.” Currently, Mike’s main source of income is from DJ-ing weddings and corporate functions (www.garage-records.com). “Used to be standard, five years ago, a good host with a good selection could make about \$150 a night for four or five hours. Now it’s down to about 100 bucks.”

Mike attributes this decrease to the ubiquity of karaoke machines. “In the last five years, karaoke went from just being in bars to being in homes. A lot of people that like to sing and want to be part-time karaoke hosts have daytime jobs, and they’ll go in and say, ‘I’ll run karaoke for you. I’ve got 50 discs, and I’ll do it for 50 bucks because I just love to sing!’ So what you’re getting is a semiprofessional

host, because the bar owners want to pay minimal amounts of money.” Mike’s karaoke collection boasts over 28,000 songs, efficiently organized on his computer.

As a host, Mike lived and breathed among Karaokians. “Karaoke is supposed to be entertaining,” he says. “People go to enjoy the good singers or to laugh at the bad singers. If you have too much bad karaoke, though, people singing off-key, then your show starts to suck.”

Mike has ways to help the poor, unfortunate, and tone-deaf. When he’s at the Orchard, it could be something as simple as turning up the music so that a singer can better hear the key. “There’s not much you can do if they’re really dying. At times I’ve ‘accidentally’ shut off the song and blamed it on me, like, ‘Oh, sorry! Computer



Suzanne and Ronaldo

malfunction!’ People are scared to go out and do it. They have their own insecurities about how good they’re going to do. I can say, ‘Hey, come on, take it easy.’”

But hosts like Mike

don’t sympathize much with the pompous breed of Karaokians. “The people that go up there but maybe don’t have quite the level of skills they think they have, the people who are trying to do

a good job and for whatever reason can’t, those are the hardest ones to watch. A lot of people go up there treating it as a joke and jerk around, and your heart doesn’t go out to them — they’re joking around, they know they can’t sing, they’re a little buzzed, and they go up there and they’re just doing their thing and that’s cool. But the pros...when they bomb, you don’t have as much sympathy as the middle-of-the-road person who was trying to do a good job and might have been scared.”

Karaokians

“In my opinion, these people take themselves way too seriously,” says Mike. He says many Karaokians have the “Tony T. syndrome.” When Mike used to host, he saw a lot of Tony T. “He just believes that he is the freakin’ shit, and he sits there basking in

the glory from all the women out there who just heap praise on him. That guy, he’s on the extreme end.”

Mike laughs as he remembers one instance in which a singer walked up to the microphone and said, “Dude, give me some more reverb, man, put some bottom end on there.” But, according to Mike, once the guy began to sing, “the first notes out of his mouth were wrong.”

Most Karaokians follow ten unspoken rules that are best summed up in Mitsui and Hosokawa’s *Karaoke Around the World*: (1) Do not sing while you are drunk, (2) Do not sing too loudly, (3) Do not abuse the echo effect, (4) Do not monopolize the microphone, (5) Do not sing songs written for the opposite sex unless you want to surprise the audience, (6) Do not sing songs composed by



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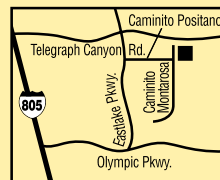
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After Tony T. cited numbers 7, 8, and 9 as rules that no good karaoke singer should break, he shared with me the following story: "This guy was trying to get a job as a Neil Diamond impersonator, and he brought a camera-man with him because he was taping his performance. I guess they greased the palm of the karaoke host so he could sing, like, two or three

songs back-to-back at the beginning of the show. He looked like an older version of Neil Diamond, had the sequined blazer, the helmet hair going on, and the rings and stuff. He was one of the few people I ever showed up at karaoke. I had to show him up."

Tony went on to explain how one should sing a Neil Diamond song. "The thing about singing Neil Diamond is, Neil Diamond has a high voice but he has a gruff, he has a depth. Unless you can hit that, don't try it. This guy comes in with his whole entourage thinking he's just that and a bag of chips. And I understand he was doing it for a purpose; he wanted to get a job as a Neil Dia-

mond impersonator, and he looked the part for the most part, and he didn't sound too bad, but I felt the urge to knock him down a peg because when he sang, he didn't sound anything like Neil Diamond. He had this high, velvety-type voice, but the gruff and the depth just wasn't there."

Tony greased the palm of the karaoke host, which meant he slipped him around \$5. According to Mike, no good host should have let Tony do what he did next, which was to sing two of the same songs the impersonator had just finished performing. "I got up and I showed Dude how you sing Neil Diamond," said Tony. "I think he felt bad — he looked like somebody

done shot his dog."

Tony is not modest when speaking of his singing talent. "My voice kind of does whatever I lend it to. I can pull off George Strait pretty all right in karaoke. I've heard people tell me I sing better than Jon Bon Jovi. Some people say I sing better than George and Garth [Brooks]. I mean, they've got multi-platinum records all over their walls and I don't have anything, but I mean..." At this point, Tony began to sing some Barry White, which turned the heads of all the coffee sippers in the Kensington Starbucks.

"There are people [who] sing karaoke, and they are people that say, 'Oh, it's just karaoke, it's just for fun.' But when you work hard at something, when you really work hard at something, I mean, that's where the

delineation between the two-fisted drinker and the real singer comes into play." Tony sings karaoke in public six nights a week. Tony, like Linda and every other serious Karaokian, does not drink alcohol when he's singing. "Alcohol can irritate the cords in your throat. Real singers drink lemon water."

"How far are you gonna go being serious about karaoke?" wonders Mike. "You can't become rich being a karaoke singer. *American Idol* is about as far as you can take it. Kelly Clarkson was a karaoke singer." So why do Karaokians become so obsessed? "I think they just like the spotlight," says Mike. "They can't go walk into a bar that has a band and say, 'Can I come up and play with you?' because it's a different animal. With

karaoke, everyone has a chance. They also probably have a good deal of ego to themselves: they feel that everyone wants to be seeing them and that they're doing people a favor by singing for them.

"Guys like [Tony T.] are nothing but entertainment for the host," continues Mike. "He'll be working the room and getting his adulation, but he's playing at, like, Joe's Grease Pit, with eight people there. He's strutting the room and making mistakes, singing the wrong notes, and Tony T., he's been working, like, eight years now to do this. I mean, six years ago, when I was [hosting] full-time, every night he'd show up at whatever bar I was at; he'd bust in expecting me to throw him right into the rotation because he's a 'big star.'" Accord-



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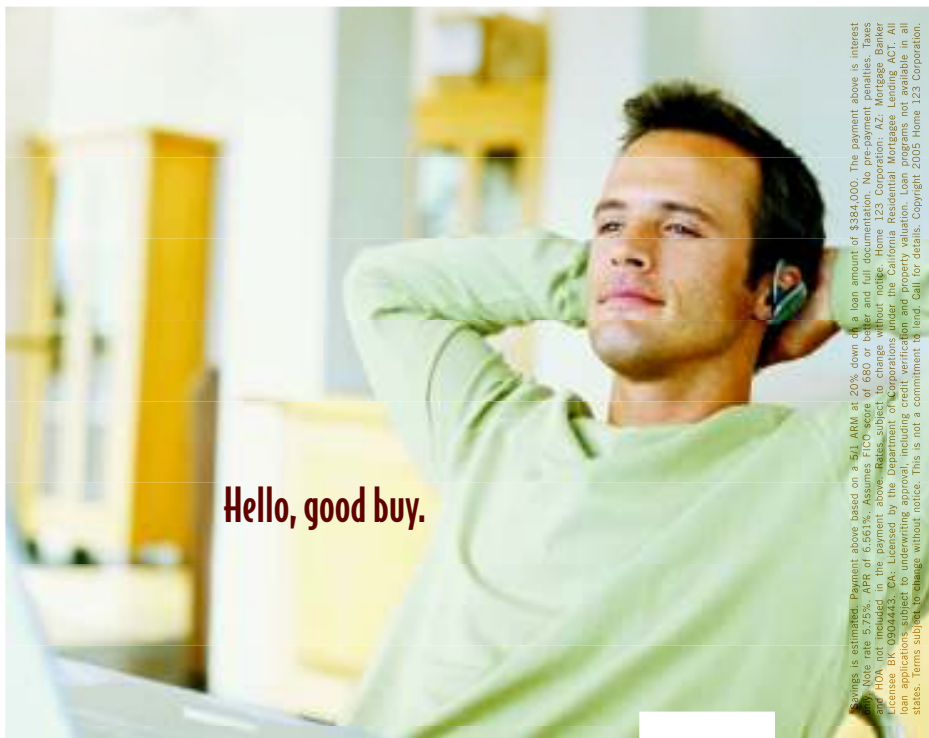


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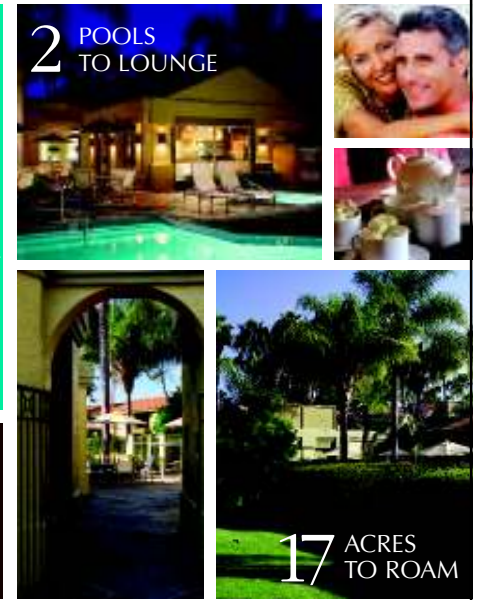
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ing to Mike, all Karaokians “are in some level of Tony T-ism.”

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fun. “If it’s a family event, all of a sudden the grandparents want to see the grandchildren singing, everyone just wants to see each other having fun doing something. It’s so different in a bar. If you have eight people, we’d have fun because if someone in our group sang — good or bad — we’d be supportive; or if they sing like shit we can give ’em hell. But when you get a single guy walking into a karaoke bar at 11 o’clock

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with his discs, I can read him right away — he probably doesn’t drink, because he’s driving from bar to bar, doesn’t spend any money at the bar; probably thinks he’s going to walk in and I’m gonna put him up and he’s going to kick ass and leave. I’d do the same thing, want to get put up and sing, but I drink like a fish and tip.”

Champs

One Saturday night Mike stood in for a friend as KJ at Champs on Clairemont Drive. At first glance, Champs appeared to be the antithesis of the Orchard. The average age was under 30. Maybe it was the bar owner’s intention to keep the place brightly lit, juxtaposing the show-all, sober environment with its drunk, hazy-eyed patrons. Whatever the

reason, after the dart tournament ended, the place remained illuminated for the rest of the night.

Mike always opens the floor by singing a song. “Mainly as a sound check, to make sure all the equipment’s working right. And it breaks the ice.”

People drank, talked, laughed. What they didn’t do was pay attention to the man singing in the corner at the far end of the bar. A young woman named Chelsea belted out Aretha Franklin’s “Respect” — Chelsea was the only person at Champs that night whose skin was more cappuccino than strawberry-vanilla.

It took me a few minutes to find the next singer. I could see the words to one of my favorite Tracy Chapman

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songs moving on the screen and could barely make out someone mumbling along with them in a flat tone, but no one was standing on the “stage.” Searching for the source of the disembodied voice, I followed the microphone cord along the floor to where it disappeared behind a veil of blond hair. The girl singing, if murmuring can be considered singing, sat with her back to the room. I wondered why, if she was as shy as she seemed, she would want to sing in the first place. Well, I thought, if you’re going to break out of your shell, this is a good place to do it. Sitting off to the side with people going about their drinking and socializing as if you don’t exist is the next step up from singing in the shower.

There were no

Karaokians at Champs. Scanning the room, I could not find one person who had brought his or her own discs. When Chelsea performed her next song, “Me and Bobby McGee” by Janis Joplin, people paid attention. Outgoing and full of attitude, she was a natural performer, and she drew in the otherwise oblivious audience. She was the best karaoke singer I’d seen thus far.

One of my favorite things about karaoke is how it indirectly forces us to pay attention to song lyrics — something about seeing the words as I listen to someone sing them lends depth and meaning to what was previously just a catchy tune.

A twentysomething guy with short, bleached-blond hair took off his jacket to reveal chiseled biceps.

His rock-hard abs and a large tattoo across his chest that read “Clairemont” were visible beneath the thin white cotton of his wife-beater. His black shorts were riding low, and his white socks were pulled up over his shins.

Gripping the mike tightly in his fist, the young thug tried, unsuccessfully, to keep up with words he obviously didn’t know. Then the chorus came, and in the classic rapper stance — one fist pumping high in the air and the other cupping the mike — he shouted the words: “So hold me when I’m here, love me when I’m wrong, hold me when I’m scared, and love me when I’m gone. Everything I am, and everything in me, wants to be the one you wanted me to be. I’ll never let you down, even if I could,

give up everything, if only for your good!”

Suddenly I had the urge to hug him. He’s not a thug at all, I thought. He’s just a vulnerable kid singing the same old love song to a different tune. After he bumbled his way through another unknown verse and belted out the chorus a few more times, the song was over and the vulnerable thug said, “Yeah, I suck,” into the microphone and returned to the bar where his friend, who could have been his twin brother, was nursing a Heineken.

Mike had a beer in his hand and a smile on his face. This place was more like the Orchard than I’d thought —

everyone here seemed to be having fun, and more importantly, no one was taking himself too seriously.

Karaoke Korean Style

I wanted to have fun too, but I lacked the confidence that drugs, liquor, and exotic dancers had given me in the past. I looked through songbooks everywhere I went, but I could not get up the nerve to throw my name into the rotation. Mike has a recording studio at his house. One day I went there with Linda, who was trying to persuade me to perform with her.

At Mike’s studio, I learned that I am incapable of singing Queen or George Michael —

my voice kept cracking on the high notes. But then I stumbled onto a song in one of Mike’s old books that I knew very well — “I Don’t Know How to Love Him,” a ballad from the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*. I’ve never seen the show live, but I grew up listening to the soundtrack.

Mike cued it up. Linda grabbed the second microphone to sing along. But I knew the song much better than she. I knew it the way one knows the contours of a lover’s body. Every intake of breath, every syllable stressed, every vocal sigh — it’s impossible to know how many times I stood in the middle of my room with this song playing on my

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stereo, drawing all of the energy in my body up through my vocal cords until it filled the air around me. I'm not saying I was good. I'm saying it *felt* good. And once I was able to forget Mike and Linda, I lost myself in the familiar old tune.

"Hey, that was great!" said Mike. "See, you just needed to warm up a little." I felt less nervous, more relaxed, as though I could bring myself to have fun with my friends without that fear of feeling stupid.

I searched for a venue to which I could drag some of my peeps. The Lamplighter didn't make the cut. I used to go there a lot, but I was looking for good old-fashioned fun, and screeching drunk girls being hit on by dope drunk boys just wasn't the scene. I heard that Scolari's Office was hosting its version of karaoke

on Wednesdays, but I wanted a relaxing atmosphere rather than one filled with angst-ridden punks and hipsters.

Wasn't there any place we could go without having to encounter strange faces in the audience? My friend Grace, a Korean-American, saved the day when she suggested we try one of the Korean karaoke joints on Convoy Street, where we could get a "private room." A quick Google search led me to Arirang DJ Karaoke, and I booked a room for eight for the following weekend.

Saturday night we gathered on the strip mall sidewalk in front of Arirang. After checking in with the manager, we were escorted through a dingy bar/restaurant whose decor would make Roberto's look like a four-star establishment. At the back of the

building we were shown to our room. Only, it wasn't a room, it was a storage closet. Literally. In two corners, cases of beer were stacked to the ceiling. In a third corner was the television and karaoke equipment, complete with a colorful, electric disco light display, and near the fourth corner was the door. Eight of us wedged ourselves around the small square table. Bottles of plum wine were ordered and downed, along with sake and imported beer. I didn't mind the fact that the plum wine tasted like Robitussin; the medicinal effect both warmed and comforted.

The "VIP Room," as our storage closet was referred to by restaurant employees, seemed to be the only one of its kind in the place. The front room was mostly empty, save for one interracial couple and a group of

Korean men smoking cigarettes undisturbed while they watched music videos playing on a karaoke screen. Enconced in our private nook (so small that even a real estate agent would be hard-pressed to call it "cozy"), we passed around the folder containing the list of songs available, but not one of us wanted to be the first to sing.

The only way to break the ice was to share the shame — Jennifer and I sang Madonna's "Like a Prayer" together, inciting jeers from our companions. At first I was horrified; were we really that bad? Then I realized it was the incredible echo effect in the small room that was driving everyone but Jennifer and me insane.

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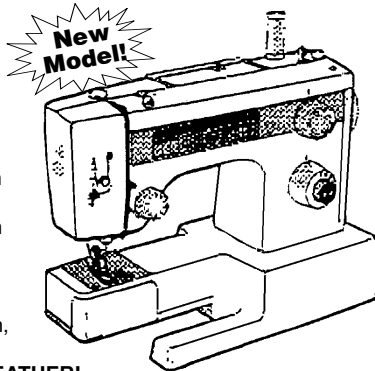
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tronic boxes in the corner. Three of us had to wiggle our way out of the VIP room in order for the Korean man to reach the machinery. Before he could extricate himself from the miniature obstacle course, Jennifer grabbed his arm and asked, "How do you say 'sex' in Korean?"

Grace looked horrified. She began speaking rapidly to the man in Korean, apologizing for her friend's brazenness. Then, to Jennifer, who has been harassing Grace for years for the answer to this question, she said, "That is totally, completely culturally inappropriate a thousand times over! Even wondering about it would be totally, utterly shameful and disappointing to our families. My parents never even told me how to say it!"

Jennifer held the employee's arm tightly. Underneath the flashing disco light, it appeared as though he was blushing. He looked to Grace for guidance. "Fine! Go ahead," Grace said. But then she added, "I'm so embarrassed. I'm sorry for my friend," and continued speaking to him in Korean again. Jennifer laughed and finally let the poor man go.

You can learn a lot about your friends while trapped inside a small closet with plenty of booze and a karaoke machine. The microphone in our little room was warmed up, and the boys, who had been drinking and mocking us, decided to give karaoke a try. Kip sang "Paradise City," surprising everyone, including his wife, with his accurate impression of Axl Rose. While singing "Lust for Life," Ron cracked up as the words "Well, that's like hypnotizing chickens" appeared on the screen. For the rest of the week, this would be our phrase to describe everything from washing the car to

dining out.

But the *pièce de résistance* was yet to come. I stumbled across the song accidentally. Once I saw it, I was compelled to act. Without a sound, without a gesture, using only my eyes, I captured Ollie's attention. Ollie — the heavily tattooed curmudgeon who hates the idea of karaoke, who was convinced to come this evening only because it was Ron's birthday. Pretty soon, everyone would know what I knew — Ollie is a sucker for passionately sung female-vocalized songs. And he doesn't just like to listen to them — he likes to sing along.

I raised my brows, and Ollie gave me a questioning look. I looked down at my finger, pointing to our song, "Total Eclipse of the Heart," and he followed my gaze. A few years ago, this song came on the radio while Ollie was riding with David and me to a party. David hates the song. In an effort to annoy him, I turned it louder and sang along. Ollie joined in on the fun, and we were having such a great time, I didn't even think to question how Ollie had come to know every word. After that night, whenever we felt like teasing David, we would begin singing. But we were doing more than annoying David — we were practicing for this night, in this tiny room. Finally, our moment to shine had come.

We knew our roles. Ollie kicked it off and belted the chorus, and I sang the quiet, serious parts solo.

"Turn around."

"Every now and then I get a little bit lonely and you're never coming round."

"Turn around."

"Every now and then I get a little bit tired of listening to the sound of my tears." His next "Turn around" overlapped the

word "tears," and just as quickly, I followed up with "Every now and then I get a little bit nervous that the best of all the years have gone by." Our voices climbed until they reached the stained ceiling of our little room. I forgot about the possibility of embarrassment, and Ollie let his tough-guy image fall around him as he raised his head to belt out the next line, "Turn around, bright eyes," and I practically cried, "Every now and then I fall apart!"

The laughter that accompanied each previous song had stopped. Our friends were listening to us, riveted, enjoying the show. We impressed them with our devoted adherence to Bonnie Tyler's style and voice. When the song was over and we came back to the room, our friends were clapping and cheering. As if to prove that he still had a penis, Ollie chose to sing "Anarchy in the U.K." next. And by "sing," I mean "scream." Ron was happy to join in with the second microphone until the rest of us had our hands on our ears in an effort to protect our precious drums.

I thought of all the Karaokians I'd encountered, the venues, the attitudes, and the solemnity with which some approach this pastime — a recreation that was invented as a way to involve and entertain the audience so that everyone could be a star, at least for the length of one song. My friends didn't have their own discs. No one in my group was serious about singing. No one worried about being better or worse than anyone else. And like the small Asian man at the Tickled Trout who sang "Are the reeves are budown," we were just having fun. Isn't that supposed to be the point? ■

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Non-drinker: Felicia Cheng, female, 17, Mt. Carmel High School
What are your reasons for not drinking? “When I first started high school, I made a conscious decision to refrain from drinking and doing drugs.”

Do your friends drink? “My friends and I keep each other accountable, which means no drinking. We try to stay away from places where drugs or alcohol are present. However, sometimes situations arise unexpectedly and we have to make a decision. For example, the summer before my sophomore year, I was offered a drink by a senior. I quickly gave him a firm ‘no’ and simply explained that I wasn’t the kind of girl who drinks.”

Do you go to parties where people drink? “I do not attend parties or social places where people drink.”

What are your thoughts about drinking? “Teens will often drink due to peer pressure or to feel better because of problems at home. I think that there are other ways to solve problems rather than drinking.”

Did you ever learn about the effects of drinking in school? “My first experience of learning about the effects of drinking was in elementary school, when several police officers visited our campus and gave D.A.R.E. lessons.”

Do you have family members who drink regularly? “Fortunately, I don’t have family members that drink regularly. My family believes that drinking isn’t necessary unless you’re at a special occasion such as a wedding or dinner party.”

Have you ever been tempted to drink? “I have not been



Felicia Cheng

tempted to drink and the one time I was asked to, I declined the offer.”

Drinker: Emilyn Ace (pseudonym), female, 17, Mt. Carmel High School
Do your friends drink? “A few of my friends drink. Peer pressure is involved only sometimes. However, my friends respect each other’s decisions not to drink.”

At what age did you start drinking and why? “I started drinking at 16. Drinks were set out on a table, and I guess my friends and I got curious.”

Describe any incidents you have had while you were drunk. “I have never gotten drunk.”

What kind of alcohol is your favorite and why? “I like just the ones that are fruity. It’s not about getting drunk.”

Where do you usually drink? “I drink at friends’ houses with people I trust.”

Do you make sure there is a designated driver? “I’m usually designated driver.”

How often do you drink? “I don’t drink often at all.”

Do your parents know that you drink? “No, my parents do not know.”

What’s the most alcohol you’ve consumed in one night? “I probably consumed only a few shots. I don’t like the fact that I can easily lose control of myself. Even with close friends, it isn’t always safe.”

Do you have family members who drink regularly? “Yes. My uncles and my dad drink regularly. It’s probably a social thing, but I think they overdo it.”

Did you ever learn about the effects of drinking in school? “No, I did not. No drug alcohol study has affected me. The only way I learned things was to experience it. Textbooks are just words.”

How do you get alcohol? “It’s usually with friends that are older. I don’t ask them to buy the drinks. I just get invited.”

Do you think that there is social pressure that compels people to drink? “The people that get drunk and just cave in to peer pressure are not smart enough to make their own decisions. Peer pressure is one

thing, but no one is shoving a drink down your throat. You have to do it yourself.”

Non-drinker: Chris Araiza, male, 17, Scripps Ranch High School
What are your reasons for not drinking? “The first reason is that it is against my religion. The second reason is that it kills your body, has too many carbohydrates.... Other reasons are that I think it’s just stupid and that I can have just as good of a time without drinking than getting drunk. Yes, this was my decision only, and I make it every day.... I get support from some and ridiculed by others.”

Do your friends drink? “Some of my friends do drink, but I am never around them when they do. I’ve been offered a drink once or twice and turned it down by telling them it’s against my religion and that I don’t want it destroying my body.”

Describe any encounters you’ve had with people who were drunk. “I haven’t had any personal encounters with any drunken people, personally, but my dad dealt with one on the freeway after [the drunk driver] had hit a car and pulled over. She was really woozy and kept trying to pee to lower her blood-alcohol level, I’m guessing.”

Do you go to parties where people drink? “I have been to only a few places where people drink, and I am always the designated driver.”

Did you ever learn about the effects of drinking in school? “Yes, I did, but seeing as I had my mind made up before the matter was discussed, it had no effect on me.”

Do you have family members who drink regularly? “My immediate family doesn’t drink, but others in my family that are not in the Christian life do drink regularly.”

Have you ever been tempted to drink? “Yes, I have. At my uncle’s wedding reception, I was given a can of beer. I was about to open it and give it a try, but then I decided not to.” ■

— Vivian Pham,
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EXICALI has changed a lot in recent years. No longer sleepy, it now has clubs, bars, and restaurants that feature live music with sophisticated lighting systems, wide-screen TVs, and satellite dishes. The last official census here claimed a mere 700,000 residents, but residents claim that a more precise figure is somewhere closer to a million. My search for a local garage band began when I called up an old drinking buddy named Juan Corella.

Juan is now a partner in a local advertising agency, and he explained, "Mexicali is now the Seattle of Mexico in terms of music and new bands. A lot of new bands are starting here such as Vil Sahara (Desert Home), La Carta de Tío Don Lagarto (Uncle Lagarto's Letter), and Nudos (Knots), to name just a few. The main difference between the nightlife down here and the nightlife up there is the square footage," he said with a smirk as he tapped a half-smoked Marlboro into an already full ashtray.

I went out in search of a live band — a local group — that might want to talk about what they do to a nosy American who speaks Spanish with a funny accent. I found airy and spacious clubs like ¡No Que No! (whose name defies translation but is an expression used after completing a dare; translated loosely it means, "Thought you said I couldn't!"). It had live music and plenty of elbow room, a refreshing change from the cramped sweatboxes in San Diego's Gaslamp. Cover charge at ¡No Que No! is \$5.00, and that includes two drinks. I chose Tecate beer. Your cover charge tickets are purchased through a small Judas window on the left corner of the building. And they offer valet parking. Inside, a barmaid who looks like Selena provides fast service and a sexy smile.

Unfortunately, there was no live band there that night, so I walked across Calle Benito Juárez to A La Jarra. A La Jarra features a unique beer promotion, its famous *barra libre* or free bar. You bring your own cup, mug, or stein, and they will fill it with beer for free between 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. There is also no cover charge after 11:00. This club is popular with young people and has a relaxed, unpretentious feel to it. The doorman at A La Jarra does not enforce a dress code, but you are frisked. It was at A La Jarra that I saw El Solsticio (Solstice), an appropriately named garage band making a go of it here in the Mexicali desert.

I talked to Alfonso Verdugo, 19, who plays a creamy-white Fender electric guitar. As we spoke, he pushed back his shoulder-length brown hair and pensively stroked his goatee. In front of A La Jarra, in the parking lot, Alfonso explained about Solstice. "We have been together three years, and we started playing on June 21, during the beginning of the summer solstice. We started out playing American covers, like Guns 'N' Roses and other bands that were popular at the time. Initially we sang in English, because we thought that's what people here wanted. Later we found that there was support for us to sing in Spanish, so we began translating popular songs.

"I have a love for music, and I have always enjoyed playing. I have never had formal lessons and don't really care how many people watch us play. Right now we are looking for gigs here in Mexicali. We have played at Arragons here, and we do private parties. Luckily we are getting a lot of support here and encouragement from family and friends, thank God."

His parents are divorced, and he has two younger sisters. He has been play-

Your Words Are Bricks



Herman Hernandez and Alfonso Verdugo

As we spoke, he pushed back his shoulder-length brown hair and pensively stroked his goatee.

ing the guitar since he was 15. In the fall he will be attending the University of Baja California in Mexicali and plans on earning a degree in communications.

"We have only had this drummer [Herman Hernandez] for about four months. The last one we had to get rid of because he was spending too much time with his girlfriend and not enough time in rehearsal."

I pitched my next question over the sound of a blaring car horn, amid the exhaust fumes. I asked what their songs were about. He pushed back the rolled sleeves of his white loose-fitting shirt and said, "I try to convey with my music what I see and

what I think is happening here and everywhere. Our songs are about real problems and social issues. We try to write about things that really happen to us so that others can better relate to us. If something good happens, then we will write something good. If something bad happens, then we will try to express what we see wrong, such as with a social issue like abortion or other things that have happened to us." I asked more about this rock song that he composed on abortion.

"The song is called 'Déjalo vivir' ('Let It Live')

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and is about something that happened to a cousin of mine. My cousin Victor was 19 and had a girlfriend of the same age. She accidentally got pregnant, and they were both really concerned. Fortunately there was enough resources from both families so that they could have married, and the three of them could have had a stable life. At first she agreed to marry Victor. One week later

she had an abortion and married a well-known narcotics trafficker. Now she drives a brand-new car and has everything she wants. When my cousin explained it to me, he wrote it all down in a letter, and I took his letter and put it to music."

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y te marchasted
Todo fué fácil
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de tu vientre
Matando de la manera
más cobarde
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siquiera defenderse.
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Tus hechos son basura
Y no puede matar el dolor
Por que su madre lo destruyó.
Y cuando veas los pedazos
del ser que antes vivía en ti
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de lo que nunca dejaste vivir.

"Let It Live"
My dream fell
He won't ever know me
It formed by itself
But it was never born
It didn't want to suffer
It just wanted to live
and you let it die
My dream flew away
My dream died
Because its mother
destroyed it
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it

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and you marched. Everything was easy Just as easy as spitting it from your womb killing in the most cowardly way Killing someone who can't even defend itself. Your words are bricks Your acts are trash and I can't kill the pain because its mother destroyed it. And when you see the pieces of the being that once lived in you you will only see one reflection of who you never let live.

"We write on many issues — government, corruption, drugs, and even divorce. The song about drugs is called 'The Abyss,' and it is about this guy who wastes his life on drugs." I asked about the corruption song, "The song

is called 'Bien estar para su familia' (For the Well-Being of Your Family). It is a satire of government corruption and politics. We wrote it because we are fed up with the corruption here in Mexico, and so are a lot of people. We also have a song about the nationalized television broadcaster Televisa we call 'Camino al fin' [Road to the End]."

The other members of the band are also from Mexicali. Alejandro Soto, "La Piedra," "the Rock," plays bass; Herman Hernandez plays the drums, and Hector Hugo is the vocalist.

Alfonso describes their musical genre as heavy rock but not heavy metal. He compares his band stylistically to Pantera or Metallica but with Spanish lyrics and more melody. When I asked them what kind of music they listen to, each gave a different answer. Hector,

the vocalist who is studying to be an electrical engineer at the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, listens to Soundgarden and Pearl Jam. Alejandro the drummer listens to Kiss and Slayer. Alfonso on the Fender electric guitar — that he purchased here in San Diego at Guitar Center — listens to Cypress Hill and Suicidal Tendencies. They all met at the university through mutual friends.

They rehearse two or three times a week in a comfortable Los Piños residential area of Mexicali, one of the city's wealthier neighborhoods. The light-colored homes with stained-glass windows here are surrounded by gates, walls, dogs, and occasionally guards. This is the neighborhood where local politicians and land-owning families reside. Outside these houses, the steady drum of cooling sys-

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tems can be heard over the cicadas and the occasional barking of a dog.

While I spoke with Alfonso, I was struck by his confidence and lack of self-importance. He mentioned that they “just finished recording some demo tapes and are eager for a recording contract.” Plans for the future include trying to work out a deal to play at Mex Fest at Cal State-Northridge in December, but so far nothing has been finalized or signed. He said it was *chilo*, “cool,” that Americans were taking an interest in what is happening musically across the border. He was soon greeted by an entourage of friends going into A La Jarra and left the interview after shaking my hand again and saying goodbye.

During the summer, the sun beats down on Mexicali with a vengeance. I awoke Sunday morning, and it was 85 degrees before 9:00 in the morning. Watching the heat rise off the black asphalt and distort the air from inside my air-conditioned car, I wondered, while I waited to cross the border, how the kids selling

chewing gum between the rows of cars could stand the heat.

The Chiclets kids with smudged cheeks played hide-and-go-seek around the dusty cars waiting to cross the border in the impossible heat. They smiled and laughed, ducking around idling traffic as the cars slowly crept forward. It was finally my turn at the inspection point. I was waved through by a tired-looking guard. In my rear-view mirror I saw the Chiclets kids, and I thought of Alfonso’s song and considered all the possible meanings of “every child a wanted child.” ■

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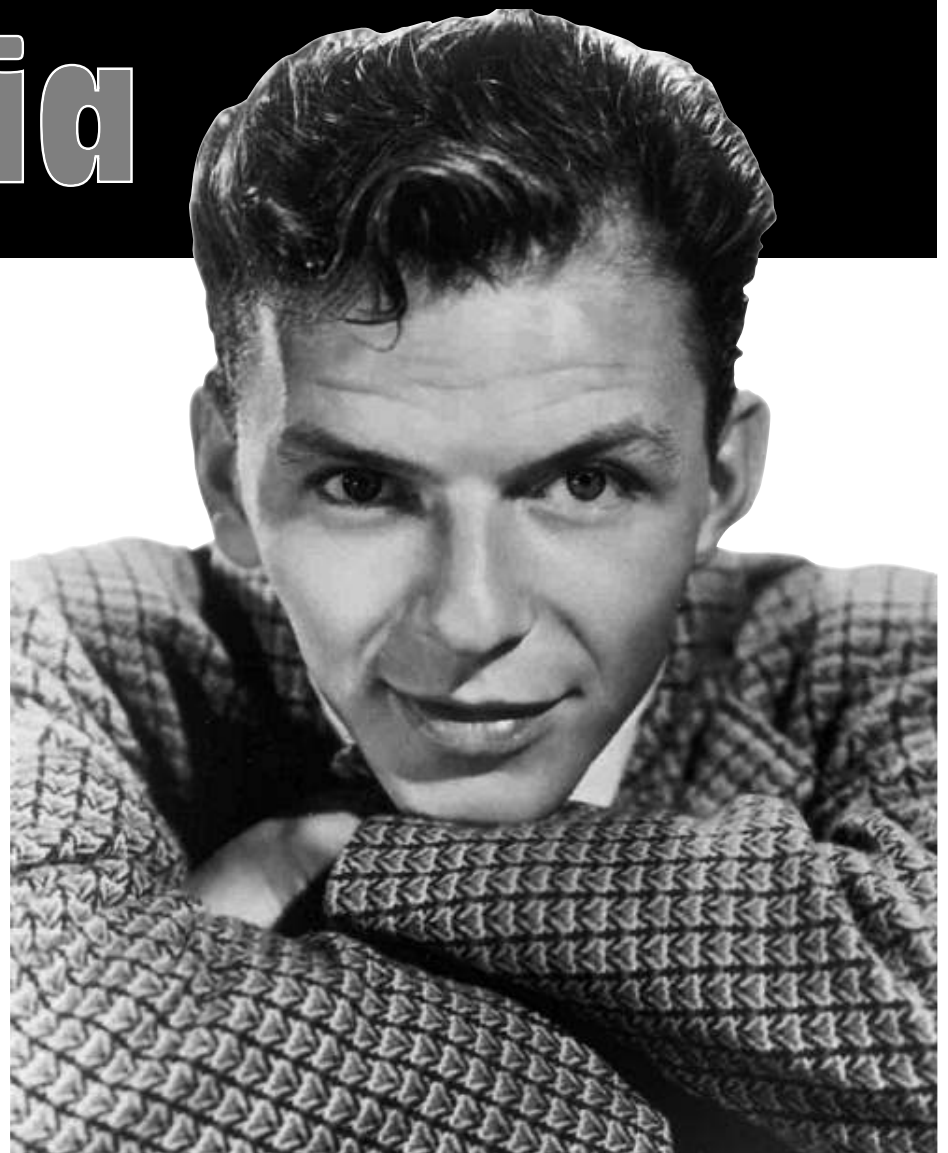
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Frankophilia

At Zito's Bakery on Bleecker Street, a Greenwich Village institution, there are two framed photographs on the wall behind the counter. One is a picture of the Pope. The other is a picture of Frank Sinatra smiling broadly, holding a loaf of Zito's bread.

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Directly after every baseball game at Yankee Stadium, the public-address system plays Sinatra's hit recording of "New York, New York." When the Yankees defeated the Atlanta Braves in the sixth and final game of the 1996 World Series, capping an improbable comeback from a two-games-to-none deficit, it seemed as if everyone in the stadium were singing along, swelling the final chorus: "And if I can make it there, I can make it anywhere, / It's up to you, / New York, New York." The aging Sinatra — he was in his sixties when he recorded "New York, New York," the last of his blockbuster hits — does amazing things with the initial "And" in the lines just quoted, twisting and turning the word



Frank Sinatra

love affair with the greatest of all popular American singers.

The incident reminded me of the oft-told anecdote about another Yankee Stadium hero, Joe DiMaggio, when he was married to Marilyn Monroe in the early 1950s. She had just gone to Korea to entertain the US troops stationed there. Afterwards she rejoined DiMaggio in Tokyo. "Joe," she said, "you never heard such cheering." "Yes, I have," Joe replied.

Few men, and fewer non-athletes, know what it feels like to bring sixty thousand cheering men to their feet. Sinatra had that power. It was (and still is) his voice that thousands of men hear coming out of their mouths in the shower. His is the voice of cities. "New York, New York" at Yankee home games (and in the closing credits of Spike Lee's *Summer of Sam*). "My Kind of Town" at Chicago's United Center, where the Bulls of Michael Jordan held court, and which Sinatra officially opened with one of his last live concerts. And "Chicago [That Toddlin' Town]" in the Chicago Cubs' venerable Wrigley Field. In each case it is not precisely the song itself but the Sinatra version of the song that has established itself as our public voice, the surrogate voice of the man in the street, the fan, the voice of heroes, but also losers, mutts, and sobbing drunks. Of a great many songs is this true. Thus we have records like *Keely Sings Sinatra* (2001), featuring Keely Smith singing "My Way" and "It Was a Very Good Year," or Tony Bennett's *Perfectly Frank*, which includes "One for My Baby" and "Angel Eyes." A favorite CD of mine, *Blue Note Plays Sinatra* (1995), consists of jazz treatments of Sinatra songs. There's Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers with "Come Rain or Come Shine," Freddie Hubbard with "All or Nothing

at All," Dexter Gordon with "Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out to Dry," Cannonball Adderley with "Dancing in the Dark," Sonny Rollins with "I've Got You Under My Skin," the Three Sounds with "Witchcraft" and "It Was a Very Good Year," Jacky Terrasson with "I Love Paris," Miles Davis with "It Never Entered My Mind," Ike Quebec with "Nancy (With the Laughing Face)," Bennie Green with "This Love of Mine," and Joe Lovano with "Angel Eyes." In what sense are these Sinatra songs? Except for "This Love of Mine," for which he wrote the lyrics, Sinatra wrote none of them, but he sang them so well that they are forever associated with him. Seldom can a performing (or interpretive) artist lay claim to such an almost authorial relationship to material someone else has composed.

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When Sinatra was a skinny, bow-tie wearing, twenty-three-old unknown who had lucked into a gig with Harry James's band, a reporter asked the bandleader about his new boy singer. "Not so loud," James said (according to Kitty Kelley). "The kid's name is Sinatra. He considers himself the greatest vocalist in the business. Get that! No one ever heard of him. He's never had a hit record. He looks like a wet rag. But he says he is the greatest. If he hears you compliment him, he'll demand a raise tonight."

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In the Hollywood version of *Guys and Dolls* (1955), Marlon Brando plays Sky Masterson and Sinatra plays Nathan Detroit. Conventional wisdom has it that both are miscast, because Masterson has to do more singing and Brando does not have the better singing voice. I happen to



Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Frank Sinatra

as if it contained not one but three or four syllables; the voice seems to go down a valley and come back up the other side of a hill. The gesture is inimitable, though it also invites imitation, and watching a Sinatra fan trying to duplicate the effect can be very entertaining. But here it was the instrument of joyous release. Here you had a crowd approaching sixty thousand people getting into the act. It was a great moment of New York solidarity, and it was also in its way an expression of Frankophilia, the populace's

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like Sinatra's performance as Nathan Detroit, who runs "the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York." It's a persona he would relish in the first of the Rat Pack movies, *Ocean's Eleven* (1960), a comic caper in which Sinatra and company (Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Peter Lawford, Joey Bishop, et al.) conspire to rob five Las Vegas casinos simultaneously. In *Ocean's Eleven*, Angie Dickinson, playing Sinatra's estranged wife, tells him that he "could never love a woman the way you love danger." What he leads is "not a life, it's a floating crap game."

Sinatra, who wanted the role Brando got in *Guys and Dolls*, did go on to record Sky

Masterson's best song, "Luck Be a Lady," triumphantly in 1963. But the linkage of Brando and Sinatra at the top of the ticket in *Guys and Dolls* marks a confluence too rich to go unremarked, because Sinatra is to singing what Brando is to acting: a method actor, who doesn't just sing a song but lives it. He inhabits a song as Brando inhabits the roles of Stanley Kowalski, the rebellious biker in *The Wild One*, Terry Malloy in *On the Waterfront*, and Don Corleone.

Sinatra has, one could say, narrative ability. He turns a song into an intimate, seemingly autobiographical short story, usually a love story as told from the heights of romantic excitement ("I've Got the

World on a String") or the depths of romantic despair ("I'm a Fool to Want You"). At an academic conference devoted to Sinatra at Hofstra University in November 1998, the year of his death, the singer Julius LaRosa (who sang on Arthur Godfrey's TV show in the 1950s) chose Sinatra's version of "I Get a Kick Out of You" to illustrate the singer's narrative approach. "He sang the song not as it is written, not as a band (or dance) song, but as a song with a story to tell," LaRosa said. On another occasion, LaRosa remarked that Sinatra could "turn a thirty-two bar song into a three-act play."

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It happened fast. In 1939 Sinatra began the year singing at the Rustic Cabin in Englewood, New Jersey. In the years since maybe a million people claim to have heard him perform there. One person who did hear Sinatra sing at the Rustic Cabin was handsome Harry James of the mustache and trumpet, who signed the singer to a one-year contract at \$75 a week. With the James band Sinatra sang "It's Funny to Everyone But Me" in August, "All or Nothing at All" in September. The voice was creamy, smooth, with a vulnerable edge. Sinatra, Pete Hamill writes, "created a new model for American masculinity," and this was apparent from the start. So was the singer's

countervailing confidence, even defiance. James (whose signature song was "You Made Me Love You") wanted his new boy singer to change his name to "Frankie Satin." Fuck that. His mother would kill him. He was Frank Sinatra, and he would stay that way. Years later, when the subject of the proposed name change came up, Sinatra cracked, "If I'd done that, I'd be working cruise ships today."

"When Frank joined the band," James remarked, "he was always thinking of the lyrics. The melody was secondary. If it was a delicate or pretty word, he would try to phrase it with a prettier, softer type of voice.... He could sing the wrong melody, and it would

still be pretty."

By the end of 1939 Tommy Dorsey, "the sentimental gentleman of swing," had heard Sinatra on the radio and hired him away from James for his own vastly more successful band. He raised Sinatra's salary to \$125 a week. Sinatra would replace Jack Leonard, a fine crooner ("Marie," "In the Still of the Night"), who had left the Dorsey band to strike out on his own, and had flopped. Sinatra had just turned 24.

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Sinatra hated leaving the James band. The last night was in Buffalo in January 1940, and Sinatra never forgot it. "The bus pulled out with the rest of

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the guys after midnight. I'd said goodbye to them all, and it was snowing. I remember there was nobody around, and I stood alone with my suitcase in the snow and watched the taillights of the bus disappear. Then the tears started, and I tried to run after the bus."

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At a party, I was having a conversation with a friend about our favorite Sinatra songs. I chose "I've Got You Under My Skin" (1956), and he countered with a different Cole Porter tune, "At Long Last Love" (1957), although he said he was tempted by "I Get a Kick Out of You" (1953), because of Sinatra's marvelous riff on the final "you," or "Night and Day" (1957), which has another of those amazing Sinatra moments, when he stretches the word "through" in the phrase "and this torment won't be through / until you let me spend my life making love to you."

What do all four of these songs have in common? All were composed by Cole Porter, whose urbanity and wit made

him perhaps the ideal composer for Sinatra, with the Richard Rodgers of Rodgers & Hart a close second, followed by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, and Irving Berlin, possibly in that order. Sinatra is the exemplary interpreter of the great American songbook because he can shade his emotions: his joy is edged with irony and also sometimes with rue, melancholy and something more, a heartbreak bred in the bones.

Perhaps even more important, all four songs were arranged by a former trombonist with the Dorsey band, a genius named Nelson Riddle. Working with Riddle was one of the best things ever to happen in Sinatra's career. Riddle helped define the Sinatra sound during the eight years he sang on the Capitol label, the period of his best work (1953-1961). If you're a newcomer to Sinatra, I recommend beginning with *The Capitol Years*, a three-CD anthology set, and then going on to these indispensable individual albums, all of them with Riddle arrangements:

Songs for Swingin' Lovers!, *In the Wee Small Hours*, *A Swingin' Affair*, *Swing Easy*, *Nice 'n' Easy*, *Only the Lonely*, *Close to You*.

Will Friedwald: "It remained for Riddle to develop both the ballad side and the swinging side of Sinatra (or, rather, to extend the legacies of Axel Stordahl and George Siravo and, before him, Sy Oliver). And the Sinatra-Riddle sound has since become what we think of when we think of Sinatra; the pre-Riddle period can be reduced to a prelude, the post-Riddle era to an afterthought."

During the Capitol period, Sinatra's voice is no longer quite as impressive or as naturally pleasing as when he was known as "the Voice." It has lost range; he now has to strain for high notes. It has been roughened by experience and by all the cigarettes he has smoked. ("The cigarettes you light, one after another, / Won't help you forget her, or the way that you love her": "Learnin' the Blues.") The voice has grown deeper, fuller, older. All the boyishness that showed in the songs he

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recorded with the Harry James and Tommy Dorsey bands is long gone. The paradox is that Sinatra in the 1950s hasn't as great a voice and yet is a greater singer. The difference lies in Sinatra's mastery of fast tempos in such Riddle-arranged masterpieces as *Songs for Swingin' Lovers!* (1956) and *A Swingin' Affair* (1957). But the superiority of the '50s Sinatra extends to ballads also, because he now has seemed to perfect the uncanny ability to make a song come to life — to turn it into a chapter of his autobiography, as when, accompanied by a lone piano, he lights a cigarette and sings "One for My Baby (and One More for the Road)," which gets a lot of people's votes as Sinatra's greatest saloon song.

Oh, yes — you wanted to know the meaning of "swing," the word that recurs so often in Sinatra's album titles? Listen to "All of Me" on *Swing Easy* (1954). This is a song Sinatra had frequently sung in the 1940s, each time experimenting a little more with the phrasing and with how he exits from the song. Here he sings the final stanza with such exuberance as to undo the actual sense of the words — it's what is meant by "kidding the lyrics." Where the line as written would require him to sing, "can't you see / I'm no good without you," he sings "can't you see / I'm just a mess without you." The emphatic "mess" sounds more like a triumphant declaration of independence than like a suitor's plea. The lyrics say one thing, the delivery says another, and the style makes it cohere. That's one way swing works.

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"The rapture of *Songs for Swingin' Lovers!* And the nihilism of *Only the Lonely*, apart from being Riddle's two favorites of the 21 albums he arranged with Sinatra, can be safely described as the high points of the collaboration and the zeniths of the careers of both men, individually and as a team. Still, they are hardly singular pinnacles. We could point to *A Swingin' Affair*, *Swingin' Lovers'* sequel, as perhaps an even more thrilling ode to sensual syn- copation, while *In the Wee Small Hours* and *Close to You*, prequels to *Only the Lonely*, are in many ways no less disturbing juxtapositions of romance and anguish." (Will

Friedwald, *Sinatra! The Song Is You*)

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When Sinatra was Dorsey's boy singer he approached the editor of *Metronome* and lobbied to be put on the cover.

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After Sinatra died I overheard somebody say scornfully that he was overrated: "Without

his voice he would have been nothing." There must be a rhetorical term for such a statement.

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"Sinatra's voice went through range changes. His sound

changed. He went from the violin with Axel [Stordhal, Sinatra's primary arranger in the 1940s], the pure violin sound, to the sound underneath, the viola, with Nelson [Riddle]" (Sammy Cahn). "The voice itself would evolve

over the years from a violin to a viola to a cello, with a rich middle register and dark bottom tones" (Pete Hamill).

Early on, Sinatra's baritone borders on the tenor. He sings with ease though never quite as effortlessly as Crosby.

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Already in his first recordings you get a sense of his narrative ability, his way of turning a lyric into a short story. He sounds heartbroken when singing a sad song and euphoric when singing a love song. Songs like "Falling in Love with Love" (Rodgers and Hart) and "Stormy Weather" (Harold Arlen) and "Where Is My Bess" (Gershwin) and "Fools Rush In" (lyrics by Johnny Mercer) turn into dramatic events, stories that unfold in a performance that combines marvelous singing and a natural gift for (method) acting.

Crosby and Sinatra harmonized wonderfully: Crosby tended to sing the low, Sinatra the high notes to conclude a duet. I recommend the "Parody Medley" the two sang on

the radio in November 1944, where the lyrics of such songs as "It Could Happen to You" and "I'll Get By" are adapted to suit the competition between this "chummy pair" of rivals.

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Listen to "I'll Never Smile Again" (1940), Sinatra's first major hit with Dorsey. Sinatra and the Pied Pipers (among them Jo Stafford) begin the song with a chorus ("I'll never smile again / Until I smile at you. / I'll never laugh again"), and then Sinatra alone and unadorned completes the quatrain: "What good would it do?" When you hear him sing this line you will understand right away why the first of his nicknames was "the Voice." Later, in the Rat Pack days of the 1960s, he became the "Chairman of the Board," the guy who had his own record company, Reprise, and could make anything — well, just about anything — happen. When he came back from retirement in the 1970s he refashioned himself as "Old Blue Eyes." But in the 1940s he was the Voice, who could ascend to the summit of high

notes and stay there, as at the end of "Ol' Man River" (1945). Jerome Kern, who wrote the music for "Ol' Man River," said, "My idea with that song was to have a rabbit little fellow do it — somebody who made you believe he was tired of livin' and scared of dyin.' That's how you do it, Frankie."

Sinatra expressed regret without self-pity, pain with no loss of masculinity. The poet Carolyn Kizer reasons that the bobby-soxers of the 1940s lost their hearts to young Frankie because he was androgynous, combining masculine and feminine traits, his big voice coming out of his undernourished body. As Crosby sang in a comic 1944 duet with Sinatra, "How can that voice come out of nowhere?"

Sinatra was the first boy singer to prompt mass teenage female hysteria. The breakout event took place three months after the singer had exited from the Dorsey orchestra. He wanted to make it on his own, not as part of someone else's big band. In a life of gambles this was a spectacular one. On December 30, 1942, Benny Goodman and

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his sextet were performing at the Paramount Theater in New York. Sinatra's solo performance was the last act. Goodman introduced him. The singer began, and the girls let out their shrieks. Goodman was startled. "What the fuck was that?" he exclaimed. That was the moment the Frank Sinatra "phenomenon" began.

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"I discovered very early that my instrument wasn't my voice," Sinatra said. "It was the microphone."

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When Sinatra joined Tommy Dorsey, Jo Stafford, a member of the Pied Pipers, the band's vocal group, remembers how

thin he looked, "almost fragile-looking. When he stepped up to the microphone, we all smirked and looked at each other, waiting to see what he could do. The first song he did was 'Stardust.' I know it sounds like something out of a B movie, but it's true: Before he'd sung four bars, we knew. We knew he was going to be a great star."

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With the Dorsey band, Sinatra and Connie Haines and the Pied Pipers sang "Oh! Look at Me Now" (1941), a great upbeat number that has a crucial role in the allegory of Sinatra's career. It expresses the exultation of having arrived just as "All or Nothing at All" (1939) stated the uncompro-

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misgiving nature of the singer's propositions and personality. Sinatra sings "Oh! Look at Me Now" with great gusto on *A Swingin' Affair* (1957).

Another allegorical Sinatra title is "Why Try to Change Me Now?" (1952), one of the last recordings Sinatra made for Columbia Records, with whom he had recorded ever since striking out on his own in 1943. The song is widely interpreted as a parting shot at Mitch Miller, Columbia's chieftain, with whom Sinatra had long feuded. In September 1953 Sinatra was overheard on the phone saying, with characteristic bravado, "Hey, I just fired Columbia." What happened was a little more complicated: Columbia had decided to drop him, and the feeling of good riddance was mutual. But Sinatra and his fans never forgot the idiotic novelty songs that Miller obliged him to cut ("Mama Will Bark"), and in Las Vegas many years later, when Miller offered to shake hands, the seated Sinatra, surrounded by friends, looked up and said, "Fuck off." Sinatra was

great at holding a grudge.

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The battle of the baritones: If I were a disc jockey I would begin an hour by playing Jack Leonard ("In the Still of the Night"), then Perry Como, Bob Eberly ("Brazil"), Vic Damone maybe, definitely Dick Haymes ("It Might As Well Be Spring"), Mel Tormé ("That Old Feeling"), saving Sinatra for last ("Imagination"). After a break I'd play something by Crosby, the gold standard of the period (though I'd probably pick a Crosby recording of the previous decade, "Pennies from Heaven"). I think I'd also play a song Sinatra sang about three of his rivals who were "breathing on [his] neck." "Dick Haymes, Dick Todd, and Como," a parody of the now obscure "Sunday, Monday, and Always," had lyrics specially written by Sinatra loyalist Sammy Cahn. The song appears on the V-discs Sinatra cut for US troops during World War II. When, in the middle of the song, he substitutes "Perry" for "Como" and in a spoken aside says,

"that's the other guy's first name," you grasp in an instant the difference between Sinatra-the-voice and Sinatra-the-mouth. The singer's voice was the voice of an angel, pure in diction. But the mouth was always Hoboken. The song ends: "There's room for all of us. / There's just one Crosby. / There's room for all of us."

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Before his first solo performance at the Paramount, Sinatra told Johnny Mercer, "I'm going to sing Bing's ass off."

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From Tommy Dorsey, Sinatra learned a critical lesson in breath control—how to stretch a note, or link the last note of one phrase with the first note of the next. Sinatra worked hard at it. He swam for hours in swimming pools, frequently underwater, to develop this capacity. Earlier, Harry James had encouraged him to learn to jump rope.

With the Dorsey band he sang "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" and "How About You?" and "I'll Be Seeing You" and "Without a Song."

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Dorsey's theme song was "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You." But Dorsey was anything but sentimental in matters of money. When Sinatra went out on his own, Dorsey forced him to sign a punitive contract that would grant Dorsey a percentage of all the singer's future royalties. Sinatra thought it worth the risk. Later he managed to slide out of the contract altogether, though it cost him a considerable amount of money, and more. It resulted in a terminal falling out between bandleader and singer. "I hope you fall on your ass," Dorsey told the singer. Dorsey wanted Sinatra to fail and Sinatra never fully forgave him, though he did turn up unannounced to toast the bandleader and sing at a memorable Dorsey tribute in New York in February 1955. (If you can find the CD called *This One's for Tommy*, featuring Sinatra and Jo Stafford, buy it.) Years later—in Los Angeles, in June 1979—Sinatra introduced Harry James to a live audience. James was a great guy. James had let him out of his contract after only six months. "And then there was Tommy Dorsey," Sinatra said. "And when I wanted to get out of my contract to him years later, it cost me seven million dollars." Suddenly the specter of Tommy Dorsey materialized before him as a ghost to a Shakespearean prince. "You hear me, Tommy? You hear me? I'm talking to you."

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Sinatra's favorite toast: "May you live to be a hundred and may the last voice you hear be mine."

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In *The Godfather* (1972), Michael Corleone (Al Pacino) explains to his girlfriend Kay Adams (Diane Keaton) how his father had liberated the famous singer Johnny Fontane (Al Martino) from the punitive contract the bandleader had made him sign as a precondition for allowing him to leave the band. "My father made him an offer he couldn't refuse," Michael says. "Luca Brazzi held a gun to his forehead and my father assured him that either his brains or his signature would be on this sheet of paper." Because of *The Godfather* many people believe (erroneously) that Sinatra landed the part of Maggio in *From Here to Eternity*—his comeback part, which saved

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his career — because a mafia boss dispatched a thug to decapitate a stallion and put the bleeding head in the resistant film director's bed while he slept.

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Of how many songs is it true that Sinatra's version is definitive? Of "I've Got You Under My Skin," certainly, where Sinatra's perfectionism required 22 takes on January 12, 1956. Many fans (I am one) think this the greatest of Sinatra's finger-snapping up-tempo songs, with a wondrous instrumental bridge featuring Milt Bernhart's inspired trombone riff. It was true of "Saturday Night Is the Loneliest Night of the Week" during World War II, of "Witchcraft" in the late 1950s, of the incomparable saloon songs, "One for My Baby (and One More for the Road)" and "I'm a Fool to Want You," and of nearly all the "all" songs that Sinatra turned into standards: "All or Nothing at All" with the Harry James band, which sold 8,000 copies when first released in 1939 and a million when re-released years later; "All the

Things You Are" on the Columbia label in 1943, with its climactic mile-high last note; "It All Depends on You" as arranged by George Siravo in 1949; "All of Me" as arranged by Nelson Riddle for Capitol in 1954; and "All the Way" (1959), which played in the background when the college men of a previous generation did their best to bed their girlfriends.

Sinatra sang the novelty songs that Americans used to love, such as "High Hopes," which (with changes in wording) became John F. Kennedy's campaign theme song in 1960. As a 12-year-old boy caught up for the first time in the excitement of presidential politics, I well remember the new lyrics Sammy Cahn fashioned:

K-E-double-N-E-D-Y,
Jack's the nation's favorite guy,

Everyone wants to back Jack,

Jack is on the right track.
And he's got high hopes,
He's got high apple-pie-in-the-sky hopes.

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In 1997, a man accused of

threatening to kill a former lover seemed to conduct himself according to the lyrics of Sinatra songs. Interviewed by a journalist in a diner, he sang variants on "My Way" to summarize his situation. On his former lover's answering machine he sang "This Love of Mine" in an attempt to reconcile. (Did he know that Sinatra had composed the lyrics of "This Love of Mine"? Probably not.) On the other hand, when the Apollo 11 astronauts orbited the moon in July 1969, they beamed Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon" back to Earth.

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Humphrey Bogart was the center, and Sinatra a member, of the original Rat Pack. After Bogart's death in 1957, Sinatra — "with his natural charisma and inability to be alone" (James Wolcott, *Van-ity Fair*) — found himself at the center of a group that included, besides Bishop, Davis, Lawford, and Martin, the actresses Angie Dickinson and Shirley MacLaine, and such others as Milton Berle and lyricist Sammy Cahn. "There is no such thing as a clan or

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pack," Sinatra explained. "It's just a bunch of millionaires with common interests who get together to have a little fun."

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"It was Sinatra who triangulated Hollywood, Washington, and the Mafia" (Wolcott). Rat Pack pal Lawford, the British-born actor who had married President Kennedy's sister Pat, introduced Sinatra to then-Senator John F. Kennedy in the late 1950s. Like the singer, the Senator enjoyed partying in Las Vegas casinos, where there were "blow jobs on the house." Following one of his performances at the Sands, Sinatra introduced candidate John F. Kennedy to Judith Campbell. It happened during the period of the filming of *Ocean's Eleven*, the quintessential Rat Pack movie. Sinatra arranged a room-service lunch for Kennedy and Campbell in his private suite, and thus began a two-year affair of the sort that tabloids call torrid. It continued after Kennedy occupied the White House and despite the president's awareness that

Campbell had become mobster Sam Giancana's moll. All this we know from the FBI files, which Sinatra obtained in 1981 under the Freedom of Information Act and which were edited for book publication under the title *The Sinatra Files* by journalists Tom and Phil Koons in 2000.

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Giancana and his associates thought they had a line into the White House. They expected that the Kennedy Administration would, in exchange for election-year favors, go easy on mob activities. They hadn't reckoned on Robert F. Kennedy's righteous moral indignation, which took the form of the attorney general's holy crusade against organized crime. Besides hating the brothers Kennedy, Giancana was furious with Sinatra (whom he called "the canary") for failing to exercise his supposed influence with the young president. Federal wiretaps caught a conversation between Giancana and Johnny Formosa, a henchman. "Let's hit Sinatra," Formosa said. "Or I could whack

out a couple of those other guys, Lawford and that [Dean] Martin, and I could take the nigger [Sammy Davis, Jr.] and put his other eye out." It is said that Giancana decided against whacking the canary because he wanted to hear him sing "Chicago" one more time.

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It is difficult to write about Sinatra, not only because a million other guys have the same ambition and gallons of ink have already been spilled, but because he was more than a singer, and even an article focusing on his music would have to take his iconic status into account. What he stands for is complicated: a charmed life, maybe; stylishness; his ability to put over a song, to make it seem like an extension of his own personality and experience; the fascination of an intense and contradictory personality; the "18-karat manic-depressive," a wounded swinger who could consort with presidents and gangsters, but who also liked painting and took photographs at the

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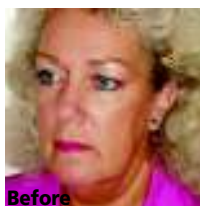
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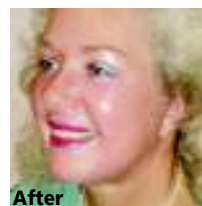
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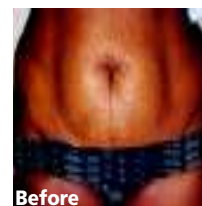
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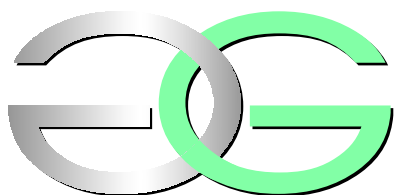
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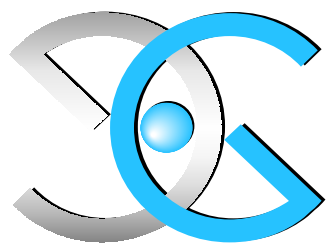
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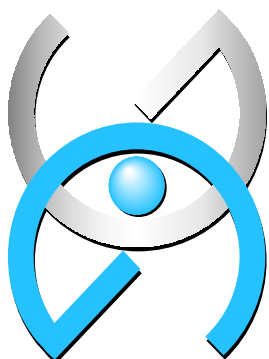
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Frankophilia

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first Ali-Frazier fight that were good enough for *Life* magazine to run. The trajectory of his career extended from Roosevelt to Reagan, from the Big Band era that he helped bring to an end by going solo successfully in 1942, to beyond the boozy Las Vegas casino scene of the go-go 1960s. He went nightclubbing with JFK, performed at the Nixon White House, took tea with Nancy Reagan when her husband was president. He had also participated in the common citizen's love of FDR. (In the version of the great Vernon Duke-Ira

Gershwin standard "I Can't Get Started" that he sings on the album *No One Cares*, where the speaker's worldly success is contrasted with his failure to win the girl, Sinatra sings this marvelous couplet: "Each time I chanced to see Franklin D. / He always said 'Hi, buddy,' to me.") Nancy Sinatra, with whom he sang the forgettable top-of-the-charts hit "Somethin' Stupid" in the late 1960s, said that trying to define her father was like trying to analyze electricity. He had a flair for the dramatic and an instinct for stage center. Like a finger-snapping Lazarus in a tux, he took a punch, went down, and then got back on his feet

and won the fight.

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In the 1940s Sinatra had hit record after hit record. He liked the taste of Hollywood glamour and learned to dance well enough to serve as Gene Kelly's junior partner in sailor-suit movies like *On the Town* and *Anchors Aweigh*. And then his career came crashing down. He was photographed with gangsters in Havana (February 1947). He punched out obnoxious Hearst columnist Lee Mortimer (April 1947) and did other things that earned him the enmity of the fourth estate. He conducted a very public love affair with Ava Gardner, then possibly the

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most beautiful woman in Hollywood. She and he fought constantly, histrionically. Female fans deserted him just as he had deserted his wife and children. He would lose his radio show, would jeopardize his recording contract with Columbia. In 1950 his voice failed him in public; he opened the mouth to sing and nothing came out. He was told that he suffered from “vocal cord strain” and that the only way to get better was not to sing.

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For Ava Gardner, the love of his life, Frank was willing to risk everything. The affair wrecked his marriage, his health, and his reputation. There are photographs of Sinatra with Ava that make it seem they are having the time of their lives. They married in 1951, but it was no honeymoon. The couple’s bitter quarrels seem to have added to the sexual intensity of the relationship.

“We would be sitting in the living room and hear them upstairs in the bedroom quarreling and arguing. Ava would scream at Frank and he would

slam the door and storm downstairs. Minutes later we’d smell a very sweet fragrance coming from the stairs. Ava had decided she wasn’t mad anymore, and so she sprayed the stairwell with her perfume. Frank would smell it and race back up to the bedroom. Then it would be hours before he’d come back down” (Betty Burns, wife of Sinatra’s manager at the time, quoted by Kitty Kelley).

Sinatra put all the misery of his relationship with Ava into “I’m a Fool to Want You” (March 27, 1951), a lonely masterpiece that came out of the nadir of his career.

A Sinatra exit line during one of his fights with Ava: “Swell. You just go off with your sister, and I’ll be in Palm Springs fucking Lana Turner.”

Ava on Frank: “Frank weighed only one hundred and twenty pounds, but one hundred and ten of them were pure cock.”

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— Elvis Costello, *Mojo*

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On a visit to Mount Holyoke College in 1992 I was invited to tea by Brad Leithauser and Mary Jo Salter, and discovered they are big Sinatra fans. Brad played the *Swing Easy* and *Songs for Young Lovers* albums. He took a special delight in Sinatra's handling of Ira Gershwin's lyric in "A Foggy Day," especially his unexpected staccato five-fold iteration of "shining" in the verse, "And in foggy London town, the sun was shining (shining

shining shining shining) everywhere."

My own favorite Sinatra moments: In "I've Got You Under My Skin" (1956) what he does with "you" in "though each time I do / just the thought of you"; in "It All Depends On You" (1949) the improvised be-bop scatting when the title phrase returns after a fantastic tenor sax solo by Wolf Taninbaum.

In the magazine *Callaloo* (1999), Reuben Jackson, archivist of the Smithsonian's Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald collections, published his obituary poem "Frank," which begins:

like god
or miles,
no second name is
needed.

Jackson picks out "In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning," the title cut on the album of that name, "its longing / unpretentious / and haunting as / moonlight." He also characterizes the song as "a 32 bar ashram."

I asked several other writer friends whom I knew to be jazz buffs to pick a favorite Sinatra moment and comment on it. "I love Sinatra," Phillip Lopate wrote, "and what springs to mind is his

version of 'It Never Entered My Mind,' where he makes the most of the great lyrics, largely because his voice is best at rue and regret. When he sings 'Now I even have to rub my back myself,' there's a nice touch of humor in the way his voice rises to suggest the awkwardness of the situation. His maudlinness is under control, it's a very balanced and sane expression of all we take for granted and then lose."

The poet Michael Burkard spoke of the moment in "I Get a Kick Out of You" "where in the second verse when he says 'terrifically' he prolongs the ippffff and sounds like he is sniffing cocaine (even though he is sure it would bore him 'terrifically too')."

U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, whose poems are filled with references to jazz musicians: "I like the way he and only he says 'chick' and 'dame.'"

Lloyd Schwartz, who won the Pulitzer Prize for his music criticism in 1994: "One of Sinatra's greatest performances is his now-famous 'unreleased' 1958 version of 'One for My Baby' (ultimately issued in 1990 on *The Capitol Years*). Instead of the expected, conclusive 'that long, long road,' he trails off — with heart-breaking resignation — singing 'the long...that long...it's

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long...’ Rodgers & Hart’s ‘It Never Entered My Mind’ (*In the Wee Small Hours*, Capitol, 1955, arranged and conducted by Nelson Riddle) was a song waiting for Sinatra. As in most of Lorenz Hart’s lyrics, the subject is really language itself—how turns of phrases mirror the inevitable, if unexpected, and mostly unwelcome, twists our lives take:

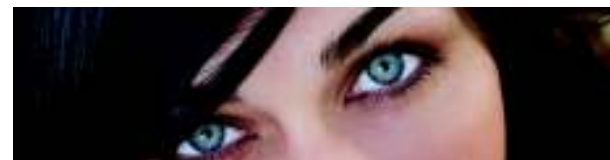
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“He then eases into the long ‘ee’ of ‘easy chair,’ both caressing and bending the note so that it captures not only the seductiveness of the chair, that haven of comfort it never occurred to him he could lose, but also his current squirm of discomfort, ache of regret. The wry wordplay makes the enormity of this loss somehow both more and less bearable. As the poet Elizabeth Bishop wrote, with merciless self-irony, sharing with Lorenz Hart her ‘one art,’ the attempt to keep despair at bay through writing, ‘The art of losing isn’t hard to master.’ Sinatra has always been a master of that art.”

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In 1951 and ’52, Sinatra was as prematurely buried as Roderrick Usher’s sister in Edgar Allan Poe’s tale. His records weren’t selling. His voice had failed him. His TV show was canceled. His marriage to Ava had begun to disintegrate, and he lost his Columbia contract. He was through, too, in Hollywood. But as Pete Hamill notes, the fall was central to his legend, for American men respect nothing more than the guy who gets up off the mat after being knocked down. He had to die on screen for this to happen, in *From Here to Eternity*, which was like penance for his having been 4-F during the war (a punctured eardrum) and for the fact that



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his voice had seduced the lonely wives and girlfriends of servicemen abroad. As Private Maggio in Fred Zinnemann's celebrated film of James Jones's Pearl Harbor novel, Sinatra got to transform his image. He was no longer the young crooner with the hysterical effect on teenage girls. In the movie he played a tough little Italian-American guy with a lot of pluck and a lot of life, an indomitable private with the singer's own dems-and-dose Hoboken-ain't-broken ethnicity. And when he died on screen, it was not only a superb job of acting. It was as if the young cocky Sinatra died there with Maggio, and a new weathered Sinatra was born. And indeed the singer's voice grew rougher, deeper. Men, who had not cottoned to Sinatra in the

'40s, now got on the bus. In the 1940s he sounded effortless, smooth. Now he sounded like a man whose heart had been broken but who had recovered to live another day and love another time.

Sinatra won the Academy Award for best supporting actor for his work in *From Here to Eternity*, and from that moment on it was as if he could do no wrong. He had major hit singles in "Young at Heart" and "Learnin' the Blues." On the Capitol label, he teamed up with Riddle to make the greatest albums of his career and also worked with other talented arrangers: George Siravo (who did the arrangement for Sinatra's best Columbia record, *Swing and Dance with Frank Sinatra*), Billy May with his driving arrangements and

brassy sound (*Come Fly with Me*), Gordon Jenkins, who favored strings (*No One Cares*), and Don Costa, who wrote the charts for "New York, New York" (1979), among them. With Riddle he created the first "concept" album, and possibly the greatest, *In the Wee Small Hours* (1955). All the songs share a somber mood, sweet though in sadness: Duke Ellington's "Mood Indigo," Harold Arlen's "Last Night When We Were Young," Hoagy Carmichael's "I Get Along Without You Very Well," and a trio of terrific Rodgers and Hart songs "Glad to Be Unhappy," "It Never Entered My Mind," and "Dancing on the Ceiling."

As the title character in *Pal Joey* (1957), Sinatra gets to choose between Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak — between, that is, two of the most glamorous sex queens of the 1940s (Hayworth) and 1950s (Novak). When he sings "The Lady is a Tramp" in the movie and he gets to the couplet "She's broke / It's oke," he shrugs his shoulders wordlessly and omits the second line. Many listeners regard this version of that great standard as second only to "I've Got You Under My Skin" as Sinatra's greatest up-tempo song. In *High Society* (1956), he sings a "swellegant, elegant" duet with his boyhood idol, Bing Crosby, which Crosby regarded as the best duet he had ever done with anyone. In the same movie Sinatra makes love vocally to Grace Kelly with "You're Sensational," a much better song than "True Love," which Crosby and Kelly sang, though the latter outsold it.

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Bandleader Artie Shaw, master of the clarinet, whose version of "Begin the Beguine" was a big hit in the 1940s, preceded Sinatra as Ava Gardner's husband. The odd fact intimates a point. When Sinatra arrived on the scene, the bandleader was the most glamorous position in the music world. Harry James was married to Betty Grable. Benny Goodman was the "king of swing." If it's a somewhat cruel irony that Sinatra's solo success spelled the doom of the big-band era, the silver lining is that Sinatra went on being Sinatra, snap-brim hat and all, when rock and roll conquered the airwaves and fedoras went the way of crooners.

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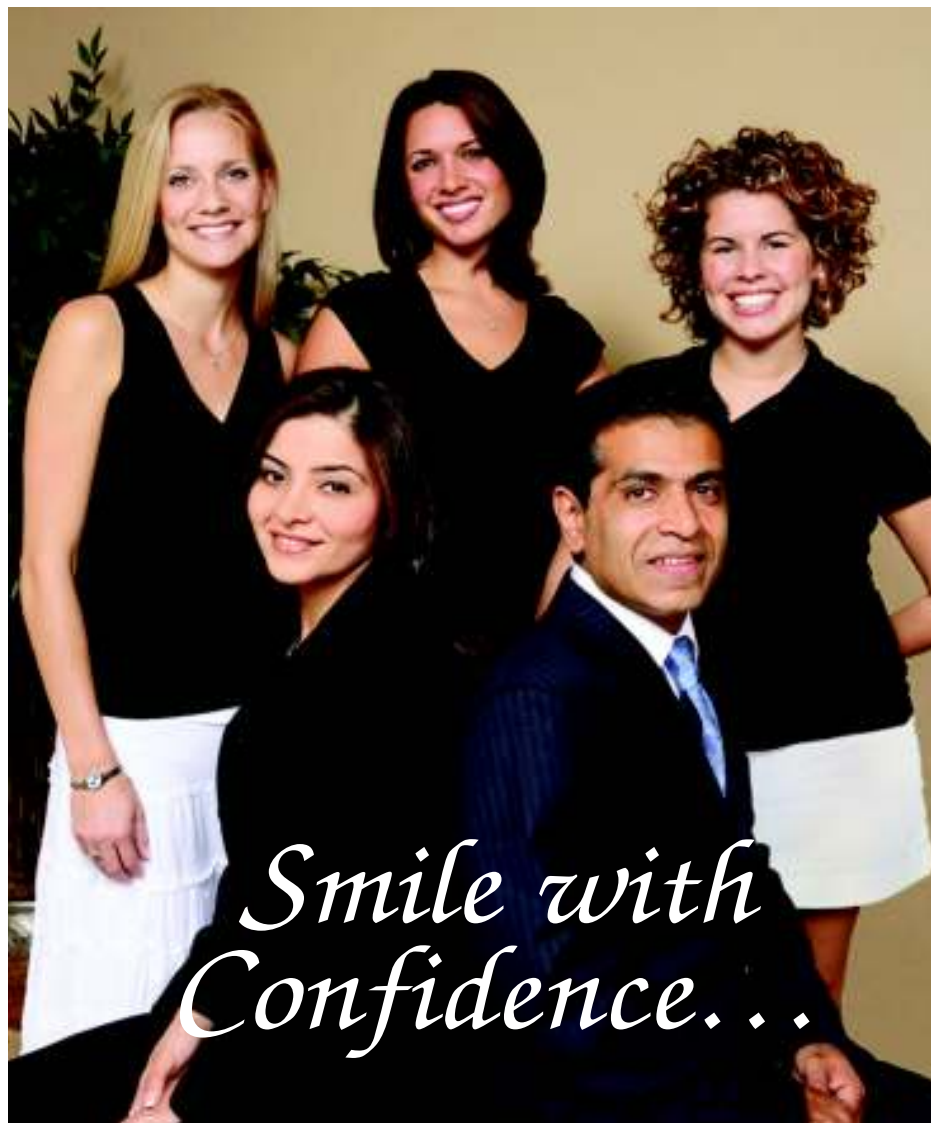
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are so closely related it's hard to tell them apart.

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At the Hofstra conference devoted to serious Sinatra studies, Roger Gilbert of the Cornell University English department read a brilliant paper entitled "Sinatra and the Culture of the '50s." One notion Gilbert pursues is that there are aesthetic parallels between Sinatra and the Abstract Expressionists (or Action Painters). "A moment ago I suggested that Sinatra might be called a Method Singer; let me now propose that he be considered an Action Vocalist," Gilbert said. "Sinatra's best recordings, like his concert performances, always have the quality of live events, of actions rather than mere recitations. Just as we're continually aware of [Jackson] Pollock's choices, his split-second swerves, hesitations and thrusts as he wields the brush, so in listening to a Sinatra track we hear the impulsive gestures of his voice as it carves its own path through a song. Improvising,

ad-libbing, bending or embellishing a melody, condensing or stretching out a lyric, Sinatra is constantly making choices as he sings, and that's surely where much of the excitement of his music lies. There's a tangible riskiness in his best performances, a willingness to leap without knowing exactly where he'll land. As a result his records sometimes contain clinkers, clams, sour notes, failed effects; but these stand as evidence of Sinatra's total commitment to the moment in all its unpredictable power." Later in the paper, Gilbert suggests that Sinatra is also a version of Robert Lowell, a "Confessional Crooner."

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Did you know that Frank once helped Joe DiMaggio break and enter Marilyn Monroe's apartment (except that it wasn't her apartment)? For details, read Kitty Kelley's book. "The friendship between Joe [DiMaggio] and Frank ended when Sinatra started dating Marilyn [Monroe] and passing her around to his

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friends. Joe never forgave Sinatra or Peter Lawford for allowing Marilyn's affair with Robert Kennedy to take place. He was bitter about them after her suicide and barred both men from attending her funeral in 1962" (Kitty Kelley).

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Sinatra married Mia Farrow in 1966 when he was 50 and she 21. "I've got Scotch older than Mia Farrow," Dean Martin said. The marriage didn't last. Years later Sinatra confessed he still didn't know what that was about.

Parlor game: Which of the four Sinatra wives would you choose to be: Nancy Barbato, his first love, mother of his children, keeper of the family name and flame, to whom he was loyal though not faithful; Ava Gardner, perhaps the most beautiful woman in Hollywood; the young Mia Farrow at the beginning of her career as an actress (*Rosemary's Baby*) and as a gossip column stalwart (her subsequent consorts included Woody Allen); or Barbara Marx, who married him when he was old and revered, an institution, indeed, a character in celebrated novels (Don De Lillo's *Underworld*)? All but Ava Gardner survived him.

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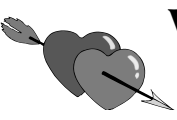
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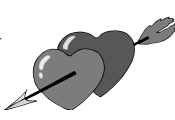
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large sums away. He tipped (he called it “duking”) more lavishly than anyone else. After Sinatra died on May 14, 1998, everyone quoted Dean Martin: “It’s Frank’s world, we just live in it.” When I told a friend, a very attractive and flirtatious woman of 26, that I was working on an article about Frank Sinatra, she said, “Is there a place in it for a photograph of me naked surrounded by Frank Sinatra CDs?”

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defunct New York institution surfaces: “Now there are people who prefer the art museum, / And out in Brooklyn there’s a ball park and a team, / But I don’t care a whole lot if I never see ’em / Meet me at the Copa, meet me at the Copa tonight.”

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Sinatra and women. Dean Martin: “They should put Frank’s zipper in the Smithsonian.” Humphrey Bogart remarked that Sinatra thought paradise was a place that was filled with women and had no journalists but what he didn’t realize was that he’d be better off the other way around.”

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Everyone wishes Sinatra had chosen his movies as carefully as his songs. But where in singing he would put himself and crew through 22 takes, in making movies he was convinced that the first take was best. Yet he made some very good movies. Among the dramas I would nominate *From Here to Eternity*, *The Man With the Golden Arm*, and

The Manchurian Candidate in the must-see category; *Ocean’s Eleven* and *Robin and the Seven Hoods* are interesting for Rat Pack (and musical) reasons, and among the big production musicals you’ve got to see *On the Town* (Bernstein), *Guys and Dolls* (Loesser), *High Society* (Porter), and *Pal Joey* (Rodgers and Hart).

Oddly, Sinatra appeared in two movies centering on presidential assassinations, *Suddenly* (1954) and *The Manchurian Candidate* (1962). Kitty Kelley recounts that when the president of United Artists expressed unease about making the latter, Sinatra went directly to President Kennedy, who said he liked the book and would not object to seeing it made into a movie. “That’s the only way that film ever got made,” Condon said. “It took Frank going directly to Jack Kennedy.”

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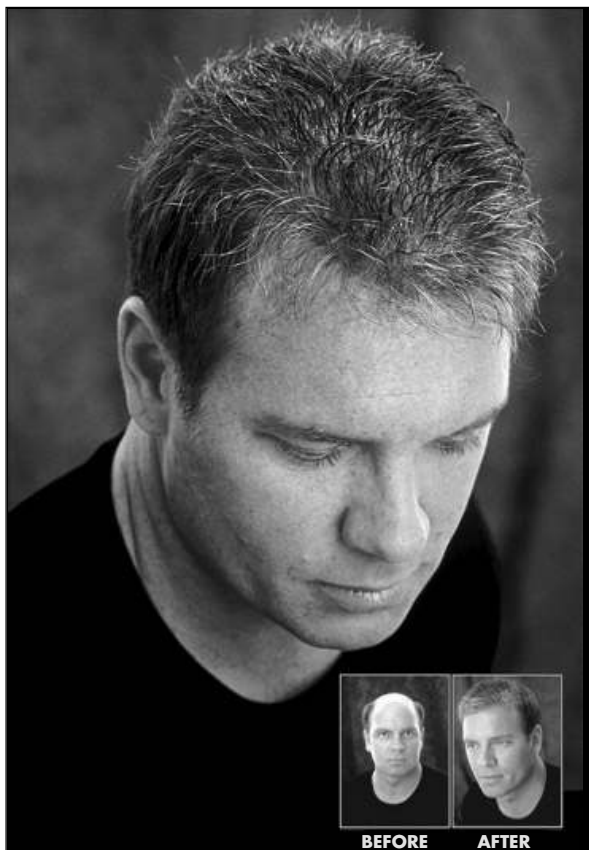
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Soprano fingers an FBI informant, the fact that the suspect while in prison had made a bust of Sinatra proves vital. When Tony's father, in a flashback, is in a merry mood, he dances with his wife in the kitchen singing "All of Me," Sinatra's version (1954). The album *Sinatra's Sinatra* (1963) is visually conspicuous in another episode. In still another, Tony and Carmela Soprano are telling their children during dinner about the great contributions Italians and Italian-Americans have made to civilization. The list starts with Michelangelo and ends with Tony beaming: "and, of course, Francis Albert."

Sinatra despised several of his monumental crowd-pleasers including, "Strangers in the Night," which reached the top of the charts in 1966, and "My Way," which did the same in 1968.

The television dramatization of Sinatra's life that his younger daughter Tina produced in

1992 starring Philip Casnoff is excellent, in my view the best of numerous attempts to adapt Sinatra's biography, or aspects of it, to the little screen.

The name Sinatra contains in anagrammatic form the words sin, art, rain, trains, stair, satin, saint, stain, artisan, rat, rant, strain, star.

When Sinatra retired in 1971 — a decision he would soon reverse — he concluded his farewell performance in Los Angeles on June 13 with "Angel Eyes." The stage went dark, and he lit a cigarette. "Thanks to stagecraft and the majesty of his singing, Sinatra stage-managed a perfect coda," Will Friedwald writes. "As he delicately entered a diminuendo, the smoke from his cigarette gradually enveloped him as both the volume and the spotlight grew smaller and smaller. Finally, when Sinatra uttered the last line, 'Scuse me while I disappear,' he was gone."

When he died on May 14, 1998, they lighted the Empire State Building in his honor. "That's power," a friend said. "No," I said. "That's love."

On December 12, 1997, Sinatra celebrated his 82nd (and last) birthday. I wrote:

There's an old French saying, "the whole of a man's mystery rests in his hat," and if you translate it into American you get Sinatra smoking and singing "Memories of You," "I Thought About You," "You Make Me Feel So Young," and "You Brought a New Kind of Love to Me," all from the same 1956 session, I love that voice and have since the summer I was eight and my friend Ann and I sang "Love and Marriage" on Talent Night at the bungalow colony when I'm down there's nothing like you, birthday boy, singing "All of Me" to lift me up and when I'm in love I jump out of bed in the morning singing "It All Depends On You" and your voice comes out of my mouth. ■

— David Lehman

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LETTERS

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confines of anonymity must be frustrating at times. Both of your creative writing skills or lack thereof are quite mundane. It's a shame you prefer that style. But I must admit that Ollie's "Christmas Story" (December 22) was authentic and slightly enchanting. It was a good read. A lot of people enjoyed that story.

As far as Josh the Party Crasher and his quest to find a party worth writing about in his weekly column, it is absurd and noncaptivating. It's very dry and one-dimensional. I believe that the *Reader* would be a better publication without the "Crasher," in my opinion. It's too simpliminded.

When it comes down to depicting music, the two of you have so much to learn. I have been a fan of the *Reader* for 20 plus years. I know it's vital to review music to the best of your ability; it goes with the territory. But Ollie's "Hometown CDs" review should be titled "Hometown Butchery." You

have to consider what it takes for a musician to put out an independent release, whether it's trash or treasure. In all honesty, no one should be condemned for at least trying. Encouragement is better than criticism. I have reviewed bands in the past, and I tried not to be derogatory. I certainly didn't want to piss any bands off. I had my own band to contend with. I wanted to keep all integrity intact. When reviewing the music — especially metal — judge, jury, and executioner wasn't my thing.

The moral to the story is, it's not necessary to denounce the CDs you review, Ollie. It takes some courage for any musician who's virtually unknown to release their product in hope of any recognition, large or small. The San Diego music scene has suffered long enough. I know that for a fact. The unity has diminished tremendously over the years, and it's a crying shame. For whatever it's worth, this is all relevant.

Anyway, continue reviewing the CDs that come your way, Ollie. Show some humility. It's more benefi-

cial. And Josh, stick to the music category and band interviews. Remember, practice makes perfect, be it musician, journalist, or author.

Tony D. Metal
Spring Valley

Four-In-Hand, Please

An article of yours reads, "Most guys are wearing what they call foreign hand ties, which look like a regular tie, not as wide as a cravat" ("Best Buys," September 22). The proper term is "four-in-hand knot." Contrast with Windsor knot, half-Windsor, etc.

Jim Pauloski
via e-mail

Peeks Into Her World

I am writing in regards to the column "Diary of a Diva." This is a great column. I've found myself looking forward to more and more. Her writing really allows a peek into the world that she lives in and her experiences. Perfect blend of the serious and the lighthearted sides of life. Thanks for the wonderful column, Barbarella!

Gregg
via e-mail

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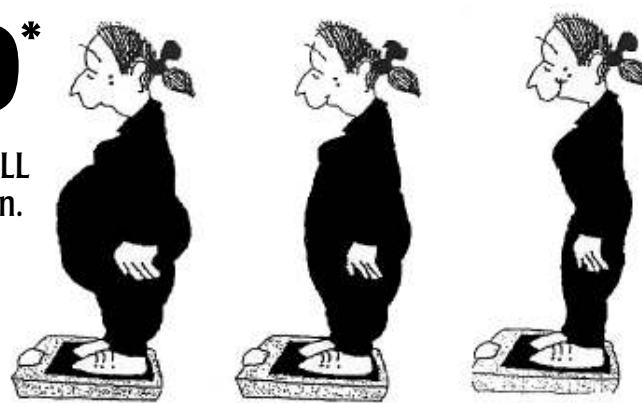
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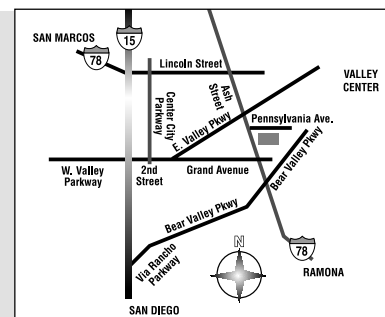
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Acting Locally

O.B. Features Films of Political Voices

Frank Gormlie started the [Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization], and his original mission statement was, "We're eternally democratic, activist oriented, and we are for the protection of the environment, human rights, labor rights, civil rights, diversity, and tolerance," says Colleen Dietzel, co-owner of the Green Store and member of the Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization. On Monday, February 13, the organization will show a selection of films depicting activism in Ocean Beach and San Diego at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center.

One of the films, *Arlington West*, is described on arlingtonwestfilm.com as "a 60-minute film presenting a 'temporary cemetery' in the sand, erected

every Sunday by the Veterans for Peace...A flag draped coffin and over 1900 wooden crosses, affectionately placed in the beach, invites the public to honor the unacknowledged fallen U.S. soldiers and laments the cost of the war." Included in the footage are "83 interviews with soldiers and Marines en route to and returning from the war in Iraq, plus interviews with military families."

The Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization has assisted in staging local vigils for the Veterans for Peace. "We have done this at least a couple of times," says Dietzel. "During one event, the BBC was here doing a story about Bush."

Another film to be featured is the 12-minute *Peace Out San Diego*, shot and edited by Patty Mooney of local production company Crystal Pyramid Productions. "It's about the peace marches and vigils that took

place in San Diego between 2002 and 2005," Mooney says. The film is mostly made up of footage and still shots set to the music of Peggy Watson, the Prince Myshkins, and Stephan Smith and includes "a chilling moment when a mother speaks in Spanish with a translator about how she learned of the death of her son by watching television and seeing him in the arms of an Iraqi."

Mooney participated in a protest against President Bush's inauguration last year. "In South America, when they protest the government, they go in the street and bang on pots and pans. Last year we did that and it was so much fun. This woman came out on her balcony from one of the condos and brought out a pot and pan and started banging."

Dietzel, whose interest in activism was sparked in the mid-1980s, describes what it means to be an activist: "Once you become a conscientious person, it's hard to ignore all the injustice in the world. Sometimes you feel frustrated. But I get a lot of people who say, 'Thank you, I'm glad you're still here.'" Dietzel hopes the films will educate and inspire others to get involved. "Frankly, we're all tired and we need help — we're burned out, and [more activists] will lessen the load on people struggling with burnout. After the election it was very depressing."

"Initially this group [the Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization, founded in 2000] was formed to investigate and deter the growth and development of SeaWorld," says community activist Debora Greene. "We were concerned about the traffic in our community. We were in opposition to SeaWorld's ballot that went to the voters that they needed to do development and exceed the height limit because Shamu needed a bet-



ter home. It was deceptive to the public — what came along with that were new homes, the thrill ride, and hotels." Journey to Atlantis, which is a combination roller coaster and splashdown ride, is 95 feet tall.

Greene explains that the organization determines its actions based on issues currently facing the community. "There's a vacant lot at the corner of Voltaire and Sunset Cliffs owned by World Oil. They want to bring in another gas station, and we are in opposition of that." Concerned residents of the area will discuss the issue at both community and town hall meetings. "We don't want O.B. to become a satellite city. We want to maintain [its] charm and individuality," says Greene, who moved to Ocean Beach from Pacific Beach in 2000, the same year she joined the organization.

"To me, being an activist is about making something better," says Dietzel. "You could be getting a degree or trying to make more money; most people find a mate, get a job...and the world is falling apart!"

[Activism] is thinking about the community as a whole and not just about yourself."

Even so, Dietzel notes, activism can be all-consuming. "I've been reflecting a lot lately, and all of my socializing is basically hanging out with friends from O.B. Grassroots, talking about issues, going to political films, lectures, benefits. Recently I was dating this man that I knew from 20 years ago that was, like, a normal person." Though Dietzel chose community involvement over pursuing the relationship, she says, "It was kind of nice to escape activism."

— Barbarella

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will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean's enormous mass and large heat capacity fully responds to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in the low- to mid-70s is expected by August or September.

Ceanothus, or wild lilac, will likely begin its annual blooming cycle this month, though the timing of first bloom is highly dependent on rainfall patterns. By early March, perhaps, virtually every chaparral-covered canyon and hillside on the coastal strip may exhibit blue- or white-flowering specimens. The peak of the ceanothus bloom will work its way eastward, reaching Ramona and Alpine by late March, and the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna Mountains by April or May.

Lupines, whose spiky, purple (sometimes yellow) flower clusters adorn grassy areas and disturbed patches of soil, are about to pop up all over San Diego County — and copiously so if we get soaking rains. In the desert, you'll spot lupines along the sandy washes or in roadside gullies where water temporarily collects. Coastal lupines should be in full flower by late March; higher-elevation lupines will be blooming in the mountain areas in May and early June. The generic name *Lupinus*, meaning "wolf," was given these plants in the belief that they robbed the soil of nutrients. Actually the reverse is true: Their ability to fix nitrogen through root nodules helps them survive on poor soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

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

Trail Repair Work at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park takes place "most Saturday mornings" at 9 a.m. Bring work shoes, gloves, hat, water, snack. Group gathers at Paso Picacho campground maintenance area behind fire department building. Free. 858-278-3280. For those 16 and older (with parent). (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Rocks, Soil, Quakes, Common Plants — learn about all when naturalist Jack Pomeroy leads moderate to strenuous 4.5-mile hike in Daley Ranch, Saturday, February 11. Adventure begins at 8:30 a.m. at Cougar Pass entrance.

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

The mile-long El Modena Open Space in the city of Orange preserves a steep-sided, miniature mountain range, clothed in a tough mixture of drought-resistant cactus and sage-scrub vegetation. Underfoot, you'll find colorful andesite and pyroclastic rock — volcanic deposits dating back some 15 million years. This variety of rock, in colors of brick red, pink, white, gray, green and beige, is found in Orange County only here and in a couple of spots just south.

Start at the corner of Cannon Street and Patria Court, 0.4 mile south of Santiago Canyon Road and 1.3 miles north of Chapman Avenue, where curbside parking is available. Follow the path parallel to Cannon Street's right (southbound) side, and quickly veer right on a steeply ascending trail through a natural garden of California sagebrush, encelia, wild hycinth, and wild onion. As you wind upward toward the top of the ridge, dense thickets of prickly pear cactus, plus some coast cholla cactus, appear.

At the ridgeline turn left and follow it to the highest summit, elevation 806 feet. Enjoy a pseudo-aerial view of the flat, expansive Los Angeles Basin, wrapping around more than 180 degrees, and the rim of the mountains to the east and north — the Santa Anas and the San Gabriels. This vista can be mind-blowing on days of crystalline atmospheric conditions.



West view, El Modena Open Space

From the 806-foot high point, descend south and pass over two more summits in the next mile. A very steep path goes down the west side of the southernmost hill, and meets a service road leading back to the intersection of Cannon Street and Stillwater Avenue. Use the bicycle path or sidewalk along Cannon to complete the one-mile-long return to Patria Court. When done this way, the entire loop measures 2.4 miles.

Two shortcut trails link the ridgeline to Cannon Street, and either one of those can be used to shorten the hike.

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

Bring water, wear hiking boots. Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Gaslamp Folklore and Legends Walking Tours offered Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, by tour guide Gino Lizardi, who reveals romantic past and characters of the area. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Explore the Urban Art Trail of East Village during Urban Safari walking tour led by Patty Fares, Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. Reservations: 619-944-9255. \$10. (EAST VILLAGE)

Visit "Quintessential San Diego Sites" during 11km volksmarch — "a noncompetitive walk along a premarked route" — hosted by San Diego County Rock-

hoppers, Saturday, February 11, beginning in parking lot at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon; finish by 3 p.m. Walk is free; \$3 fee for Volkspoint credit. 760-746-0897. (BALBOA PARK)

Visit Historical Grinding Rocks Site and cross over the San Diego River during guided nature walk, Saturday, February 11, 8:30 a.m., beginning in Kumeyaay Lake Campground of Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Find Oak Galls and Woodrat Houses during guided nature walks on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, February 11, 12, 15, 9:30–11 a.m. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Visit Ramona's Grasslands and witness winter migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles during outings led by Wildlife Research Institute every Saturday through February, 9 a.m. to noon. Walks are led by trained biologist; participants usually observe trapping and banding of birds of prey.

Wear hiking or walking boots. Bring binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Only heavy rain cancels trips. Outings begin at Wildlife Research Institute headquarters, 18030 Highland Valley Road (near Rangeland). Free. 760-789-3992. (RAMONA)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, February 11,

EL MODENA

Orange County's El Modena Open Space perches like an island above the L. A. Basin sprawl.

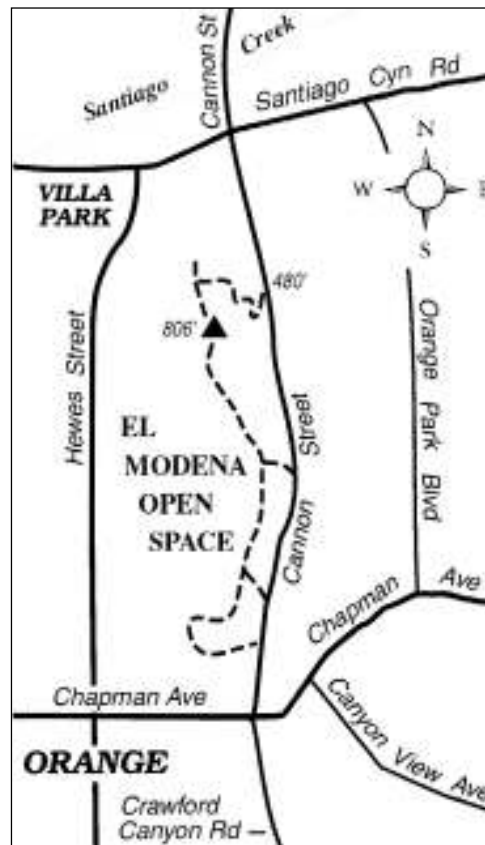
Distance from downtown San Diego: 92 miles

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Hiking difficulty: Moderate

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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, February 11, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, for viewing and learning about San Dieguito Lagoon, wetland wildlife, future restoration projects. Free. Find center on San Andres Drive (off Via de la Valle). Free. 858-674-2275 x14. (DEL MAR)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwa-

ter Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, February 11, 8 a.m., and Sunday, February 12, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

San Diego Kite Club hosts kite flying second Saturday of each month, including February 11, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Look for Life Along Coastline when a naturalist from Birch Aquarium-Museum leads "Tidepooling for All," Saturday, February 11, 1–3 p.m. Fee: \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 6–13. Required reservations: 858-534-7336. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek on Saturday, February 11, starting at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

February's Full Moon on Sunday, the 12th, rises dramatically only a few minutes before the sun disappears below the western horizon at around 5:20 p.m. Watch the moon's bubble-like disk materialize in the eastern sky as darkness gathers. The following morning, you can watch the moon fade in dawn's glare while sinking into the Pacific. When observed near the horizon, the moon often seems to be larger than life. The effect, called the "moon illusion," is purely psychological. Hint for lovers: The Valentine's Day moon, past full and slightly out of round, can be expected to make its first appearance low in the eastern sky at around 7:15 p.m.

Visit "Potato Chip Rock" on Mount Woodson during steady uphill climb (1200-foot elevation gain) led by Canyoneers, Sunday, February 12, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (POWAY)

Discover and Identify Track and Sign from many animals when tracking team at Mission Trails Regional Park leads guided nature walk, Sunday, February 12, 8:30 a.m., starting at entrance kiosk at One Father Junipero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. Canceled for rain. (SAN CARLOS)

Help Rescue Threatened Wildlife with Wildlife Assist after recruiting session, Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m., at Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-921-6044. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

See Rare Vernal Pools and wildflowers when Diana Gordon leads walk, Sunday, February 12, 1 p.m. Meet at intersection of Fairpoint Way and Shorepointe Way

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Fledgling Birders are invited to Audubon Society outing in Kit Carson Park, Monday, February 13, 8 a.m. Meet at El Arroyo picnic area in park; find Kit Carson Park at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. Easy hiking; restrooms, water, and picnic tables available. 619-280-7710. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Stop at See's Candies for chocolates with Walkabout walkers, Wednesday, February 15. Moderate, flat walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at Carrow's parking lot (at H Street and Broadway). Free. 619-231-7463. (CHULA VISTA)

DANCE

Winter Dance Concerts with dancing in variety of styles planned by dancers, faculty choreographers at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, Thursday and Friday, February 9 and 10, 7 p.m., in Florence Johnson Grand Theatre (2425 Dusk Drive). \$7. Box office: 619-470-0588. (PARADISE HILLS)

"Sonnets" — boasting love poetry by Shakespeare choreographed by Javier Velasco — premiered by San Diego Ballet, February 10-12, at Lyceum The-

ater in Horton Plaza. Curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$28 general, discounts for children, students, seniors, military. 619-294-7378. (DOWNTOWN)

Living Legends of Swing... do you swing dance? Want to learn? Frankie Manning and Norma Miller, two of Whitey's Original Lindy Hoppers, will be on hand for events February 10-12. Events begin with a welcome dance on Friday, 8 p.m.-midnight, at Veterans Museum and Memorial Center (2115 Park Boulevard). (BALBOA PARK)

Saturday promises workshops, videos, more, starting at 9 a.m. at Culture Shock (2110 Hancock Street). Culture Shock also hosts classes on Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (OLD TOWN)

Stompy Jones performs live swing music for dance on Saturday, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., at Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Events are all ages. Fees, details: 760-525-7331 or 619-992-9529. (HILLCREST)

"Dance Through the Decades — Collage 2006," San Diego Civic Dance Company presents annual recitals through February 19, in Casa del Prado Theatre (on Village Place, off Park Boulevard). Tap, jazz, musical theater, ballet pieces.

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Saturdays, February 11 and 18, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, February 12 and 19. Tickets: \$7, \$10. Reservations: 619-702-3408. (BALBOA PARK)

Valentine Vintage Couples' Dancing on Friday, February 10, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Cross-step waltz lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. All ages. Partners not required. Free. 619-583-9956. Beginner friendly! (BALBOA PARK)

Tempted by Ranting Banshee? They make music, Graham Hempel calls for contradance, Saturday, February 11, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop: 7:30 p.m.; bring instrument for (optional) music and song jam 6-7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Israeli Dance Workshop with guest teacher Katrina Lampert on Saturday, February 11, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street).

Partner workshop (7 p.m.), line dance instruction (8 p.m.), followed by open request. Admission to workshop, party: \$8; pay \$6 from 8 p.m. on. Bring snack to share. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on second Saturday of every month, including February 11, 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, February 11, 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). All ages. Free. 619-265-7287. (SDSU)

Valentine's Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, February 11, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30-10 p.m. Samba lesson: 8 p.m. \$7; first time free. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

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Hips — this “new documentary in dance sharing stories” and experiences of 14 San Diego women presented by Eveoke Dance Theatre through February 12. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, at Tenth Avenue Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). \$20 general, with discounts for students, seniors; pay what you can on Thursday and Sunday one hour before curtain. 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Russian National Ballet presents *Swan Lake*, Sunday, February 12, 7 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Classic love story of boasts score by Tchaikovsky. Tickets: \$50–\$65. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). On February 12, Janet Arnold calls. Beginner’s instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Michael Flatley’s Lord of the Dance, blending traditional and

modern Celtic music and dance, Monday–Wednesday, February 13–15, 8 p.m. each night, at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$50, \$65, \$75. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

Not Quite Kosher Film Festival promises *Jericho’s Echo: Punk Rock in the Holy Land*, Thursday, February 9. Next up: *Awake Zion*, Wednesday, February 15. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. in San Diego State University’s Aztec Athletic Center auditorium. \$5 general for either film. 619-583-6080. (SDSU)

San Diego Jewish Film Festival runs February 9–19, featuring 38 feature films, documentaries, short subjects, speakers. Titles include *Campfire*, *The Aryan Couple*, *Keep Not Silent*, *Petite Jerusalem*, *Metallic Blues*, *Sentenced to Marriage*, many others.

Screenings offered at AMC La Jolla 12 Theatres in La Jolla Village Square, Ultrastar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center, Ultrastar’s Poway Creekside Plaza 10, and in David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Single tickets: \$12.25; series passes available. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY)

Postmodern Romance with a twist of experimental weirdness on offer in *Four-Eyed Monsters*, screening Friday, February 10, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Filmmakers Arin Crumley and Susan Buice participate in “post-screening video conference call” to answer questions. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Premiere of *After Innocence*, a documentary of seven men wrongfully imprisoned and later released thanks to DNA evidence, screens Friday, February 10, 7:20 p.m., at Ken Cinema (4061 Adams Avenue). Tickets to benefit screening of Academy Award-nominated flick: \$75. Director Jessica Sanders and several exonerees will be on hand to answer questions. 619-515-1548. (KENSINGTON)

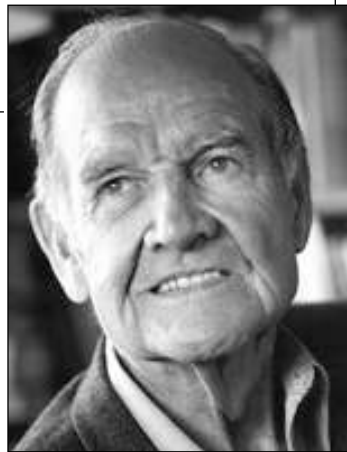
The True Story Molokai: The Story of Father Damien screens for Second Saturday Cinema series, February 11, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Damien was 19th-Century priest who cared for lepers on Molokai. Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

“Visions of Utopia” screened by Marions group of Institute of Noetic Sciences, Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m., at Del Mar City Hall Annex (235 11th Street). Discussion of housing crises, timely topics follows. Free. 858-481-3998. (DEL MAR)

OUT & ABOUT

WAR HERO, SENATOR. presidential candidate, U.N. ambassador — George McGovern, Friday, February 10, Coronado Middle School.

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“Echoes That Remain,” offering a study of Jewish shtetl life before Holocaust, combines archival photographs and previously unseen film footage with live action sequences shot *in situ*. Video is “of interest to those researching Eastern Europe.” Catch *Echoes* Sunday, February 12, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$3. 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

A Deadpan Delight! Enjoy *Thumbsucker*, starring Vincent D’Onofrio, Tilda Swinton, Keanu Reeves, when it screens Monday,

February 13, 6:30 p.m., for Film Forum at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Films on Local Activism including *Starbucks and O.B.*, *Voltaire Park*, *Veterans for Peace*, *Activism — How to Be Active* shown Monday, February 13, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Rec Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

Short Films By, For, and About Women showcased when Lunafest hits REI Encinitas (1590

Leucadia Boulevard), Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. Documentaries, animated shorts, dance narratives on range of “women’s topics.” \$10 general. 760-944-9020. (ENCINITAS)

“Under the Tuscan Sun” is shown for Carlsbad Library film series, Wednesday, February 15, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Open Screening Night is Thursday, February 16, 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)

LECTURES

“Writing as Vocation” is theme for 11th annual Writer’s Symposium by the Sea at Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). “A Conversation with Barbara Brown Taylor” is planned

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Future of Air Transportation in our region discussed during town hall meeting with presenters Joe W. Craver and Thella F. Bowens, Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Discussion, question and answer, exhibits. Free. 619-400-2470. (MISSION VALLEY)

"John, Paul, George, Ringo... Forever," exhibit "culled from fan club photographs, press prints, promo images, and fine-art prints" opens with reception on Friday, February 10, 5 p.m., in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Curator Vincent Vigil presents gallery talk at 6:30 p.m., followed by video screening of Beatles' promotional clips at 8 p.m. in G-101. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive; 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"Women on MARS" presented by three veterans of Mars Desert Research Station (MARS) — Shannon Rupert, Kathryn Bywaters, Melinda Capes — Mars Society meets Friday, February 10, 7 p.m., in Art Union building (2323 Broadway). Free. Requested reservations: 619-723-3456. (GOLDEN HILL)

"David: Portrait of a Warrior King" presented by Biblical scholar Bill Creasy for Docent Guest lecture at San Diego Museum of Art, Friday, February 10, 10 a.m. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Sexuality at Work" is theme for sixth annual Women and the Law Conference at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (2121 San Diego Avenue). Keynote speaker Vicki Schultz of Yale Law School focuses on "The Sanitized Workplace," Friday, February 10, 3 p.m. \$30 general. Registration: 619-297-9700 x1414. (OLD TOWN)

Types of Colored Pencils and appropriate papers demonstrated by Karen Rhiner when Clairemont Art Guild gathers, Saturday, February 11, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

"Writing for Children, Selling to Adults — Know Your Target" is topic when literary publicist Antoinette Kuritz addresses Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). \$9. 858-485-8151. (LINDA VISTA)

"Aphrodisiacs in Nature," recipes to "inspire the mood" of the month explored in class, Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$33. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

The Varieties of Humanism examined "over good Chinese food" when Humanist Fellowship convenes, Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m., at Gen Lai Sen Restaurant (1065 12th Avenue). Bring money for food. 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

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"Landscape Preservation: Time and the Art of Gardening" — Lucy Tomach discusses traditional methods and horticultural operations used to preserve Filoli when San Diego Horticultural Society meets, Monday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., in Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Filoli is 650-acre property of National Trust for Historic Preservation. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

"Session with a Shaman in Siberia" — Professor Arlene Wolinski accounts recent adventures in Siberia for 12 O'clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man, Monday, February 13, noon. \$6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Decorative Arts Lecture series co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues when Bill Stern focuses on "The Art of the Everyday:

California's Radical Pottery Past," Monday, February 13, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Examine *Lucia di Lammermoor* during opera preview examining music, drama, and history of upcoming San Diego Opera production, Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Speaker is pianist, composer Nicolas Reveles, education director at San Diego Opera. \$8. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Learn About Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* when USD music instructor Ron Shaheen lectures on Monday, February 13, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street; 619-298-9978). \$2.25. (HILLCREST)

Busy on Monday? Shaheen repeats program Tuesday, February 14, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street; 619-236-5800). Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Art of the Renaissance" illuminated by Linda Blair at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Series concludes with look at Leonardo da Vinci's "universal man," Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. \$17. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

After 22 Years Walking across America, John Francis, author of *How to Change Your World One Step at a Time*, discusses his adventures, Tuesday, February 14,

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"Apocalypse When? A Calculation of Human Survivability" offered by Willard Wells when he addresses San Diego Independent

Scholars, Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Are technology and world's population growing at an unsafe pace? 760-431-6822. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Evangelical Churches — The Future of Protestantism in the U.S." is pondered Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"The Facts of Life About Panda Reproduction" explored by Don Lindburg, head of San Diego Zoo's giant panda team, for Special Speakers series, Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m. in zoo's

Otto Center Auditorium. \$14. Required reservations: 619-557-3962. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Holocaust...Facts and Memories," Si Frumkin was a concentration camp prisoner in World War II, liberated from Dachau by U.S. Army at age 14. Frumkin speaks Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-966-4104. (OCEANSIDE)

"Intro to Touch," learn about Tellington Touch during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street).

\$10. Required reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

Lowdown on Lowriders promised when Denise Sandoval of CSU Northridge, speaks for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum, February 16, 6 p.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

"On the Discovery of a New African Ritual Language in Cuba" presented by Armin Schwegler, Thursday, February 16, 2:30 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Schwegler is editor of *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*, professor of Spanish and Portuguese at UC Irvine. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Art Historian, Curator, author Bram Dijkstra presents illustrated lecture on "Art of the WPA from Collections of the San Diego Region," currently on view at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). Talk begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 16. \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Music of American Cinema" examined in lecture series by Bruno Leone at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street), Tuesdays, February 21–March 7, 7:30 p.m. Each lecture explores different era, from silent film scores to present-day films. \$45 for series or \$17 per talk. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Bulging Eyes, Squirming Demons, Flames! "Flames of Enlightenment" Tibetan art workshops led by artist Andy Weber at San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street). Beginners concentrate on drawing Vajrapani; middle-level and advanced students on Dharma protectors.

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"Anne Frank: Choices Young People Made Before, During, and After the Holocaust and the Choices They Make Today" explored when Cornelius Sink speaks Monday, February 27, 3 p.m. in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Otto Frank made Suijk responsible for additional pages from Frank's diary after Otto's death. Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

IN PERSON

Alex DeGrassi performs AcousticMusicSanDiego concert on Thursday, February 9 (\$22); "autoharp master" Bryan Bowers slated for Friday, February 10 (\$17, \$20). Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Poetri Where? Tony Award-winning spoken-word poet Poetri "touches people" with his "unique style of reciting everyday experiences in prose." He'll perform Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

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Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys plan concerts at 6 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Tickets: \$27 in advance, \$30 at door. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

Legendary Blues Artist Otis Taylor performs for Spring 2006 World Music Series, Saturday,

February 18, 7:30 p.m., in Ocean-side Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Taylor accompanies himself on guitar, mandolin, and banjo. \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

“Woman Warrior” Author Maxine Hong Kingston reads for Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading, part of Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m., in room 140 of Hardy Tower at San Diego State University. Her most recent work is *The Fifth Book of Peace*. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Judgment Days! Laura Schlessinger presents her “one-woman theatrical event,” *Dr. Laura: In My Never-to-Be-Humble Opinion*, on Thursday and Friday, February 23 and 24, 8 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Act One mixes humor with true stories, current events; Act Two promises answers to pre-submitted audience

questions. Tickets: \$25, \$50, \$70. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Acclaimed Social and Political Humorist Mort Sahl performs for AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Saturday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$30. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

A Multi-Genre Phenomenon, a living legend — author Kate Braverman reads from her new book, *Frantic Transmissions to and from Los Angeles: An Accidental Memoir*, Friday, March 3, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). “I never met a genre I couldn’t subvert,” says Braverman. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

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SPORTS

United States Davis Team Cup competition, with United States versus Romania, runs February 10–12, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club (2000 Spindrift Drive). Competitors in best-of-five match series include Andy Roddick, James Black, Bob and Mike Bryan. Tickets sold as three-day series; prices range from \$90–\$375. 888-484-8782. (LA JOLLA)

Two Bicycle Rides are offered every Saturday, rain or shine, starting at 8:30 a.m. in northwestern parking lot at La Jolla Village Square/UC Cyclery. Select from race-training 45-mile ride, slower 35-mile ride with experienced leader. Helmets mandatory. Free. 858-495-2454. (LA JOLLA)

Gold Medal Clinic by USA Field Hockey for athletes, coaches planned Saturday, February 11, at United States Olympic Training Center (2800 Olympic Parkway). Clinic runs 9 a.m.–4:15 p.m., with members of USA men's and women's national team, as well as members of Dutch club Bloemendaal.

The USA men's national team takes on Bloemendaal in exhibition match following the clinic

(2 p.m.). \$35. Registration: 619-656-1500. (CHULA VISTA)

Beginner's Kayak Lessons offered Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m., by Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Participants must be able to swim. Free. Required reservations: 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

Whip It! Amp'd Mobile World Supercross competition with 125cc and 250cc stadium motorcycle racing — starring Ricky Carmichael, Chad Reed, James Stewart, other riders — Saturday, February 11, at Qualcomm Stadium. Practice runs (12:30 p.m.) followed by main events (7 p.m.). Tickets: \$10–\$37, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

The 38th Annual San Dieguito Half Marathon and 5k run/walk, Sunday, February 12, starting and ending at San Dieguito County Park (on Lomas Santa Fe Drive, about one mile east of I-5), with scenic course through Rancho Santa Fe. Registration at 6:30 a.m.; run starts at 8 a.m. 619-298-7400. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Love on Wheels, bicycle north from Glen County Park — and enjoy some chocolate along the way — during ride led by Knickerbikers, Sunday, February 12. Ride to Encinitas for lunch at San Tropez (bring money). Twenty-five-miler starts at 9 a.m. 619-787-7427. (CARDIFF)

Up for Water Skiing? Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round. Instruction on request. Group meets at south end of Crown Point Beach. All skill levels welcome. Nonmember fee: \$10

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Valentine's Day Kayak Paddle to La Jolla sea caves for couples, hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, February 12, 9 a.m. \$60 per couple. Required reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL

Creating an Oral History of America is goal for StoryCorps, hitting San Diego State University for recording February 9–20. At StoryCorps mobile booth, participants record in pairs, with one person interviewing the other. At end of each 40-minute session, participants receive CD of interview, with second copy sent to Ameri-

can Folklife Center at Library of Congress. KPBS will air selection of local stories, and select stories will air nationally on NPR's *Morning Edition*.

Find the booth adjacent to trolley at SDSU. Requested donation: \$10. Recording reservations: 800-850-4406. Booth relocates to Balboa Park, February 23–March 5. (SDSU)

Tenth Annual San Diego Bird Festival, celebration of birds making homes in San Diego County hosted by San Diego Audubon Society runs February 9–12. Field trips, lectures ("Raptor Rap," "Optics Workshop," "Bird Calling," "Backyard Habitats," "Let's Go Pelagic Birding!"), programs for children, exhibit and vendor fair (February 11 and 12, Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Pacific Beach). 619-682-7200. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Winter Olympics in (Little) Italy! An Olympic opening ceremony celebration is Friday, February 10, 6 p.m., on India Street (between Grape and Cedar Streets). Olympic athletes from Olympic Training Center will be on hand, as will medal holders from prior games, San Diego Gulls athletes. Opening ceremony broadcast; food, snow, and ski demonstrations on half-pipe. Free. 619-578-0427. (LITTLE ITALY)

Pet Portraits with Your Sweetie! Wine and cheese, treats, gift bags, and dog-and-person portraits all promised during Spay Neuter Action Project event, Friday, February 10, 6–9 p.m., at City Dog (545 Park Boulevard). Fee depends upon size of photo desired. 619-269-0201. (EAST VILLAGE)

Head to Toe Women's Expo, February 10–12, at Del Mar Fair-

grounds. Expo showcases "wealth of industries catering specifically to women" — along with "rejuvenation, inspiration, shopping, entertainment." Lectures, fashion shows, more.

Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. \$7 general. 858-272-5677. ()

Antique and Appraisal Fair, Saturday, February 11, noon–4 p.m., at Williams Barn in Walnut Grove Park (1950 Sycamore Drive). Professional appraisers do their stuff: \$7 per item. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society annual winter show is Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Exhibitors on hand to answer questions. Free. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

Cannon Battles on San Diego Bay by *Privateer Lynx* and revenue cutter *Californian*, Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, 1–4 p.m. "Experience combat at sea in the age of sail," for \$50 general, \$25 for those 12 and younger. Reservations: 619-234-9153 x101. (SAN DIEGO BAY)

Happy 4704! Celebrate Chinese year of the dog during 24th annual Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Faire, February 11 and 12. Lion and dragon dancers, Chinese acrobats, children's activities, Asian Story Theater, martial artists, cooking and cultural exhibits, music, dancing, vendors' booths, more.

Hours: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday, in Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District (at Third Avenue and J Street). 619-234-7844. Free admission. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, at Alexandra's BookStore (3545 Midway Drive, suite G). Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Grand Booksale hosted by College-Rolando Library (6600 Montezuma Road), Saturday, February 11, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. 619-533-3902. (ROLANDO)

Ray at Night Celebrations include art show with work by Chor Boogie (who will be painting "live"), other artists including Steve Avaison, Douglas Dickerson, Sake; live b-boys; DJs; spoken word, Saturday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). Free. 619-719-2217. (NORTH PARK)

Mexico Travel and Real Estate Expo, Sunday, February 12, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Business, tourism officials on hand; seminars. \$5. 619-985-4950. (MISSION VALLEY)

40th Annual Local Authors' Exhibit on display through February at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5847. (DOWNTOWN)

Spoken-Word Dinner Cruise, Tuesday, February 14, 7–10 p.m.,

starting at Azure Seas Oceanside (slip 1 at 256 Harbor Drive South). Performances by Ant Black, Benjie Herron, Rudy Francisco; Caribbean buffet. \$50 per person, \$95 per couple. Reservations: 949-547-9935. (OCEANSIDE)

February Is Museum Month — with half-price admission offered at 30 area museums. Museum month passes are free at all county Robinson's-May stores. 619-276-0101. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

"Josephine Baker Centennial Exhibit" continues through Friday, March 24, in lower level of west wing of UCSD's Geisel Library. UCSD sociology professor Bennetta Jules-Rosette curated exhibit. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Witness the Gray Whale during outings hosted by Birch Aquarium and San Diego Harbor Excursions through Friday, March 31. Scripps naturalists and assistants are on hand during cruises to search for whales, on their way to lagoons in Baja California to calve. Fee: \$25 weekdays, \$30 weekends for adults, \$15 for those 4–12. Registration: 619-234-4111. (PACIFIC OCEAN)

FOR KIDS

"Cinderella" presented by Puppet Express through Sunday, February 12, Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *That Valentine Show* by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, February 15–19.

Show hours: Wednesday–Friday, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near

Poetry | YESTERDAY

My friend says I was not a good son
you understand
I say yes I understand

he says I did not go
to see my parents very often you know
and I say yes I know

even when I was living in the same city he says
maybe I would go there once
a month or maybe even less
I say oh yes

he says the last time I went to see my father
I say the last time I saw my father

he says the last time I saw my father
he was asking me about my life
how I was making out and he
went into the next room
to get something to give me

oh I say
feeling again the cold
of my father's hand the last time

he says and my father turned
in the doorway and saw me
look at my wristwatch and he

said you know I would like you to stay
and talk with me

oh yes I say

but if you are busy he said
I don't want you to feel that you
have to
just because I'm here

I say nothing

he says my father
said maybe
you have important work you are doing
or maybe you should be seeing
somebody I don't want to keep you

I look out the window
my friend is older than I am
he says and I told my father it was so
and I got up and left him then
you know

though there was nowhere I had to go
and nothing I had to do



W.S. Merwin

— W.S. Merwin
From *Opening the Hand*,
published by *Atheneum*, 1983.

Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

Musicals for Children...By Children, singers, dancers, and actors aged 8–18 perform in Christian Youth Theater productions. *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* presented February 10–19 at East County

Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 3–19. Reservations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (EL CAJON)

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, at

Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Nubian Drummers perform Saturday, February 11, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (studio 1 at California Center for the

Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Participants will make drums, African head-dresses. \$4. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

"S Is for Shark" program for kids three and four years old and their chaperones at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Saturday, February 11, 9:30 a.m. Scavenger hunt, live animal encounters, stories, crafts. \$30 per adult/child pair. Aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. Program repeats February 19. (LA JOLLA)

Make Paper Airplanes during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, February 11, 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)

"March of the Penguins" will be screened, then guests will learn more about penguins, make an "Arctic craft," create an ice cream sundae, Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$15. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Family Day activities planned Sunday, February 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, rides on historic 1914 *Pilot* boat.

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

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Reading

The Brooklyn Follies: A Novel



Paul Auster

By Paul Auster
Henry Holt & Co., 2005; \$24; 306 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Nathan Glass has come to Brooklyn to die. Divorced, estranged from his only daughter, the retired life insurance salesman seeks solitude and anonymity. Then Nathan finds his long-lost nephew, Tom Wood, working in a local bookstore — a far cry from the brilliant academic career he'd begun when Nathan saw him last. Tom's boss is the charismatic Harry Brightman, whom fate has also brought to the "ancient kingdom of Brooklyn, New York." Through Tom and Harry, Nathan's world gradually broadens to include a new set of acquaintances — not to mention a stray relative or two — and leads him to a reckoning with his past.

Among the many twists in the delicious plot are a scam involving a forgery of the first page of *The Scarlet Letter*, a disturbing revelation that takes place in a sperm bank, and an impossible, utopian dream of a rural refuge from the unbearable realities of modern life. Meanwhile, the wry and acerbic Glass has undertaken something he calls *The Book of Human Folly*, in which he proposes "to set down in the simplest, clearest language possible an account of every blunder, every pratfall, every embarrassment, every idioy, every foible, and every inane act I had committed during my long and checkered career as a man." But life

takes over instead, and Nathan's despair is swept away as he finds himself more and more implicated in the joys and sorrows of others.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Nathan Glass, a retired life insurance salesman estranged from his family and facing an iffy cancer prognosis, is "looking for a quiet place to die. Someone recommended Brooklyn." What he finds, though, in this ebullient novel by Brooklyn bard Auster (*Oracle Night*), is a vital, bighearted borough brimming with great characters.... As Nathan recovers his soul through immersion in their lives, Auster meditates on the theme of sanctuary in American literature, from Hawthorne to Poe to Thoreau.... But the book's presiding spirit is Brooklyn's first bard, Walt Whitman, as Auster embraces the borough's multitudes — neighborhood characters, drag queens, intellectuals manqué, greasy-spoon waitresses, urbane bourgeoisie — while singing odes to moonrise over the Brooklyn Bridge.... The result is an affec-

tionate portrait of the city as the ultimate refuge of the human spirit.

Booklist: Just when you think you've got Auster pegged, he shape-shifts. Not that his mesmerizing new novel isn't instantly recognizable as an Auster tale, what with its beautifully ruminative narration, obsessive charting of seemingly quotidian details, cleverly meandering and impressionistically noirish plot, and literary allusions, in this case, to Hawthorne, Kafka, and Gaddis. But this addition to his increasingly tender cycle of love songs to Brooklyn is his most down-to-earth, sensuous, and socially conscious novel to date.... Auster also takes subtle measure of a time that will live in infamy, the era of the 2000 election and September 11, 2001.

The New York Times Book Review: An incredibly loud finale, with lots of smoke.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Paul Auster, born in 1947 in Newark, New Jersey, is the best-selling author of *Oracle Night*, *The Book of Illusions*, and *Tim-*

buku. I Thought My Father Was God, the NPR National Story Project anthology, which he edited, was also a national bestseller. His work has been translated into 30 languages. He lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife, novelist Siri Hustvedt.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

"Brooklyn is becoming the Big City for writers. Everyone who writes seems to have moved his or her laptop to a desk in a Brooklyn brownstone."

"Well, enough of us are here now."

"Your book was not at all what I expected." I said, adding that I enjoyed it, and that I was interested in Mr. Auster's long-time fascination with Hawthorne.

"He's a kindred spirit. There's something about his mind, his storytelling, his life. It's almost a personal connection."

"You, like he, had a long exile in Europe."

"Well, that was probably the biggest mistake he ever made — I think. There was that terrible business in Rome with

his daughter who nearly died of the Roman fever — malaria. I think it broke him. She, of course, never really recovered and died. His writing dried up after that. He lost contact with the United States."

"Plus," I said, "by the time Hawthorne and his family got home, Hawthorne was physically quite sick — cancer."

"He wasn't yet 60 when he died," Auster said. "Not yet 60."

"His wife Sophia was so good to him and their children. Do you remember their honeymoon?"

"Yes, extraordinary. In Concord."

"The book — *Hawthorne in Concord* by Philip McFarland — is a lovely read. And *Concord*," I added, "with Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, Margaret Fuller, Bronson Alcott and his daughters, and who knows else, all living close to one another, was rather a modern-day literary Brooklyn."

Auster agreed, an agreement that seemed to carry with it a smile. He asked, "Did you ever see the little book that I did? *Twenty Days with Julian and Lit-*

The result is an affectionate portrait of the city as the ultimate refuge of the human spirit.

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 comput-

erized 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, "Generations: A Family's Legacy Through Art" continues through Thursday, February 23. Installation of portraits and landscapes by Coronado artists William Dana Parish and Mary Parish McCartin, who were commissioned individually to paint a number of U.S. Navy personnel. Exhibit includes nearly 20 portraits by the father and daughter, along with landscapes by Mr. Parish.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy

and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 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)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military his-

tory, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368–1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.–A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of

jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East

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tle *Bunny by Papa*? It's pretty charming, isn't it?"

"Yes. How could it be otherwise?" Sophia Hawthorne and then-seven-year-old Una and two-month-old Rose left on a trip to visit her parents. Five-year-old Julian was alone with Hawthorne. The novelist-father took notes on the 20 days that he and his son lived alone together, with the help of a housekeeper who did the cooking and cleaning. Auster's introduction opens the book. The book, writes *Booklist*, "is a tiny classic of parental writing about children."

Auster didn't read Hawthorne seriously until he was in his 20s. "He just passed me by as an adolescent and then I must have been about 24 or 25 when I first read *The Scarlet Letter* and then started reading the stories. Ever since then, he's been an important figure for me."

After graduation in 1970 with an M.A. from Columbia University, Auster signed on to an oil tanker. Headed for France, Auster lived there for four years, writing and translating poetry.

"Translating as much as you did, and you translated a lot, do you think that helped you as a writer?"

"It was a very good thing to do. I would certainly recommend it to any young writer. The thing about translation is, if you're translating a good writer, I'm talk-

ing about working on someone who merits the effort, is that, when you're young you're burning to write, but you don't necessarily have anything to say yet. What translation does is allow you to work on putting sentences together, words together, the craft of writing; the pressure to be original is off, and you're thrown in the trenches, working with a text that you begin to understand so deeply.

"Reading a poem is one thing, even writing an essay about the poem is another, but trying to translate a poem is a much deeper experience. Because you've got to enter into the bloodstream of the thing and understand the whole skeletal structure and take it apart and put it back together again. It's a very good thing to do."

"When you translate an older poet, you're working with the work of a adult mind."

"That's true, that's true, and they become your teachers. Pound always recommended it as a good thing for young poets to do, to translate, and I completely agree."

About *The Follies*, I said, and its frequent references to Hawthorne, I mentioned that when the *Follies* crew arrives in Vermont, I thought, "Oh, Auster is going to have his characters build a Brook Farm."

"Well, they were thinking of it in the novel, but of course things don't work out that way in

the story. Of course Brook Farm was a big failure. Hawthorne went really just to earn money. He needed money."

"He worked hard. This was during the period before his marriage, and he worked 12 to 16 hours a day at physical labor."

"But I don't think he really believed in it [the utopian hopes of the Brook Farmers]."

"His letters to his then-fiancée, Sophia," I said, "would indicate that he did not share the majority of the beliefs that were held by the Brook Farm population. Have you read her letters to him?"

"I've read a few, but not that many. She's a great writer. Where I do have letters of hers is in the book that Julian published later, *Hawthorne and His Wife*. It's a very interesting book. It's a biography of the two of them. And so he quotes liberally from her letters in it. It's long out of print, but you can get it in a used bookstore. It's worth it."

This book, *The Brooklyn Follies*, said Mr. Auster, germinated for a long time. "I started writing it back in 1993. It had a different structure then. It was going to be told in the third person, all of the characters were there except Nathan. He was not part of the story. But there were two other characters, Willie G. Christmas and Mr. Bones, the homeless poet and his dog. I

began the narrative with them, and I fell in love with those two characters and decided to write a little poetic novel about them. That became *Timbuktu*, and by doing that, the structure I had in mind for this book fell apart completely. It took me years of thinking and rethinking in order to pull it back together again. I never really let go of those characters. They were all there. For years. In my head."

"It's a heavily peopled book. You manage a large population of characters."

"Yes. More so than in most of my books. I've written another novel since *The Brooklyn Follies*, which I finished several months ago, and it's pretty spare, I have to say. So, different kinds of books for different moments."

"I would never have guessed you'd begun this in 1993 because, particularly in the beginning, it is an aging man's book."

"Well, as I say, Nathan wasn't part of it in the beginning, so it did change. When I found him, the tone became different, and I guess even in some sense the meaning of the book became different. And then years had gone by. We were in a new political and social era, and this book reflects that. It is happening in 2002, and people are talking about the upcoming election and so on — so it's of that moment."

"I think of it as a comedy. I don't want to keep writing the

"Reading a poem is one thing, even writing an essay about the poem is another, but trying to translate a poem is a much deeper experience."

same book again and again. I have to start from scratch each time. I have so many different sides, so many different aspects of a personality that want to get out. I felt that this was the time to write the comedy. Billy Wilder, the film director, said, "When you're feeling on top of the world and life is going well for you, that's the moment to work on a tragedy, and when you're feeling down and depressed that's when you should do a comedy." So I thought the moment had come to do the comedy."

I said that I could easily imagine Mr. Auster taking up Nathan Glass's projected manuscript — *The Book of Human Folly* — and finishing it.

"I could too. I hope the right person reads the book and is inspired to do that."

"Do you ever think about

the obituaries of 'little people'?"

"Of course. The obituary is a fascinating literary form. If it's done well it can be extraordinary. I don't know if you read *The New York Times*, but there was a moment a few years ago when they really tried harder with the obituaries, and they did some very interesting ones. They would pick people who were unexpected. Not just statesmen and famous people, but, for example, the man who cut fish at Zabar's, the food store. There was a great, great piece about him after he died."

Mr. Auster told me something of his past. "My father was a businessman. He did various things. He started out right after high school, from which he graduated, if you can imagine, in June 1929. He was very gifted in elec-

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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 orig-

inal 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

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Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted

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tronics, and so he got a job in Thomas Edison's lab. Two weeks into the job, Edison discovered that my father was Jewish and fired him because Edison was a notorious anti-Semite. And so my father opened up a radio repair shop. In Newark. And that eventually led to an appliance store. He stopped that at some point and went into real estate with his brothers.

"I have one sibling. A sister, that's all. You've never read *The Invention of Solitude*, huh? My first prose book."

"I must not have, or if I have, it's just long lost in my mind."

"Well, the first part is all about my father. It was written

immediately in the wake of his death, which was, gosh, early '79, it's almost 27 years."

"How did your mother manage?"

"My mother was already divorced and married by the mid '60s to somebody else at this point."

Apart from his four years in Europe, had Mr. Auster traveled much as a young man?

"I once spent about six months in Berkeley. It was 1976. A long time ago. I got a grant, and I thought, 'I'm going to leave New York for a while to see if I would enjoy living somewhere else. With my then-wife, we went across country and tested it. In the end I found it too boring. I missed New York. I felt I had given the experiment a legitimate shot, and New York was calling and back we went."

"Your books make you seem very old, august perhaps rather than old. Worldly. Experienced."

"I'm getting a little long in the tooth, true. But I'm still in my 50s, I'm not beyond that."

"Do you think a lot now, or have you begun to think for the first time, about your own death?"

"I've been thinking about it since I was conscious. So I continue to think about it, maybe a little more urgently now than before, but it's been a preoccupation from the beginning."

"Do you think about death

in its particulars?"

"It's very difficult to, because no one knows how it's going to happen to them. So, no — not particularly."

One of Mr. Auster's principal characters dies in this newest book.

"Well," said Mr. Auster, "the book is not autobiographical at all. I mean there's nothing in it that connects with my life except an incident that happens to Nathan in a Thai restaurant. I did have that happen to me about seven years ago. My esophagus was inflamed. That will imitate the symptoms of a heart attack."

"And eating Thai food."

"No, it wasn't Thai food. I was eating a tuna fish sandwich when it happened. It really, really was absolutely overpowering. I was taken to the hospital and I really did think I was dying. It was a strange moment in my life because I was lying on the floor in my wife's arms. I think I was just 50. I said to myself, 'Actually, amazingly, I'm not frightened. It's okay. If this is it, this is it. I have no regrets. I'm ready to go if I have to go.' Strange, huh? Usually you'd be in a state of panic. But you enter another zone. I tried to express that with Nathan too."

"Nathan is a wonderful character."

"He's a bit of a wise guy. But I do have a great fondness for

him, I have to say. Harry is an amalgam of many of the different homosexual and bisexual men I've met over the years. I've known people similar to Harry, but they were never criminals."

We talked a bit about the book's settings, primarily in Brooklyn and Vermont.

"We used to go to Vermont every summer for about five or six years in a row," said Mr. Auster, "because before we bought the house we live in now, we lived in a pretty cramped apartment. It was an old farmhouse, which we rented for very little money, and we spent three months every summer there. So I know Vermont well. You add it all together — it's at least a year and a half of my life on that hill. And it's a very dear place to me. I loved it."

"Any novel that's narrated in a New York summer makes a reader feel hot. Sometimes you want to throw such a book across the room. The Vermont section made me happy."

"Well, I don't know that I'm trying to make readers happy. I'm just trying to tell the story the best way I can."

"Well, you do hope they will not want to throw the book across the room."

"Yeah, that goes without saying," said Mr. Auster, before gracefully changing the subject. "One of the funniest things anyone ever said to me, this was

"I don't know that I'm trying to make readers happy."

about 15 or 16 years ago, I went to a book fair in Sweden and there was another American writer, Richard Ford, there. We are more or less contemporaries.

"The other American writer was Mickey Spillane. The three of us were sitting around talking. I think we did an interview together, and Mickey Spillane said, 'Nobody reads a book to get to the middle.' Which is a wonderful, wonderful statement. Spillane also said, 'Yeah, you guys are authors, I'm just a writer.'"

I said that I had read that Mr. Auster had been translated into 30 languages.

"Oh, it's more than 30. It's hard to keep count. But the most interesting new translations have been into Farsi. They're pirating my books in Iran, and it's really very moving to me that people are reading them there. I've actually done one long interview on the telephone about a year and a half ago with an Iranian journalist. We talked for three hours. He works for the paper that was shut down immediately after the elections — this was two or three

years ago. Two years ago, I think. But then the paper reopened and he did publish the article. The article contained not a single political question; it was all about literature — passionate, passionate. I felt very good about that."

"How did writing this book change you?"

"I don't know. It's living inside you for so long and then you finally finish. I think what happens each time I finish a novel, I get very depressed. Well, I'm suddenly unemployed for one thing, and you're saying goodbye to these people you've been living with for so long, and something is sad about it."

"Hmmm. Goodbye, Nathan."

"Yeah, 'Goodbye, Nathan,' is right," sighed Mr. Auster. "So the characters in all my books are still in my head. I think about them often. But they're fixed at that point. Nothing more happens to them. You just give a book away. It's a present to other people, and if they enjoy it, how wonderful. That's what literature is."

— Judith Moore

ons, 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.

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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 Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates

American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading. The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Genome: How the Secret of Life Works," continuing through April, explores the human genome, revealing the mysteries of genes, delineating the last two centuries of discovery, and unraveling implications of gene therapy for future of medical science, health care. Interactive displays, "family-friendly activities" to help visitors understand the genome's function and role in daily life.

"Visions of the Natural World through the Lens of the Masters," running through December, is collaborative effort between museum and Ordovery Gallery, with variety of nature-based photography. Also on view and for sale: sculpture and glass.

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through September, 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)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

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)

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God, Not Mammon

A Medieval Suggestion for Clergy Reform
BY CHRISTOPHER ZEHNDER

To reform the Church, the Church must reform the clergy. This is the truth in a hierarchical institution, and the Church, as Vatican II points out, is hierarchical. But is the Church reforming the clergy?

The year 2005 saw what seemed to be the beginnings of some sort of clerical reform. In September, the



Senator Boxer Calls for Revocation of Abortionist's License

Dr. Reich Has a 20-year History of Sexually Assaulting Patients

BY MARIA ELENA KENNEDY

Pro-abortion Senator Barbara Boxer has called upon the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to have abortionist Laurence Reich's osteopathic medical license removed. The call for action by Boxer was prompted by recent media revelations that Reich has been convicted of sexual molesting his patients. In a December 8th letter to Osteopathic Medical Board director Linda Bergmann, Boxer demanded that Reich's license be revoked immediately. "I believe that immediate action should be taken to suspend Dr. Laurence Reich's medical license until a full hearing is held and any legal cases against him are completed."



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Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series boasts all-Mozart programs when Viennese pianist Paul Badura-Skoda performs. Selections include "Fantasy in D Minor," "Adagio in B Minor," "Fantasy in C Minor," "Sonata in C Minor," among others.

Enjoy concerts on Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., at Church of the Nativity (6309 El Apajo Road), \$35; and on Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640

John Jay Hopkins Drive), \$42.

Reservations: 619-239-0100. (RANCHO SANTA FE, LA JOLLA)

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra performs Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Orchestra is led by conductor and flutist Ransom Wilson. \$25 general. 760-320-5272. (DOWNTOWN)

Rossini's Cinderella — in which the prince switches identities with his valet to gauge the sisters' reactions to him as a man with lower status and rank — is next production for Lyric Opera San Diego, with singing by Priti Gandhi, bass Gustavo Halley, baritone Chris Thompson, others.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 10, Thursday, February 16, and Saturday, February 18; with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays, February 12 and 19, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$26–\$40. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

The World Premiere of Chin's "Concerto for Violin and Cello" is promised when violinist Choliang Lin, cellist Felix Fan join San Diego Symphony for "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts, February 10–12. Also on program: pieces by Rossini, Beethoven. Music begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20–\$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"Mixed Melodies," the "Academic Festival Overture" by

Brahms, Debussy's "La Mer," and "Piano Concerto No. 4" by Beethoven may be heard when flutist, composer John Fonville joins La Jolla Symphony and Chorus in performances on February 11 and 12. Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday, in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$26 general. 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

International Van Cliburn Piano Competition Winner Alexander Kobrin makes California debut in concert hosted by La Jolla Chamber Music Society, Saturday, February 11, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25–\$75. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Chamber Music Society performs Saturday, February 11, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). \$7. 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

"Love! Love! Love!" Mezzo-soprano Janelle DeStefano, baritone William Nolan showcase art songs, opera, musical theater in concert on Sunday, February 12, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Offering. 858-273-7423. (CLAIREMONT)

You Hear It and You Get It is classical pianist Peter Gach's opinion of music by Frédéric Chopin. Gach presents an "All-Chopin" concert on Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10, 1140 West Mission Road). Gach is celebrating 25 years as member of

Palomar's music faculty. \$10. 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

Works by Mozart, Schubert, and Beethoven performed for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society by pianist Andreas Klein, Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

"Renaissance Rarities and Modern Marvels" may be heard when Cappella Gloriana performs pieces by Palestrina, Monteverdi, Handel, Pärt, Taverner, and Halley, Sunday, February 12, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). In commemoration of Lincoln's birthday, listen for selections from Jack Gottlieb's "Presidential Suite." Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Carlsbad High School Chamber Orchestra Concert, Sunday, February 12, 4 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets: 760-331-6153. (ENCINITAS)

Works by Milan, Mudarra, Narvaez, Sor, and Broca promised when classical guitarist Robert Wetzel performs for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, February 12, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Vocalist Ron Earl joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert on Sunday, February 12, 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Music of Romance from Renaissance to Rock" by Silverwood Ensemble, Monday, February 13, 7 p.m., at Coronado Library (640 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-522-7390. (CORONADO)

Valentine's Day Soirée for Music Lovers, UCSD violinist János Négyesi and friends perform "romantic music" followed by a champagne dessert reception, Tuesday, February 14, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. \$8 general. (LA JOLLA)

"Two Hearts in Three-Quarter Time," soprano Deborah Cole, tenor Michele Fiammardente, conductor Christopher Blair, and San Diego Symphony play pieces by Suppé, Grieg, Mozart, Lehar, Thursday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). \$15–\$58. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Piano Works by Schumann and Liszt may be heard when pianist Daniel Wnukowski performs Thursday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$20 general. 619-204-5055. (LA JOLLA)

ART LISTINGS

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prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to **READER ART**, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

GALLERIES

"John, Paul, George, Ringo... Forever," exhibit curated by Vincent Vigil "culled from fan club photographs, press prints, promo images, and fine art prints" opens with reception on Friday, February 10, 5 p.m., in San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). Vigil presents gallery talk at 6:30 p.m., followed by video screening of Beatles' promotional clips at 8 p.m. in G-101. Find campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive; 619-388-2829. (KEARNY MESA)

"Five Decades of Fisch," jeweler and artist Arline Fisch has work on view beginning with reception, Friday, February 10, 6 p.m., at Taboo Studio (1615 1/2 West Lewis Street; 619-692-0099). Fisch helped to establish jewelry department at SDSU. Through Friday, March 24. (MISSION HILLS)

"Hearts and Flowers" open studio event hosted by artists Ann Ly-

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nott and Ellie Havel Wagoner, Saturday, February 11, 5:30 p.m., in studio F at Artisan's Gallery and More (224 East Grand Avenue). Floral painting demonstration during reception. 760-602-0140. (ESCONDIDO)

Autobiographical-Interpretive Paintings and recent landscapes by Deborah DeLisi are featured in February at Carlsbad Oceanside Art Gallery (300 Carlsbad Village Drive #104). Her book *Peeling the Onion* will be on view during reception for artist on Saturday, February 11, 5 p.m. 760-931-1289. (CARLSBAD)

Expanding His Horizons, Lyn-den Saint Victor "dipped into his first oil paints on January 1, 2002," and began painting. Exhibition of his work is on display through March at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Reception is Saturday, February 11, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"F Is for Fish" — fish imagery to "stimulate the imagination and even tickle the funny bone" by artists Hank Strause and Tony Richards is on view through Thursday, March 2, in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Meet the duo during reception, Saturday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

"A New Discovery" — exhibit of latest body of work by photographer Kelly Fitzgerald opens with recep-

tion, Saturday, February 11, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Through Thursday, March 9. 619-523-1903. (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). Champagne and chocolate reception: Saturday, February 11. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

"February Treasures," juried exhibition and sale of work by members of La Jolla Art Association is on view through Sunday, February 26, in Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception for artists is Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

Photography and Photo Realism examined in show with paintings, photography on view through Wednesday, February 15, at Rogerlewisking Gallery (3603 Fourth Avenue). Closing reception: Sunday, February 12, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. 619-578-2287. (HILLCREST)

The Young Artists Exhibition with work by students of Rancho Encinitas Academy includes reception for artists on Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m., at Del Mar Art Center (1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street). 858-481-1678. (DEL MAR)

"Motion" — exhibit of work by photographers Peter Fay and Blake Shawn — opens with reception on Thursday, February 16, 6 p.m., at Ordovery Project (444 South Cedros Avenue, studio 172). Closes Sunday, March 12. 858-720-1121. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

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, *rose-maling* (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 "Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyō* 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, "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, Downtown, "Jay Bolotin: The Jackleg Testament," is "latest project by this prolific writer, composer, performer, and visual artist." The piece comprises two interrelated parts, a print portfolio and a woodcut motion picture. Each of the pieces in exhibit, closing Sunday, April 30, demonstrates Bolotin's "continued interest in weaving Judeo-Christian creation stories and personal mythologies as a means to better understand the human condition."

"Cerca Series: Jessica Bronson: Landing Grounding Finding Founding" continues through Sunday, February 19, in which Los Angeles-based video artist explores landscapes and how they are represented. The four-channel video installation was created in 2004, filmed while Bronson walked through streambed in Arroyo Seco Park in Pasadena.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 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.

"La Dolce Vita: Selections from the Ruth and Murray Gribin Collection," continuing through Sunday, May 7, features a broad range of works by Southern California artists including John Altoon, Baldessari, Vija Celmins, Robert Therrien, Irwin, and "a seminal 1958 painting by Ed Ruscha."

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." 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 through 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.

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The Statement out of Shelltown "We want to try and take this from being a gangster party," says promoter Phil Wasted. He

that there are Mexican-Americans who can rap.... The Latin rap movement is finally gaining respect. But I have a problem being stereotyped as Latin rap. I consider myself Mexican hip-hop. You don't see Mexican hip-hop on MTV or [Black Entertainment Television]. Hip-hop is dominated by the

respects one another's hustle."

—Ken Leighton

Can't Argue with Jimmy "We have been playing original music for a year and a half," says

judges, Dan Millican of reggae band Stone Senses, says he liked Last Revival because "...they had a 14-year-old kid who did an unbelievable job copying Jimmy Page on 'Black Dog.'" Beasley says he hopes to



CEMETERY SWINGERS DON'T EAT THEIR COMPETITION

Cemetery Swingers drummer Dylan Wade. "We work our asses off. And write our own music. [At Carlsbad's annual Battle of the Bands] a cover band shouldn't be judged with the other bands."

Wade's original psychobilly band was one of ten groups to play the January 28 competition held at Stagecoach Park gym. Over 200 people attended. The event is organized by the city of Carlsbad's recreation department. Performance rules dictated that all band members be teens and that they could not sing lewd or offensive lyrics. The band that won, the Last Revival, played classic-rock covers (as did last year's winner, the Fijis).

Rec department employee Marc Beasley would not disclose who judged the contest, but he did say that "originality and vocal ability" accounted for one-fourth of the criteria. One of the

create two competitions next year: one for cover bands and one for original bands.

—Ken Leighton

Jailhouse Rap A January 24 hip-hop show at 4th & B reportedly ended in a melee after an onstage comment by rapper Tony Yayo (whose



SPIDER LOC GETS WET

debut CD *Thoughts of a Predicate Felon* was mostly written while he was in jail on a gun-possession charge).

"The place was full of Bloods," reports an attendee. "Yayo saw all the red in the crowd and was saying, 'That's cool, you're reppin' for your 'hood, but I got a buncha Crips back here with my homies.' Right then, [performer] Spider Loc comes marching onstage with a bunch of his Crips, his buds in blue, and people in the audience start throwing drinks up on them." The attendee says another performer on the bill, Royce Da 5'9", jumped into the crowd with several of his security guards to fight with patrons. "Cops showed up and people were throwing punches at them, too."

San Diego police Lt. Lawrence McKinney says, "We're looking into it as a matter for vice.... I don't think any arrests were made onsite, but it's an ongoing investigation."

A 4th & B employee who identified himself as "Junior" says, "It wasn't a big deal; it was just some rowdies."

—Jay Allen Sanford

Snake Business As soon as the ink dried on the deed in 2003, Rafter Roberts says realtors and developers made offers to buy the building that housed Singing Serpent Studios.

"Each time someone approached us to buy, we'd say no," Roberts says of the studio on 17th Street, across the street from City College. "We had this agreement [among partners] that if it gets to be three times or two and a half times as much as we paid for it, we'd sell it.... We were able to buy it for

something like \$860,000, and maybe two years later we sold it for maybe \$2.5 million."

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RAFTER ROBERTS RECALLS SIMPLER TIMES

April 2000 by Roberts and Glen Galloway (of Trumans Water and Soul-Junk), Singing Serpent has used talent from San Diego's music scene to record soundtracks for TV commercials. Clients include Citibank, McDonald's, Nike, San Diego Zoo, Subway sandwiches, and Virgin Mobile.

The windfall from the real estate sale enabled Roberts and his partners to buy and tear down a building in Kensington and hire an architect to design a new recording studio. The sale also allowed Singing Serpent to open an office in New York City.

"It's weird because it was nothing I ever wanted," Roberts says. "I was perfectly happy recording bands for ten dollars an hour in my garage. I never aspired to be a business owner. I like not having to worry about

blurt

the inside track

dropped local rap artists Cricket, the BLGZ, and Young Sicc from a rap-meets-porn event to be held at El Cajon's Royal Palace on March 3.

"He is discriminating against the music," says Young Sicc, 27. "I never met the guy in person. He should have come at me like a man and tell me to my face instead of telling other people behind my face...."

"I grew up in Southeast San Diego. I grew up in Shelltown, around 38th and National Avenue. I never forgot where I came from. Everybody has a story to tell, growing up in the 'hood. I think if [Wasted] wants to cancel us because of our gangster background, he shouldn't have booked us in the first place. He called us. I didn't call him...."

Young Sicc's second CD is called *The Statement*. "I wanted it to be a statement

African-American culture. I want to be the first Mexican to break through."



YOUNG SICC HAS A STORY TO TELL

Young Sicc says the San Diego hip-hop community is too small to have any black-versus-Latin struggles.

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—Larry Harmon

Feed the Children

Rock "Kids are starved for a live-music scene in North County,"

says Chris Austin. He'll book bands to play the Inferno, a two-story, all-age music venue in Escondido that has been known by various names during its three decades as a nightclub.

Though the club has relied on DJs for music during the past 15 years, in the late '70s the locale, as Distillery East, hosted new-wave bands such as the Romantics, Missing Persons, the Plimsouls, the Busboys, and a Flock of Seagulls.

The Inferno has a legal capacity of 486, similar to Mira Mesa's Epicentre, which regularly hosts national acts for under-age audiences. Austin says he will present three to four bands every Friday and Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. Austin, 39, has booked bands at Takilyaz Cantina (an Oceanside bar), Joltin' Joe's (an Escondido pool hall), the Chopping Block (a Vista bar and café), the Vista Entertainment Center, Pounder's bar in Escondido, and the Longshoot Saloon in San Marcos. He owned and

operated the Library coffeehouse in downtown Escondido in 1998 and 1999.

Regarding the fact that bar/venues such as the Jumping Turtle in San Marcos host under-age audiences to see bands until 10 p.m., Austin responds: "Those venues only hold 100 to 150. Record labels don't want to send bands to small venues. If you see a band in a bar, chances are you won't remember it the next day."

On February 19, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Inferno



CHRIS AUSTIN TO HEAT UP ALL-AGES SCENE

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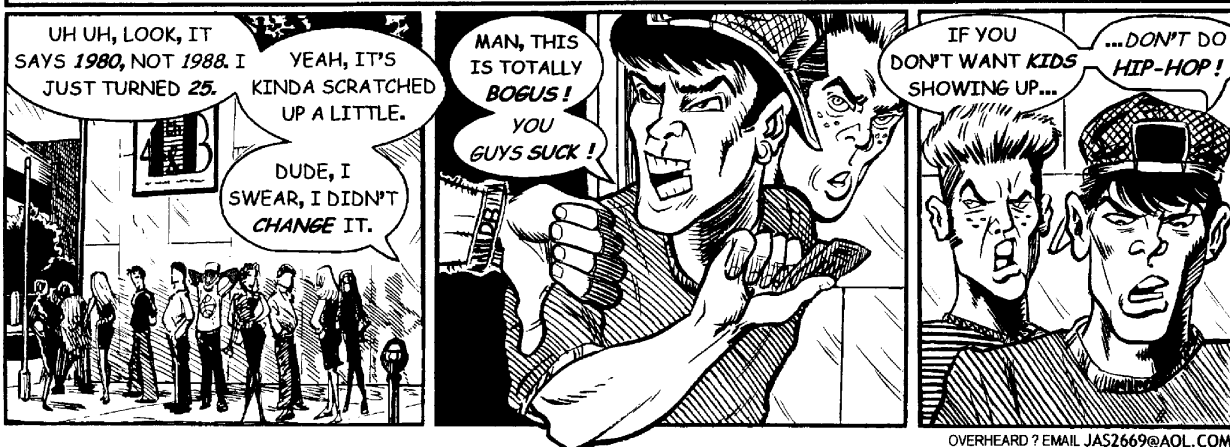
—Ken Leighton

Gotham City Gush It's not certain yet whether Tim Pacheco will be an official member of P.O.D., but the front man and founder of Psydecar has been working a lot with the band lately.

"My other band, Psydecar, booked a show opening up for Matisyahu at the Belly Up on New Year's Eve," Pacheco says. "But then I got a call from P.O.D. asking me to play that Times Square gig. I said yes. The guys in Psydecar were bummed. But, I mean, what choice did I have? The Belly Up for 200 bucks in front of 500 people? Or Times Square, thousand bucks, million

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"We played on top of a building right there in Times Square [on New Year's Eve]. It was about six or seven stories high. There were a million people on the street and huge PA speakers on every street corner in the area, so when I was singing I could hear my voice echoing down the canyons of New York City. It was the highlight of my life right there...."

"We stopped playing around 11:00 p.m., then went back to our hotel, which was

right across the street. It was so crowded, it took us 20 minutes to get there. We had the corner room on the 33rd floor. From there we could see the stage and Times Square. We were up there for an hour, drinking champagne with some of the big shots from [event sponsor] Pontiac and some New York City detectives, and firemen were

up there hanging out with us also. About 20 minutes before midnight, I went downstairs to smoke a hooter on the street and watch the ball drop. They let me kick it in this special barricaded area where only cops and emergency crew were allowed. When the ball dropped, I got this cool picture of me and these two young-ass cops."

How did Pacheco become involved with P.O.D.?

"I've known them forever. My wife grew up with [lead singer] Sonny and Wuv



PACHECO (AFTER THE HOOTER)

[drummer]. They are cousins. They wanted to spruce up their live show with an extra guitar player, keyboards, and backup singer, so they [brought me

in] and another South Bay cat they grew up with."

The other "South Bay cat" that P.O.D. hired is named Odz, who has played keyboards and percussion with local bands Royal Crown, the Millennium, Funk Masters, and, most recently, the Trade Roots. Initially, P.O.D. management wanted to hire studio musicians, but the members of P.O.D. said they didn't want to tour with people they didn't know and hired Pacheco and Odz with their own money.

—Edwin Decker

Aerosmith Says "No" to PakistaniAerosmith plays the Sports Arena tomorrow, February 10. From *thesmokinggun.com*: "Police escorts must be arranged in order to facilitate Artist arrival to and departure from the venue." On load-in, the production manager expects to be provided with a

dozen bars of soap, a dozen bath-size towels ("freshly laundered") and two dozen "backup" towels ("no Pakistani compressed towels"). The band



AEROSMITH: CLEAN AND SOAPY

hospitality room requires chicken tikka masala pieces with yogurt and mint dip, a smoked-salmon platter, corn on the cob ("cooked three minutes only"), a dozen hard-boiled eggs ("unpeeled"), Medjool dates, a flat of wheatgrass, six bottles of Sundance cherry soda, and two packs of Double Bubble gum.

—Jay Allen Sanford

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Little Lies at Whistle Stop

"I'm sure that our amps were messing with their hearing aids."

Northstar Session's EP *Little Lies* was released last October and was recorded and produced by John Beard (who has worked with *American Idol*'s Bo Bice and San Diego's blink-182 and Lucy's Fur Coat).

Northstar Session plays Friday, February 10, at the Whistle Stop Bar in South Park. I caught up with singer/songwriter/guitarist Matt Szlachetka.

BEST/WORST GIG?

"We've had lots of good shows, but I think our best show is probably the last show we did at the Ken Club...we played with two other bands that we're good friends with: Vinyl Radio and

Numchuck (from L.A.), and between the three bands we packed the place. The worst gig is definitely when we opened for Dave Brubeck with the San Diego Pops

at the Embarcadero this past August. We were playing outside next to the merchandise booths and food concessions and literally were almost attacked and killed by every elderly person in attendance. I don't think I've ever seen such pissed-off senior citizens before. I'm sure that our amps were really messing with their hearing aids."

TOP FIVE CDs?

1. Jimi Hendrix, *Axis: Bold as Love*. "First Hendrix album I heard when I was eight or so; still to this day is my favorite Hendrix album. 'If Six Was Nine' — need I say more?"
2. The Black Crowes, *America*. "My favorite Crowes album, and you can't beat the cover!"
3. Steely Dan, *Citizen Steely Dan*. "Probably cheating on this one: the Steely Dan box set."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM WITH LIVE GIGS?

"In most cases, when you have four or five bands on a bill, you don't get to really do a sound check. So in the ten minutes that you usually have to get equipment onstage and set up, the quick 'fly by the seat of your pants' sound check can be tricky. Essentially, the first song of your set becomes the sound check."

FAVORITE GUITAR AND ITS HISTORY?

"This is the type of question that I can seriously geek out on. My favorite guitar is my Stratocaster. It is an early-'90s Fender American '62 reissue. I had big frets put on it and recently had a set of Van Zandt blues pickups installed. I've had the guitar for six or seven years. Got it in college. I don't think I could ever get rid of it."



Northstar Session

4. The Rolling Stones, *Exile on Main Street*. "One of my favorites...a rock bible."
5. Stevie Wonder, *Songs in the Key of Life*. "A masterpiece."

WHERE DO YOU SEE MUSIC GOING IN THE 21st CENTURY?

"Hopefully back to a more rootsy vibe, where people start playing their own instruments again. I think the computer age is cool, but the main

downfall is that it has taken the place of a 'band' in a lot of cases, where people are now backed by their computer. I think a lot of recordings have lost a richness and warmth that is present in all the old stuff."

GIG DREAMS?

"Not about gigs, but I have a weird reoccurring dream that one of my front teeth is falling out. I've been having it since I was a kid." ■

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Alex de Grassi: Acoustic Music San
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Josh Gracin: Belly Up Tavern,
Thursday, February 9, 143 South
Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or
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FRIDAY

Tiger Army: House of Blues, Friday,
February 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Aerosmith [529] and **Lenny
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Friday, February 10, 3500 Sports
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Kirk Whalum [674]: 4th & B,
Friday, February 10, 345 B Street,
downtown. 619-231-4343 or
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Bryan Bowers: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Friday, February 10, 4650
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SATURDAY

Jeff Tweedy: Spreckels Theatre,
Saturday, February 11, 121 Broadway,
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Keller Williams [817]: 4th & B,
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Tiger Army: House of Blues,
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Lee Rocker [504] and **Candye
Kane** [939]: Belly Up Tavern,
Saturday, February 11, 143 South
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Jim Belushi & the Sacred Hearts:
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SUNDAY

Mason Jennings: Belly Up Tavern,
Sunday, February 12, 143 South
Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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more: San Diego Sports Arena,
Sunday, February 12, 3500 Sports
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Dougie MacLean [824]: Sherwood
Auditorium, Sunday, February 12, 700
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MONDAY

Bonnie Raitt [533]: Copley
Symphony Hall, Monday, February
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TUESDAY

Steve Poltz [815]: Belly Up Tavern,
Tuesday, February 14, 143 South
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WEDNESDAY

**Big Head Todd & the
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The Sisters of Mercy: House of
Blues, Friday, February 17, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Mary Gauthier: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Friday, February 17, 4650
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The David Lindley Band [561]:
Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, February
18, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana

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The Robert Cray Band [941]:
House of Blues, Saturday, February
18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
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Tom Rush [830]: Acoustic Music
San Diego, Saturday, February 18,
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"Bob Marley Day Festival": San
Diego Sports Arena, Monday,
February 20, 3500 San Diego Sports
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Social Distortion [481]: House of
Blues, Monday, February 20, 1055
Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583
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Nada Surf [194]: House of Blues,
Tuesday, February 21, 1055 Fifth
Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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X [219]: House of Blues, Wednesday,
February 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
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Robyn Hitchcock [509]: Belly Up
Tavern, Thursday, February 23, 143
South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022
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The Derek Trucks Band [950]:
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Los Lobos [476]: House of Blues,
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Sevendust [261]: House of Blues,
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Dave Mason [572]: Poway Center
for the Performing Arts, Saturday,
February 25, 15498 Espola Road,
Poway. 858-748-0505.

Tom Russell: Acoustic Music San
Diego, Sunday, February 26, 4650
Mansfield Street, Normal Heights.
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Lucinda Williams [864]: Belly Up
Tavern, Sunday, February 26, 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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MARCH

Eric Taylor: Acoustic Music San
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Styx [523]: House of Blues,
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Alison Krauss: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, March 8, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Johnny Mathis [614]: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, March 8, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips [528]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Korn [265] and Mudvayne: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, March 15, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 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.

The Young Dubliners [571]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Rincon Casino, Saturday, March 18, Valley Center Road, Escondido. 866-468-3399.

Toots & the Maytals [752]: House of Blues, Saturday, March 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach [608]: Pala Events Center, Sunday, March 19, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Cesaria Evora [885]: 4th & B, Sunday, March 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Monday, March 20, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Guster [282]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 22, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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

Beth Orton: House of Blues, Thursday, March 23, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chuck Pyle: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, March 24, 4650

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Montreal combo the **Stars** have ties with Broken Social Scene and other leaders of the much-hyped Canadian indie scene, but their 2005 album *Set Yourself on Fire* makes it clear that they have already found their own path, making gorgeous, melodic, melancholy music.

A look through the lyric sheet is a somber experience: three songs have “dead” or “death” in the title (if you count “One More Night,” which is subtitled “Your Ex-Lover Remains Dead”) and almost all of them refer to a failed relationship. “He Lied About Death” is filled with nearly incoherent rage at somebody, probably President Bush. (Its least-angry line is “I hope your drunken daughters are gay.”) The title track concludes with “There is

only one thing / (and then we die).”

But put down the lyric sheet and just listen, and you’ll have a very different experience. The songs are filled with silly new-wave keyboards, sweet vocal harmonies, lovely string arrangements, chiming guitars, and spirited bass, among other beautifully arranged instruments. Although singers **Torquil Campbell** and **Amy Millan** enunciate, the words blend in with the melodies so well that you might listen to a song several times before you discern more than enough to sing along with the vocal hooks. In the case of “Ageless Beauty,” one of the prettiest indie-pop songs of recent years, this might mean repeating lines about beauty and light, while missing all the rest of the lyrics, which are about cruelty and defeat.

“Ageless Beauty” can be heard stream-



STARS

ing on the band’s website and is widely available for free download. But it would be a mistake to end there. *Set Yourself on Fire* reveals new gems with every listen.

STARS, The Casbah, Sunday, February 12, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$12.

Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dave Stamey: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, March 25, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Steel Pulse [730]: 4th & B, Saturday, March 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ghostface Killah: House of Blues, Sunday, March 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Chris Botti [689]: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, March 26, 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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.

UB40 [737]: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 28, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dilated Peoples: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Stereolab [116]: House of Blues, Wednesday, March 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dionne Warwick [567]: Rincon Casino, Thursday, March 30, Valley Center Road, Escondido. 866-468-3399.

Donald Fagen: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Thursday, March 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Train: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, March 31, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 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.

Fall Out Boy, the All-American Rejects, and Hawthorne Heights: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Saturday, April 1, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio [345]: House of Blues, Saturday, April 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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

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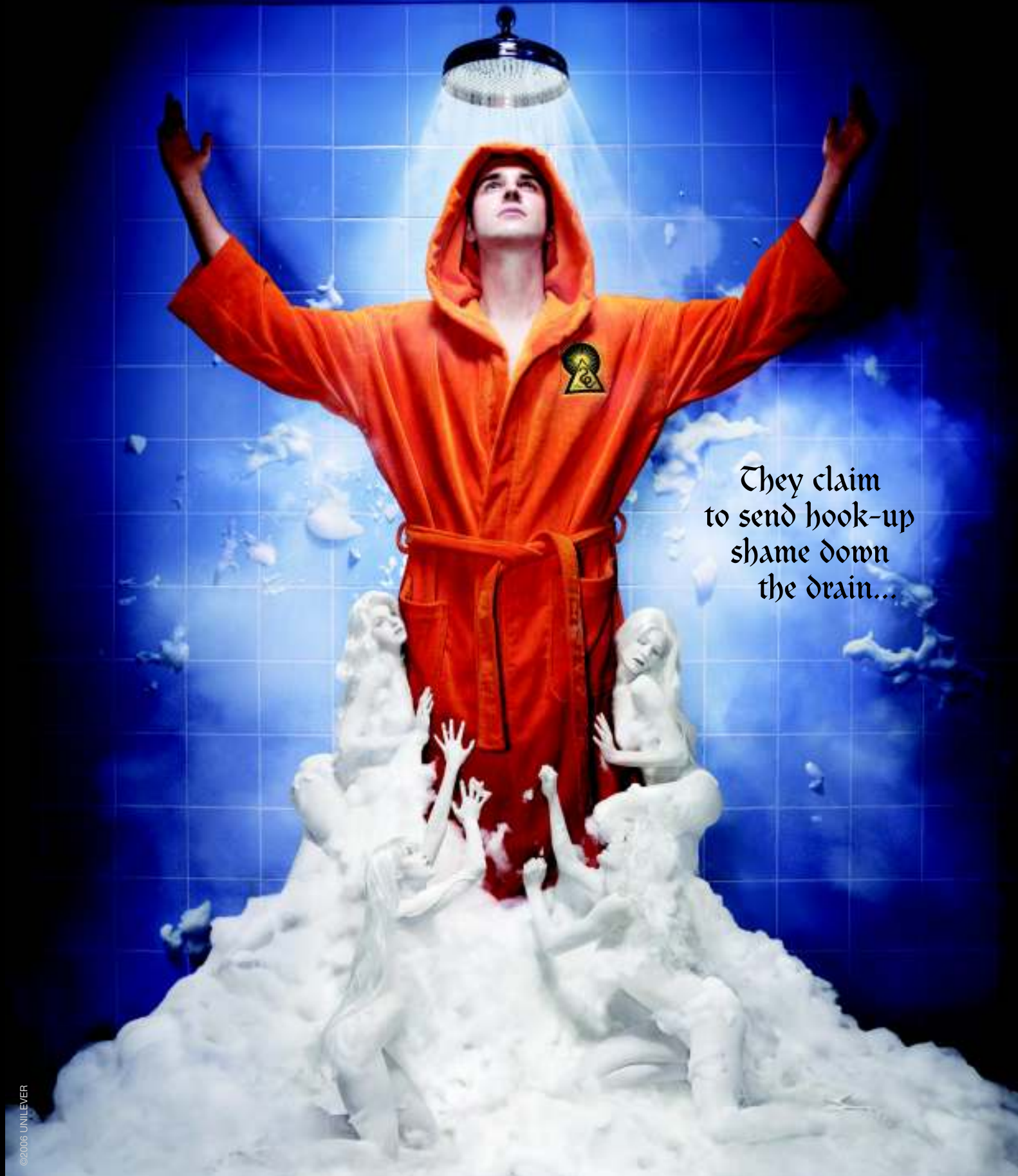
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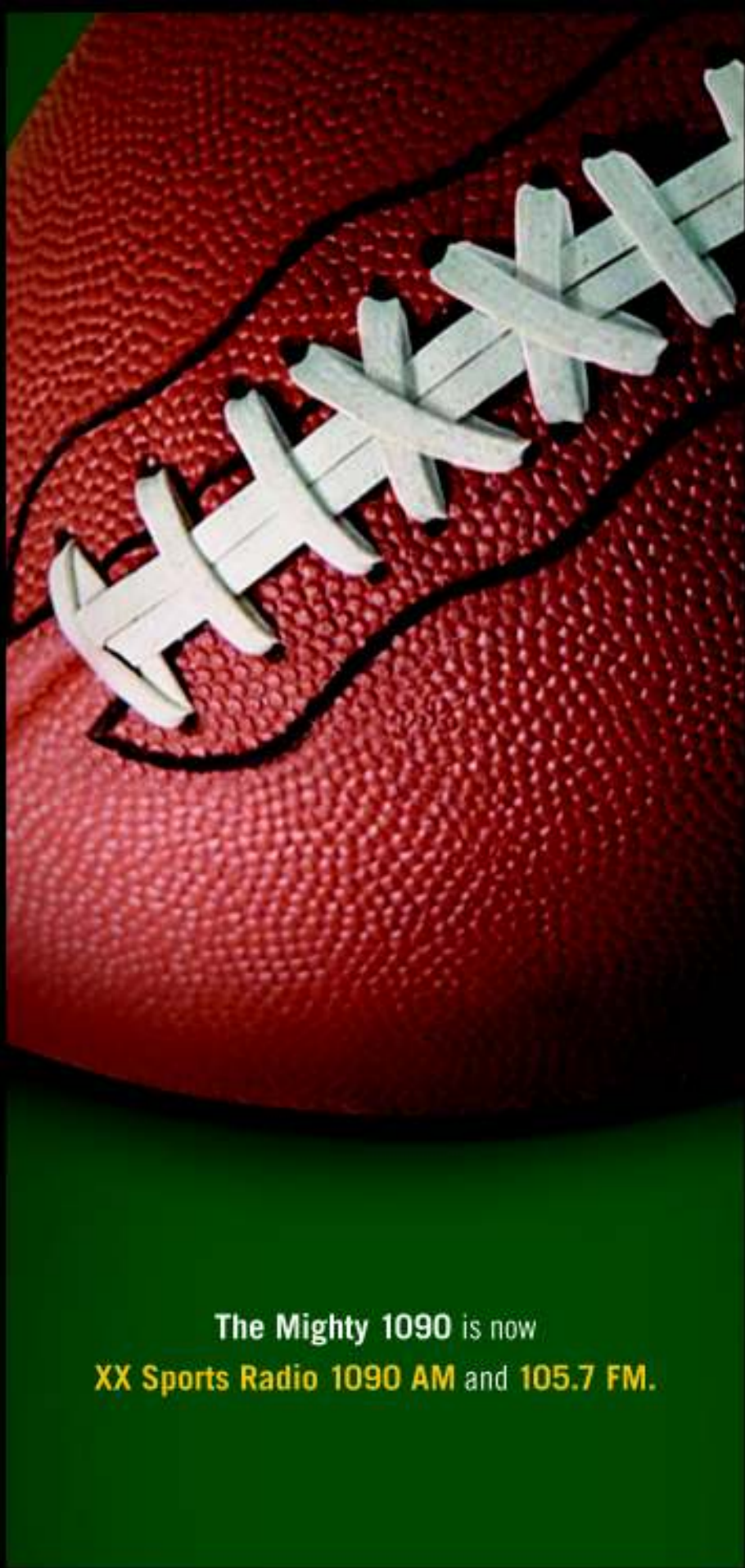
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Our Ivory Tower: Soma
Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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The Power Chords: The Kensington Club
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Putrefukation: The Jumping Turtle
Quiet Drive: Soma
Riboflavin: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Screaming Yeehaws: The Kensington Club
Secret Apollo: Hot Monkey Love Cafe
Sherwood: Soma
Social Spit: The Jumping Turtle
Social Suicide: Dreamstreet
The Spots: Brick By Brick, The Kensington Club
The Stars: The Casbah
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Superunloader [208]: Tiki House
Sweet Tooth: Winstons
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With All Sincerity: Epicentre
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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Bar Room Shakers: Dreamstreet
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Big Head Todd & the Monsters [582]: 4th & B
The Big Sound: Surf N'Saddle
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Crystal Sage: Carvers
Cubensis: Blind Melons
Dead Man's Party: 'Canes
Deadline Friday [404]: Humphrey's
The 86'd: Dick's Last Resort
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Empire State: 'Canes

The Fryday Band: Blind Melons
Funky Pox: Winstons
Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
The Ghost of Sada: Dick's Last Resort
The Taylor Harvey Band: Island Sports and Spirits
The High-Rolling Loners: Surf N'Saddle
Homebrew: Dreamstreet
Irradio [464]: The Casbah
The Austin James Band: Epicentre

Jars of Clay [475]: House of Blues
Jenix: 'Canes
Mason Jennings: Belly Up Tavern
Jessie & the Fools: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
Jumpstart: Patrick's II
Lee Rocker [504]: Belly Up Tavern
Lonely Boys Revenge: Blind Melons
The Long and Short of It: The Casbah
The M's: The Casbah

J. Marc & the Boxer: Dreamstreet
Masterguru [466]: 'Canes
The Mercury Legion [483]: The Jumping Turtle
Metal Brigade: 'Canes
The Mice [440]: The Jumping Turtle
Money for Nothing: Fannie's Nightclub
Nashville Pussy: The Casbah
The Gabriel Nelson Band: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)
Nemesis: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise
The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Ryan Patrick: Soma
Pickford's Party: Hennessy's Tavern (Gaslamp)
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
Replay: Fannie's Nightclub
The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill
The River City Rebels: Blind Melons

Rockola: Humphrey's
Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort
Serious Guise: Second Wind (Santee)
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B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise
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Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits
Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel
The Love Rangers: The Alley
Rick Lyon: The Imperial House
The New Breed Band: Dick's Last Resort
Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind: La Playa Cantina & Grill
The Pop Rocks: Humphrey's
Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze
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Baruti: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom
Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Blue Largo /636/: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Patrick's II
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The Lee Brown Perspective /678/: Thrusters, Magnolia's
The B-Side Players /649/: 'Canes
The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant
John Cain /703/: Bahia Resort Hotel, Elario's Bistro and Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado
Jorge Camberos & His Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

The first four of the nine Grammy awards that **Bonnie Raitt** has won in her career all came on the same night. It was a memorable evening, Raitt having been at the lean end of the music business for some time. By the '80s she was kicking drugs and alcohol and making records that got noticed but failed to sell. After nine albums, her label dropped her. *Nick of Time*, with producer Don Was, turned out to be a vivid record, full of R&B grit and rootsy blues guitar romps. *Nick of Time* was an apt title; the album resuscitated Raitt's career and booted her onto the pop fast track.

Who could forget the Grammys in 1989? That was the year Milli Vanilli was named Best New Artist, an honor later

revoked when the duo was outed for lip-synching. Raitt was called to the podium four times. She was so genuinely surprised by the sudden rain of recognition (three Grammy awards for *Nick of Time* and one Grammy for a collaboration with John Lee Hooker) that she wept. Members of the audience wept. I watched the show on television, and if I remember correctly, I wept too.

Bonnie Raitt's voice always surprises me for reasons I can't put my finger on. That, and she doesn't play bottleneck guitar like a Harvard dropout (she is). Her sound is raunchy and informed by older souls. She has the knack for finding, as do B.B. King and a handful of others, that one glorious note that will both break your heart and make you smile. And her songbook is a wealth of insights, the kind that you eventually come to realize are more about you than



BONNIE RAITT

about the singer. It's not hard to believe Raitt when she sings, "God was in the air that day / Circlin' like a drunken hawk / Sweepin' with a hungry eye / Over the ground I walk."

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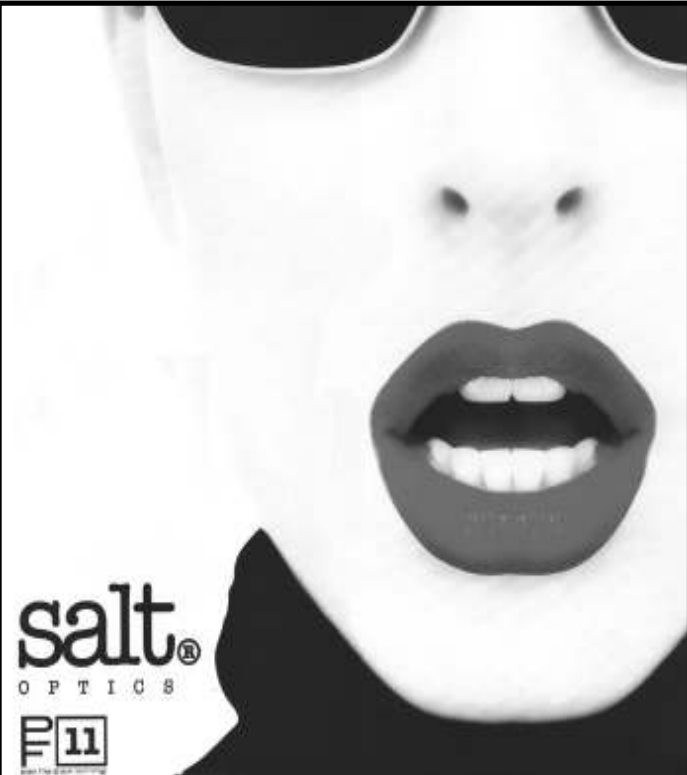
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Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations [748]: Canes
G Roots: Dreamstreet
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Irie Dingo: Zip & Zack's Filling Station
Irie Eyes: Dreamstreet
Kumba Dawa: Winstons
The Mystic Roots: Blind Melons
Reefah: Dreamstreet
Shark: Dreamstreet
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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Benchmark: Don's Cocktail Lounge
Cowboy Jack: The Del Dios Country Store
Josh Gracin: Belly Up Tavern
Shoestring Strap: Blind Melons
Whiskey Ridge: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

As We Speak: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

The Autumn Defense: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Kristina Bennett: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Bryan Bowers: Acoustic Music San Diego
Brax: The Ould Sod
Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The Celtic Ensemble: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Jamie K. Crawford: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Tony Cummins: Blarney Stone Pub
Trevor Davis: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Jenn Grinels: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Sara Groves: House of Blues
Ali Handal: Lestat's Coffeehouse
David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
John Hull: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Ben Ingraham: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Alyssa Jacey: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Keller Williams [817]: 4th & B
Kethro: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Keiv: Wynola Pizza Express
Curt Kirkwood: The Casbah
Laura Kuebel: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Adam Lopez: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Dougie MacLean [824]: Sherwood Auditorium (Museum of Contemporary Art)
Jim Moore: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Bob Mould: The Casbah
Tim Mudd: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Carlos Olmeda & the Gooses: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company, Lestat's Coffeehouse
Chuck Perrin [820]: Dizzy's
Archer Prewitt: The Casbah
Tommy Price: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Jamie Robb: Lestat's Coffeehouse, Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Roy Ruiz Clayton: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company
Dan Sandock: Island Sports and Spirits
Michele Shipp: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Sweet James: Tiki House
Michael Tiernan [883]: Humphrey's
Derek Webb: House of Blues
Tyrone Wells: Lestat's Coffeehouse

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Bad Habit: Neimans Bar and Grill
The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

Blue Heat: The Kraken
The Blue James Band: Blind Melons
Blue Rockit [955]: Island Sports and Spirits
The Blues Brokers: The Kraken
The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken
Chet Cannon: Humphrey's
Chill Boy: The Kraken
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Chateau Orleans, Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Turquoise Cafe
The CREDIT Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
D.A. & the Hitmen: Blind Melons
Alan Iglesias & Crossfire: Patrick's II
The Iron Workers Local 69: The Jumping Turtle
Candye Kane [939]: Belly Up Tavern
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: Henry's Pub
The Mud Sharks: Winstons
Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken
Sean Perry: Harney Sushi
Lucky Peterson: Humphrey's
Len Rainey & the Midnight Players [921]: Patrick's II, Coyote Bar and Grill
S.D. Blues: Chuey's Numero Uno
The San Diego Blues Legends: Humphrey's
Shelle Blues: Patrick's II
Smith: The Calypso Cafe
Triple Shot [933]: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II
Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill, The Gordon Biersch Brewery

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Armenta de San Diego: La Valencia Hotel
Anthony Bollotta: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom
J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub & Grille
Eileen Bowman: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom
Greg Buchanan: St. Mark's United Methodist Church
The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare
Dave Curtis: Dizzy's
Darvak: Dizzy's
Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
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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 Wallcrawler, 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, lstr, and guests; 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; 9 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. 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.



Dogie MacLean, February 12, Sherwood Auditorium

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: Third 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.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, noise, and EBM with DJs Bryan Pollard, OT7, and guest. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-5483.

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.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 p.m. Friday, the week prior to publication. To send weekly or monthly schedules, fax to 760-788-1309 or mail to Reader Music Scene, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. You may also submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the music section. Upcoming concerts, DJ events, or performances that are not at a club should be directed to 619-235-3000, ext. 261; e-mailed to sellis@nethere.com; or faxed to 619-881-2401.

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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., Josh Gracin and King Country. Friday, 9 p.m., Groundation, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., Lee Rocker and Candy Kane, rock/blues. Sunday, 8 p.m., Mason Jennings and Chad Vangalen, rock. Wednesday, 9 p.m., the Virginia Coalition.

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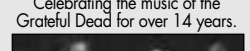
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Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

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*, blues/jazz.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Misty & the Mobys*, alternative. Saturday, *Guerilla Transammo*, alternative rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Live jazz/blues/acoustic nightly.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Crystal Sage*, classic rock/blues.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Len Rainey & the Midnight Players*, blues, 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., DJ event. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Cowboy Jack*, country.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton*, R&B/jazz/dance.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Jim Belushi & the Sacred Hearts*.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, *As We Speak*.

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, *Vile, Embryonic, Devourment*, and *Putrefukation*. Friday, *the Madman Cometh*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Disabled Youth*, *G.F.I.*, *Naked Lunch*, *the Mice*, *Uncalledfor*, *Social Spit*, and *Mercury Legion*. Monday, *the Iron Workers Local 69*. Tuesday, *DJ Mini Mee*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Chill Boy*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues. 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., *Stefani Stevens*, soft rock. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind*, acoustic pop.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Call club for information.

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Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Big Sound*, rock. Saturday,

the Alternatives. Wednesday, 9 p.m., open mike.

Wynola Pizza Express, 4355 Highway 78, Julian. 760-765-1004. Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Kev*, acoustic rock/folk.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station and Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Irie Dingo*, rock/reggae.

BEACHES

Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach. 858-488-0551. Tangier Lounge: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, jazz/Latin/international and pop standards.

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Shoestring Strap* and *the Blue James Band*, bluegrass/blues. Friday, *Cubensis*, Grateful Dead tribute. Saturday, *the Fryday Band* and

Mystic Roots, rock/reggae. Sunday, *Dub Shack*. Tuesday, *D.A. & the Hitmen*, blues. Wednesday, *the River City Rebels* and *Lonely Boys Revenge*.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative/metal unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Dreaming*, *Slewfoot*, *Empire State*, and *Negative Filter*. Friday, *the B-Side Players* and *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, Latin jazz/reggae. Saturday, *Dead Man's Party*, Oingo Boingo tribute band. Wednesday, *the Metal Brigade*, *Jenix*, *Masterguru* and *the Knife Mill Disintegrator*.

Catamaran, 3999 Mission Beach Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-1081. Friday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., *Janet Hammer*, jazz/light pop.

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.

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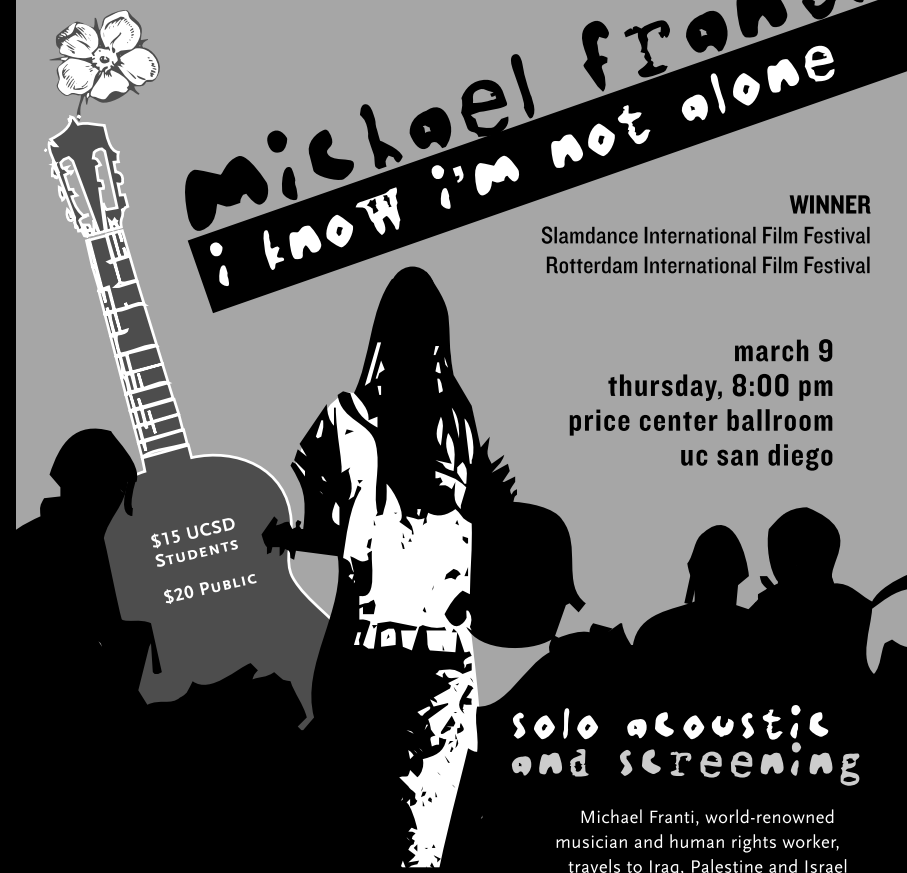
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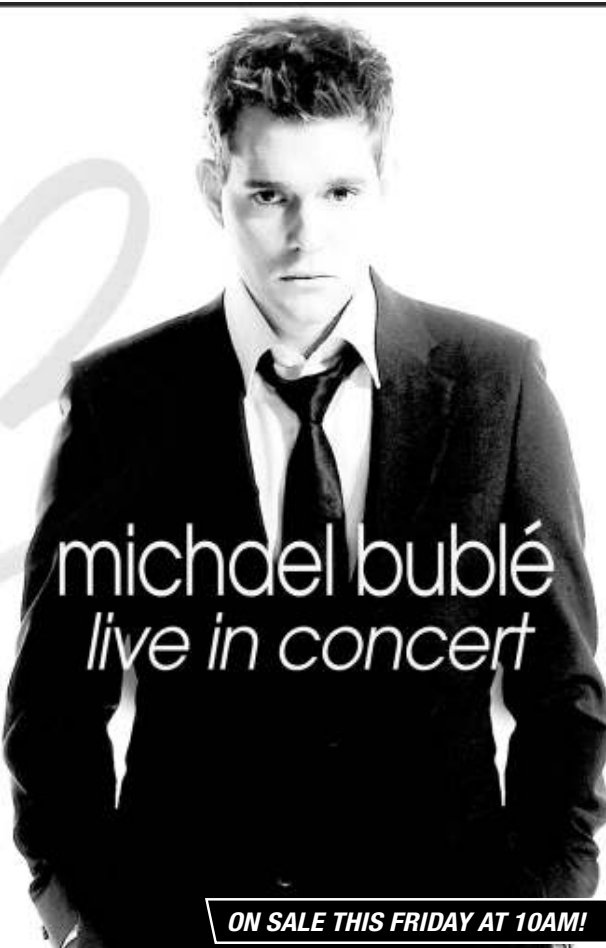
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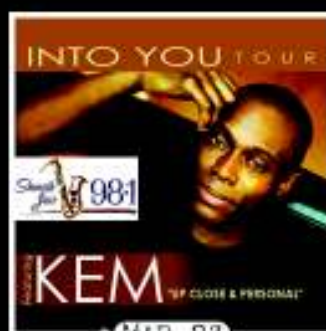
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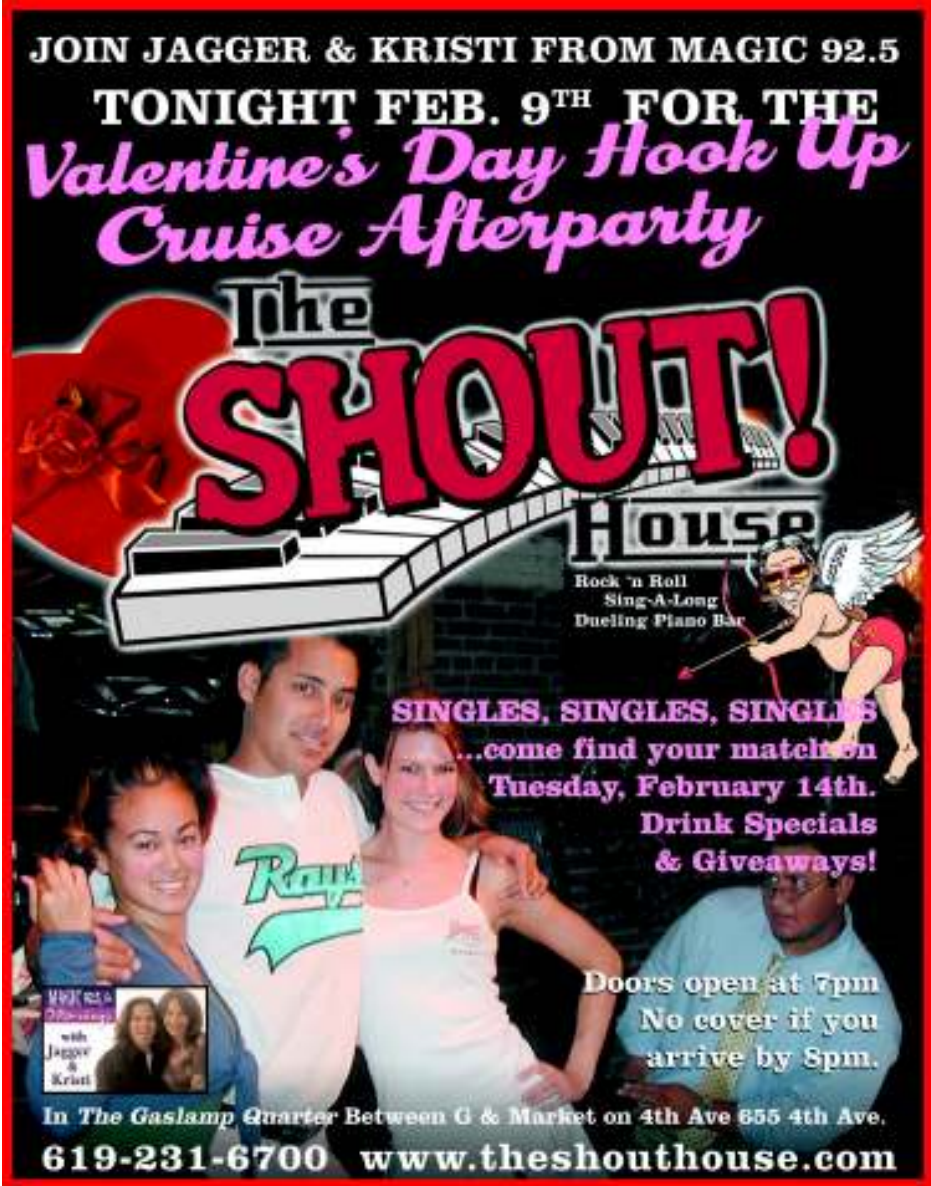
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First time I heard Archons, I had just pulled myself together from a long black-out. I had spent the morning smoking crystal meth from a filthy glass pipe in

an equally filthy North Park apartment. After polishing off a handle of bourbon, things went dark until I breeched the liminal surface in a throbbing throng of sweaty-haired

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humanity on the dance floor of the Zombie Lounge. The beat in my chest surged me toward the stage as I regained consciousness in the tattooed mob.

To describe the music, I'll say that it hit the spot; it was exactly what I needed on that mangled midnight. Archons plays heavy teeth-gritting rock and roll with a driving rhythm. The vocals are reminiscent of Megadeth or Rob Zombie without the comical theatrics. In “Ghost of Python,” the guitar seems tertiary to the bass and drums, but “Memory Bank Heist” flies high with crawling, warbling string work.

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The menu is cute, made of three loose parchment-like pages secured at the top with a bamboo stick. The first page lists appetizers, the second "strictly coastal" items, the third "chicken and meats." The food is easygoing So-Cal cuisine with a touch of Asia here, Italy there, Louisiana yonder. The choices are vast but unchallenging hotel-restaurant fare with something for everyone. Nothing on this menu will shock you or your sweetie or distract your cuddle from your charm.

The trick lies in finding the most appealing dishes. Among the appetizers, our scouting party especially liked the Cajun shrimp-and-corn chowder, which is well seasoned but not spicy-hot. Chopped shrimp and corn kernels abound in a bisque-like seafood broth that tastes like Maine lobster and is colored coral to match. "I'd come back just for that," said my friend Mike. "Two bowls would make a meal." "Or," said my partner, "one bowl plus the 'signature salad,' and the bread-and-butter platter — that's all you'd need." The bread is a twisted, spongy Italian loaf from Solunto Bakery in Little Italy, and the butter arrives in a small crock at spreadable temperature. The "signature salad" mingles baby greens with Asian pear, bleu cheese, carrot shreds, cukes, and small tomatoes in a blood-orange vinaigrette so light you can't really taste the orange.

A wild mushroom tart is also surefire: a dainty round of puff pastry topped with caramelized



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onions, a few slivered cremini mushrooms, goat cheese, and a daub of crème fraîche.

A starter called "grilled skirt steak," which turns out to be Southeast Asian satay, is less rewarding. The wood-skewered beef is charry and flavorful, cut against the grain for tenderness, but it comes with bland peanut sauce and an extremely sour cucumber salad, speckled with hot pepper flakes and inauthentically marinated in white vinegar. In its native countries, the salad is typically made with rice vinegar or lime juice and sugar, either of which is a more palatable alternative. Minus the disappointing garnishes, you can enjoy this tasty steak in an entrée called "Humphrey's Mixed Grill," paired with Thai red-curry shrimp, glass noodles, and a cilantro-ginger beurre blanc.

The opposite flaw applies to the Dungeness crab cakes. The garnishes are swell; the cakes fall flat. Underseasoned, undercooked, and loaded with filler, they have the mouth-feel of a wad of Bimbo's white bread — but we loved the accompaniments of corn salad, baby greens salad with radicchio, and red and yellow bell pepper

purée. Glancing at the next table, I saw what we should have ordered: a happy trio of diners were tucking into a double order of baked Bluepoint oysters topped with St. André cheese, cilantro, and mizuna. I got the feeling they'd been here before.

Among our entrées, the best was a special of grilled local swordfish, sprinkled with candied ginger and orange zest and topped with a single large prawn. The moist steak rested on a square bed of gingered risotto — soft-firm, neither chalky nor goopy — over a slick of tart-sweet orange sauce. The combination was well-nigh perfect. Many other entrées come with a side of risotto, and the kitchen clearly knows how to handle the rice. Less successful was macadamia-crust halibut. Mea culpa — I forgot to specify doneness and the waitress didn't ask, so it arrived too dry, defaulting to San Diego hotel-restaurant caution (meaning it's made for Zonies, who'll send back properly tender fish). We did enjoy the plate's citrus-teriyaki glaze and accompaniments of garlic-mashed potatoes and a medley of julienne carrots and yellow squash. So

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A filet mignon was flavorful for this bland but oh-so-tender cut. It's Brandt Natural Beef, corn-fed for 100 days with no hormones or antibiotics, so of course it tastes good. It was dressed with a lightened, less costly revision of France's aristocratic *sauce Périgourdine* — Madeira sauce studded with rehydrated wild mushrooms (including morels) and a hint of black truffle something (oil, shavings, bottled sauce — not fresh truffles in any case, so don't get your hopes up). Hiding under the beef is a flotilla of blanched spinach on a bed of mashed potatoes flavored with Gruyère, a creamy, mild French cheese. Oddly, the mash tasted little different from the halibut's garlic mash. I'd guess the spuds themselves are Yukon Golds, which tend to assert their own flavor over any but the strongest amendments.

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of Australian meat cooked to our order of rare-medium rare. Alas, they were poorly trimmed, with too much fat left on the exterior. Cloaked in a routine Port sauce and under subdued restaurant lighting — where you can just make out what's on the plate — you're bound to chew through mouthfuls of solid tallow before excavating down to the meat. It's a dish with a high "ick" factor. The head chef turns out to have been on vacation that week (he'll be back before you read this), so perhaps the kitchen staff slacked off a little during his absence. The accompaniments were fine thin-skinned agnolotti pasta filled with mushrooms and cheese, a few soggy green beans, and a walnut-sized hunk of butternut squash. Here, too, we realized we'd have done better ordering the Certified Angus prime rib roast or the 20-ounce grilled Porterhouse — simpler meats less subject to error.

Mike and I, the wine en-

thusiasts in our quartet, happily availed ourselves of the tasting flights: four are available — two red, two white — running about \$10 each for three small pours. Mike caught me eyeing his reds, secretly comparing our pours. "Yes, they gave me more than you," he confirmed. Although he's cuter than me, we speculated that it was really because whites (like those I was drinking) can go back into the fridge, while reds, once opened, have to be vacuum-treated to store overnight, and even then lose a lot of savor if the bottle is more than half-empty — hence, the heftier pour. Each glass of a flight is decorated with a "wine charm" around its stem, and you get a little card identifying the wines (by their charms) and describing each of them in breathless winelish. For instance, the Fritz Winery "Dutton Ranch" Chardonnay supposedly displayed "subtle tropical fruit flavors and overtones of honeyed pineapple,"

where my call would be "very ripe, high-acid grapes with powerful undertones of oak fermenting barrel." But if you like any of the quaffs enough to want to buy a bottle at a store, you can pocket the cards to remember what you tasted.

Along with the view, the house-made desserts make Humphrey's a V-Day destination. The waitress brings the evening's full array on a tray, and all are things of beauty. The pastry staff will probably go all out for V-Day, but even on a regular night they're artful. The prettiest (but not the most interesting) that evening was a gemlike chocolate-cherry "bonbon," a half-dome the size of a Hostess Snoball glazed in shiny dark chocolate, concealing a soft center of milk chocolate mousse layered with crème brûlée and cherries. On the plate, it's surrounded by a coulis made from rehydrated dried cherries. It's — what more can I say? — very sweet.

Our favorite was a small

square of warm almond cake, with a fine crumb and deep nut flavor — a sweet for grownups. At the other end of its long rectangular serving plate was a coffee cup topped with chocolate-striped whipped cream, hiding a pleasant "mocha cappuccino mousse." A lemon-zest cheesecake needed more lemon, and more zest in general. It was plain and heavy on a graham crust, surrounded by commercial-tasting raspberry syrup dotted with a few berries.

By the time we were done, the show at the Backstage Lounge was in full swing. I'm happy to say that in the restaurant we didn't hear a note of it. That's romantic for you. Now touch hands.

OTHER VALENTINE'S DAY DESTINATIONS:

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My partner and me? Last thing we want is to go to a restaurant on their most crowded day of the year. He'll buy a dozen-plus oysters at Blue Water, bring them home

and shuck them, while I make a zippy cocktail sauce and chill a nice bottle of Muscadet. Works for us, trust me.

ABOUT THE CHEF

The last time I visited Humphrey's (four and a half years ago), the chef was Jim Hill, a few months before his premature death. Until recently, his sous-chef carried on. A few months ago, veteran chef Paul Murphy stepped in to the top toque position. (He was on vacation at this writing and unavailable for interview.) He has worked at El Bizcocho, Temecula Creek Inn, and Delicias (in Rancho Santa Fe). From there, he went to Belgium to complete his apprenticeship and then became executive chef at the West Side Bar and Grill, a French-American bistro in Pau, in the extreme south of France. Returning to the U.S., he was executive sous-chef at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix, specializing in seafood, before he came to work at Humphrey's. ■

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If there’s one street I try to avoid in TJ it’s Agua Caliente. Hot Water Boulevard is one noise-howling, traffic-clogged, fume-breathing hell. But every hell has its havens. And this one is where I’d like to bring my darlin’ Carla for her birthday, a night away from all her sweating, hurt-like-hell recovery. She’s walking without the walker for short stretches these days, so heck, time for a change of scenery.

I’m standing tonight opposite the Grand Hotel Tijuana, that double tower (who can say twin tower anymore?) across Agua Caliente, guarded by walls so high they give new meaning to the word exclusive.

But what I’ve come for is this little piece of Olde Worlde Tijuana, right here, on my side of the street. Okay, it’s a motel, but built like a colonial Mexican *posada* — an inn. I walk under El Conquistador’s sweeping canopy and into its courtyard, and suddenly I’m into a world of glowing stained-glass windows, heavy doors, twirling black wrought iron, arched stairways, white-washed walls, wagonwheels, low-light lamps blushing modestly amongst tropical foliage...heck, you expect Zorro himself to come clattering out from the shadows on his horse.



I’m admiring the scenes in the stained glass set in the walls across the courtyard entrance when it strikes me — are they all Don Quixote? Who else would be thin, in tin, tan and tall, and riding a horse beside a squat fellow on a donkey? In the first window he kneels before a lady. That would be the Lady Dulcinea. Then it’s him on horseback with his lance at the ready, then him and Sancho Panza in a castle, a prison?

Now I’m being attacked by smells wafting in the night air. I’m thinking tortilla soup. Next nos-tril-twitch has to be garlic and a filet mignon searing away. Aha. I see a kitchen, and to the right of that, the entrance to an eatery honoring El Quijote.

Guess I should test the goods here in advance. For Carla — it’s the least a man can do. So I walk into a room that’s half Spanish, half Denny’s. Stucco walls and ceiling, blond wood chairs, cream-theme booths. But then you have gold-painted wrought-iron chandeliers, wood-grilled windows, heavy-timber rafters, green glass and black wood kitchen doors, and a fireplace with *talavera* pots on the hearth. And planted all around the walls are framed paintings of scenes from Don Quixote’s life, and — hey — at the end of

the room, the man himself, in full metal jacket, helmet and lance, a larger-than-life metal sculpture silhouetted against a lighted wall.

I know the food’s gonna be over my head. I mean, the tables all have fine linens and fresh flowers in vases. So I ask this elderly waiter if I can see the menu first. Hmm. This could work. I sit down at a booth to better study things. Appetizers, soups, and salads go for around three, four bucks, and *antojitos*, like the combo of *chile relleno*, *enchilada*, chicken taco, *quesadilla*, rice, and *frijoles* — are about \$5.00. That’s 52 pesos for a lot of food. They also have sandwiches, including a cheese-and-bacon burger for \$5.00, and main dishes like chicken breast cordon bleu stuffed with ham and cheese, plus rice and veggies for about \$7.00. The *carnes* look good. New York, T-bone, and *filete mignon*. They’re all \$12–\$15. For \$9.00 you can get *carne asada a la Tampiqueña* (think that means lots of onions and *rajas* — charred strips of green poblano chiles — on top), with guacamole, *enchiladas*, and *frijoles*. Or a chopped-up steak *a la Diabla* in a chipotle salsa for \$8.00. Fish are \$7.00, but a delicious-sounding plate of cheese-stuffed shrimp wrapped in bacon is \$15.00.

Raul, the gray-haired waiter, hovers. I cave. Order a *sopa Azteca*, tortilla soup, and, only ’cause

I just discovered it and the price is right, three *codornices a la parrilla*. Quail. They catch ’em in the fields around TJ, poor little devils. *¿A la parrilla?* Grilled. Comes with rice and veggies.

Raul brings them on a classy, blue-striped white china plate, and they’re pretty good. Not too chewy, tasting a bit like chicken, but stronger — and bonier. The three lie splayed out, golden, and still, uh, birdlike. Gotta pick ’em up and eat ’em by hand. Their charred-grilled flavor is helped by the strong, brown salsa that Raul brought in a pot.

But the prize of the evening is that *sopa Azteca. ¡Rico!* Raul says it’s ground tortillas. But he brings a side plate loaded with tortilla strips, grated *queso fresco* cheese, a pile of chopped dark red chiles, and a diced half-avocado.

“Yes, yes,” he says, when I ask if I should dump it all in the soup. I do. It turns to magic. Zesty, a full-flavored, crunchy, cheesy soup. Worth the trip in itself.

By the time I’m through, Raul and the others are laying out the tables for breakfast. Ringo Starr sings “It Don’t Come Easy” on the sound system.

But if I can zip Carla through Agua Caliente’s craziness by taxi, by night, and into this cocoon of colonial Mexico, the rest should be as easy as, hey, tilting at windmills. ■

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Eavesdropping on Wine Giants

"How could they have found out that I put an ice cube in my Cabernet?"

Frank the Wine Guy, resident wine expert for the *Gay & Lesbian Times*, is "sitting at the cool blue bar, nursing a flute of champagne and talking to the skinny bartender about Merlot" when Mr. Vino arrives. On his arm are Mary Melons and Talley Ho. "Besides being full-time supermodels," writes Frank, "the two women were masters of wine, the highest degree of learning in the wine biz." Frank joins the trio for dinner, and the ensuing conversation — to which we are made privy — revolves around the Bordeaux Classification of 1855, with John Huston (director, actor, wine-label designer) and Opus One thrown in for good measure.

Mr. Vino is not the only regular in Frank the Wine Guy's rather improbable universe. The Wine Police live there as well. In some columns, Frank seems to be in league with the authorities. The cigar-puffing chief — possessed of "gorgeous gams and black stiletto heels" — sends Frank to figure out exactly how the Pinot mob is taking over up in the Russian River. (The tactic, it seems, is simple deliciousness — the fiends!) Sometimes, the cops have Frank in their sights. The Wine Police nab Frank ("How could they have found out that I put an ice cube in my Cabernet?"), and he

is interrogated by Sergeant Bacchus — "tall, about 6'3", with spiked heels, a tiny black leather skirt, and fishnet stockings; a sexy Amazon in full police uniform." He stands up under the questioning, laying out his account of what accounts for the differences in wines, and even defending the assignation of gender in wine description — comparing "an elegant Oregon Pinot Noir" to a ballerina and a Stag's Leap district Cabernet to a "big and powerful" boxer. A bold defense, considering the woman doing the interrogating.

And Frank the Wine Guy has a friend in Mr. Peabody, a bespectacled canine, who, as some of you may recall, owns a Wayback Machine. Frank gets to zip back to 18th-century France to find out if Dom Perignon, the anointed "inventor" of sparkling champagne, ever actually said he was "drinking stars." It turns out that he did — he said it after guzzling Frank's thermos of chicken-and-stars soup. Naturally, fiddling with the past this way carries consequences, and when Frank returns to the present day, the good monk's name adorns a line of canned soup instead of a celebrated bottle of bubbly.

"Frank the Wine Guy doesn't really live in the real world," says Frank Marquez, who authors "Frank the Wine Guy" and seeks to bring a Ray

Bradbury sensibility to wine scribbling. "It's an exaggeration of the real world. All the women are beautiful" — and masters of wine to boot! — and all the men are manly, except maybe when Frank dresses as Fran in an effort to get into a women-only wine tasting. (He survives, despite the agony of high heels and the horror of seeing lipstick on his own glass, and is able to report that "the tasting started like a church meeting, with little noise, and ended sounding like a saloon in an old Western movie...I overheard conversations that were mostly about good wine and beautiful sex — these ladies aren't getting enough of either, I thought." In between, he rattles off praise-laden descriptions of obscure Italian whites like Lacryma Christi del Vesuvio, so named for the tears God cried upon beholding the beauty of the landscape around Naples.)

"I just try to make it fun," says Marquez. "Everybody's gone through the same territory over and over — 'Wines under \$10,' 'Let's talk about Chianti.' I try to add elements. And of course, Frank the Wine Guy is not really me." But sometimes, he's closer to really being Marquez than others. It shows in his column on wine liars: "The salespeople think of themselves as pirates, gangsters, or something equally idiotic...They will still ship wine to you even if you don't order it, hoping that you'll keep it...They often lie about the quality of the wine, its price, and about discounts...Merchandisers are taught to pull the tags off their competitors' product, move their competitors' wine to the bottom shelf, and bury the other guys' bottles of vino behind their own." Meanwhile, in the wineries, production at a solid small producer suddenly skyrockets, and by the time the public catches on to the corresponding dip in quality, the money is in the bank. This is the work of someone who's spent time in the trenches.

Marquez has worked all over this town, and



Frank Marquez

all over the business. He started as a restaurant owner in Oregon, buying wines from distributors and getting to know the local producers. After landing in San Diego, he crossed over to the distribution side — first selling California, and then Italy. Then he joined Mike and Bryan Farres at the Wine Bank, where he worked as a buyer. That led to a gig with Vons.

"They were number one in terms of overall sales among the chains," says Marquez, "but when Safeway took over, they wanted to change everything. Basically, they eliminated the newsletter, they eliminated shipping, they eliminated the labor involved in wine. Some stores actually did tastings. Others had partnerships with restaurants. They eliminated all that, and they increased their pricing. The idea is to fill the grocery cart full of wine. People come and buy the wine because they get a discount. No

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one buys eight heads of lettuce, but they might buy a case of wine. They lost the opportunity. Now they're doing an about-face; these things tend to run in cycles.”

Meanwhile, Marquez is helping San Diego-based Dallo Enterprises in its effort to rev up wine sales. “Independent grocers have seen their traditional base eroded, so these are going away from traditional groceries into specialty stores, with wine as a big focus. I’m trying to help create situations which have a boutique-oriented fine-wine atmosphere.” He hooked up Dallo through his work at Wally’s Marketplace—which is also where he started writing “Wine Waves,” a two-paragraph column that was “basically a paid advertisement.”

Marquez had written before, notably for the Wine Bank’s newsletter, but this time, the itch stayed with him. He ran a series of seminars at a local restaurant “and eventually hooked up with Rachel Ralston” at the GLT. In September of last year, he went

weekly, and he is confident that Mr. Vino & Co. have a long life ahead of them. “I’m just scratching the surface,” he says. “I really think I could write a couple thousand more of these. I don’t think the well is going to go dry, because I’m constantly drinking wine, and there’s always another aspect to it.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li’l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is

named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its “secret sauce,” chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We’re talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (“Cubano #2”), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don’t leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker’s, you can still get great fish n’ chips—but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica’s Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splen-

did patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don’t miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there’s live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open Sunday through Wednesday until 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday until 9 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Kim’s Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including many Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn’t necessarily fresh catch—some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Meritage 897 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-634-3350. Chef-owner Susan Sbicca creates pristine California Cuisine here, highlighting fresh (and usually organic) local produce. A few pick hits are direct imports from her Sbicca down the coast—the irre-

sistible lobster-shrimp bisque is pure Del Mar deluxe. But some simpler dishes cleverly complete themselves as you eat them — salmon served with peas and mushrooms on one side and a creamy sauce on the other creates a whole new sauce when you broach the fillet. A lemon-pistachio cake, too, changes as you cut it, the pieces crumbling into a berry coulis. It’s a fun way to eat, engaging the mind along with the palate. The setting is family-friendly (only well-mannered kids come here) with a handsome, airy dining room and charming patio. Wide-ranging wine list, plenty by the glass and even some half-bottles. No corkage on Tuesdays; Mondays and Wednesdays all bottles half price. Reservations advisable. Lunch and dinner daily, bar menu ongoing. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, “The Texan,” or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It’s not gourmet, but it’s down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café’s sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunchwiches with quirky plane names like Almost Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies “melted together on grilled sourdough”). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas,

760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you’re a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day’s freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders—with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you’ve consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don’t feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Swami’s Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it’s near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager’s 1969 surfer van. There are plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict for breakfast or black bean burrito for lunch, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open “7-ish to 4-ish” daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

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858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (for exmple, mussels with *frites*.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/04)*

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambience is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic

dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you're dieting, they'll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they're fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent *crème brûlée*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *S.M. (11/03)*

Hernandez' Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez' claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja's best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant "tamale

pie" is as good as any Midwestern mom's. The huge bargain-priced brunch on Saturdays and Sundays brings in the crowds; reservations urged for weekends to save a long wait. The exterior patio sports a big, funny mural, and the interior is carved into several rooms (helps keep the noise down) camped up with cute "Old West" cantina decor. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Mille Fleurs 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time

chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some "Continental" warhorses (lobster thermidor, etc.) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from

the upstairs "Top of the House" which features pub grub and fish in a light-house-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne (Wyclef is its house champagne, though). Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch and dinner. "Top of the House" serves until 11 p.m. nightly; "early bird" cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Charlie's by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight),

760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it's light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen's good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively "Bayou Burger" with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless re-fills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it's not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Monday through Saturday, lunch or brunch and dinner; Sunday, brunch only. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

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Chef Susan Sbicca (“speeka”) also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a “wine room” upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$3 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesdays. Crowded during racing season. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

LA JOLLA

Cafe Japengo The Aventine, 8960 University Center Lane, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. Here Bentleys and Beamers far outnumber Buicks. Inside is contemporary with an Asian flair, complete with kimono stands and bamboo forests. Sushi is the specialty, and it’s above average, although the

sushi bar chefs aren’t very friendly, and the seasoned rice tastes quite salty. Offerings of the highly prized fatty tuna (*toro*) and flying fish roe, *tobiko*, can vary by the day, so call ahead for availability. Otherwise, they may be replaced by smelt roe, *masago*, which may be a minor disappointment. However, the *uni*(sea urchin roe) is pristine. If you appreciate subtlety, try the egg-omelet sushi (*tamago*), a delightful mixture of eggs, sake, and mirin. Creative party rolls are especially popular here, including the amusing Tootsie Roll — sweet and spicy, crunchy and spongy, with fried soft shell crab topped with grilled shitake mushrooms, avocado, and a sake marinade. Entrées are often a letdown, but diners may be satisfied to make a meal from appetizers like the Char Su Duck Salad with goat cheese, candied pecans, and pomegranate vinaigrette; Duck Wontons with coriander pesto and *ponzu* sauce; and an excellent *kim chee* martini. No reservations for the sushi bar; arrive early for prompt seating. Lunch weekdays only; sushi bar opens at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. Very expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can’t miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly,

although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — S.M. (2/04)

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you’ll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli’s seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant’s name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and “interesting whites.” Dinner reservation suggested. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

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 hus-

band) charmingly plays maitre d’. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You’re the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Lunch and dinner daily; reserve for weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Nathan’s at Michele Coulon’s 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele’s kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion’s signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He’s also added a few of Grandpa’s that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and

sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant’s kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and affordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — A.M. (6/04)

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 “pan-niches” 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)

Piatti Ristorante 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. Whether you sit inside to enjoy the warm, rustic decor or outside under the giant ficus tree listening to the fountain, you’re in for a treat at this secluded restaurant. Meals begin with crunchy corn-studded *ciabatta* and spicy balsamic dipping sauce, but don’t fill up too soon: the appetizers and salads are varied and tasty. All pas-

tas are house-made and served with lively, unusual sauces. Lemon-herbed rotisserie chicken, wood-fired pizzas, veal *picatta*, and *bistecca* (a grilled rib-eye steak) round out the entrées. Portions are generous, so pace yourself if you’re planning to have one of their house-made desserts. Lunch and dinner weekdays; brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays. Moderate. — S.M. (7/04)

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)

Roy’s 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi’s ever-expanding chain has elements of both “top chef” and “chain” about it. Decoding Roy’s Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don’t waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, “Kahana” *shutome* (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Spe-



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E.W. (10/99)

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline
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Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine “down-home” Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight

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Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner and entertainment (piano or harp) nightly, closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées

are mainly simple grilled or rotisserie meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream “something for everyone” choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki “plate lunch.” Above all, there's the pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A “Glatt Kosher,” a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know

was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

THE BEACHES

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oakwood fire, then char-

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Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City “let the bon temps rouler” feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato

on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

MZM Seacoast Bistro 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. If you can make it past the bland exterior, you'll discover a well-disguised classy joint inside. A harbinger of a new I.B.? Interior is all peach-colored walls, trendy blue sconce wall lights, tweedy booths, and photos of owners Marek and Zofia Migdalski with people like President Bush, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Donaldson, and Joan Kroc. Migdalski is a recognized private chef who has decided to put I.B. on the gastronomic map. Breakfasts tend to be simple but sophisticated, like fritata with Polish sausage, prime rib steak and eggs, or scrambled eggs with smoked salmon. Burgers at lunch are often lamb sirloin. Dinner can be anything, including New York steak or

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Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but “charming”? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There’s plenty of surfer food (surf’s a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there’s the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turkish mini-burgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun*, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it’s closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It’s small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champion* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

Sportsmen’s Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego’s late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They’re famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (1/05)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB’s boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished in-laid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It’s often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who’s gonna be food-picky here? You, when you’re paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like “Horseradish Crusted Salmon” and “Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako.” Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n’ turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Huffman’s Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman’s fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow

peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Mama’s Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. You’ll remember this lovely little place for two reasons. One, the atmosphere: It’s a tiny kitchen attached to an old red-and-green wooden house, with tables and green umbrellas on the sloping sidewalk and also inside a shelter of bougainvillea, green canvas, metal mesh, and white brick. Two, their *sajj*. It’s a round Lebanese oven of ancient design which cooks the delicious flat bread (also called *sajj*) that goes with pretty much everything, including baba ghanoush (“sweet daddy” eggplant dip) and *fool madamas* (fava and garbanzo bean stew). Gotta-haves include beef *shawerma* wrap or falafel wrap and a meat pie unlike any you’ve had before. A lovely bonus: fresh Lebanese baklava and a little pot of thick, sweet, black Arabic coffee. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, weekends until 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/05)

Nate’s Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers’ Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or “Kishka,” a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are “it” here, and

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Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that runs this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back

at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb* — closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

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4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus

some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sauteed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — E.B. (12/01)

D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's — here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads and delightful appetizers, including airy crêpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar, and a main course including chicken shish kebab. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open weekends, call before going or for reservations. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/03)

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convo. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multi-ethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem. Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity

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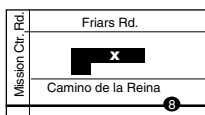
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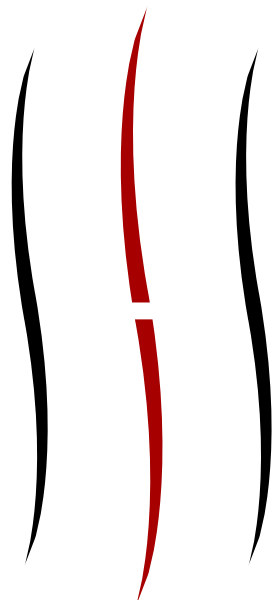
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FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5323. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. In the most formal of the three dining rooms, collared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street),

Borrego Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

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)*

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is "it." The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and white-awning helps. The

menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vitello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like linguine *mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (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



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Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-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)

Crest Cafe 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecelia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their pho-

tos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly, and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for

each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, gyoza, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (10/00)

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (10/99)

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghournneh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through earlyish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Sushi Itto Sushi Itto, 441 Washington, Hillcrest, 619-291-6060. Don't come here looking for Japanese food. This is *Mexican* sushi, from a chain based in Mexico City that's dedicated to creating rolls for Mexican tastes. Nearly all the party rolls feature cream cheese and avocado and most include a shot of hot spice and some fake crab (*surimi*), too. In their own way, they're fun, so long as you're prepared to give up any puristic standards and go with the flow. But don't bother with the plain *nigiri* — the rice lacks classic sushi seasonings (and is often dry), and the seafood is too mediocre to be appealing in simple preparations. Rock-bottom prices, though. Another branch is in the Gaslamp at 409 F Street, 619-237-1037. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/05)

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their

delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (4/99)

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

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 *fakae*, 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)

Bangkok BBQ 936 Broadway Circle, 619-231-4124. "We're the revolutionaries," says the owner of this chicken-only Thai eatery. "We're taking Thai food back to its true tastes." The place may look modern, but much seems to be prepared traditionally on the spot, from tamarind sauce to bean curd. The "BBQ" part comes from the open grill upfront where they sizzle chicken, marinated in coconut milk and wine, for the *satés*, salads, and the

basic chicken with rice dish. The chicken *musmamun* is nice and rich with its curry coconut sauce, and you've got to try the dish the owner invented to honor the city: the San Diego Wrap, with chicken *saté*, avocado, raw veggies, and peanut sauce. Lunch, dinner, daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Buon Appetito 1609 India Street, Little Italy, 619-238-9880. At the chic, art-filled fourth branch of a chain that started with Hillcrest's Arrividerci, the bill of fare combines the pick hits of the mother-ship and of Encinitas cousin-restaurant I Trulli. The menu calls the cuisine "Nouvelle Italian," blending traditional and trendy Mediterranean ingredients. Seasonal specials change monthly. Most appetizers and pastas are fine (entrées often less so), but the kitchen can be hasty, turning out hard-centered risotto or burnt seafood. Winners include antipasto, quail with lentils, and wine-braised rabbit in the style of the Italian Alps. Desserts are mainly weighty. Wine list is an affordable treat, highlighting mysterious Italian grape varieties from small-scale bottlers; the adept staff can help you choose one to match your order. Euro-pop plays loudly inside; noise-sensitive may prefer patio tables. Lunch and dinner daily (with break between); open until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (5/04)

Buster's Beach House and Longboard Bar 807 West Harbor Drive, East Plaza, Seaport Village, 619-233-4300. There really is a Buster, a surfer who traveled the world working in restaurants. Baja, Oahu, Fiji, Naples, Ocho Rios, Phuket — you

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Chopahn Authentic Afghan Cuisine 750 Sixth Avenue (near F Street), Gaslamp, 619-236-9236. Authentic Afghan cuisine resembles Indian and Persian food but is singularly itself: the spicing is exotic but the flavors are clear and unmuddled. It emphasizes grilled-to-order marinated meats (especially lamb), stews, and well-seasoned rice dishes, and uniquely delicious appetizers such as leek ravioli (*aushak*), leek or meat turnovers (*bulanee*) and battered vegetables (*pakawra*). The grilled salmon is excellent, and don't miss the side dish of sweet pumpkin topped with yogurt and meat sauce (*kadu*). Plenty for vegetarians, too. Interesting, affordable wine list; Mexican and domestic beers. Small patio. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (8/05)

Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-4355. "Live music is complimentary with purchase of a dinner entrée" at this restaurant and bar run by

Ingrid Croce in honor of her late husband, Jim. Appetizers that mix flavors — like the baked brie and honey-roasted garlic served with mixed greens and a Grand Marnier berry compote — are delicious. But despite creative dishes, like New Zealand sea bass with a pomegranate-macadamia crust, few entrées rise above the level of average Gaslamp fare. Simple is best here — the rich and creamy shrimp *carbonara* fettuccine with Italian pancetta, Kalamata olives, and basil in a white garlic cream sauce. For dessert, try the flourless chocolate cake with roasted walnuts and pecans served with Tahitian vanilla bean gelato and Verona chocolate sauce. The menu is seasonal. Sit by the window for great people-watching or retire to the bar if you prefer live jazz. Open nightly for dining and music (breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday). Expensive. — B.D. (10/05)

Deco's 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there's surprisingly fine food in this vast, multiroom glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don't miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi "party rolls" are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you're clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but

somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — N.W. (7/03)

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It's called "El Carrito" — "The Streetcar" — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego's fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/04)

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported wholehog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Lou and Mickey's 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish;

vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include "BBQ Shrimp, Manales' Style," a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye "Cowboy Steak." Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request "Nude Room" for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into "Adventures" sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

McCormick & Schmick's Omni Hotel, 675 L Street (at Sixth Avenue), downtown, 619-645-6545. This ever-expanding chain from the Pacific Northwest may be the Starbucks of fish. Most of the dishes are still the corporate specialties, pleasing rather than exciting. The daily changing menu features about 30 varieties of fresh seafood, delivered daily in over 50 preparations, plus a handful of poultry and meat dishes. The long, interesting, mainly reasonable wine list is printed on back of the daily menu. Restaurant is often busy at lunch and packed for early dinners during Petco home-game nights, so reserve when the team's in town. A heated terrace is mainly used during lunch and game nights. Full bar. Open daily, three meals to 11 p.m. Lunch moderate; dinner moderate to expensive — N.W. (10/05)

Patty's Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guanajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. "Why can't we sell fruit drinks in America?" she wondered. Now they've opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster's beak) with lots of

fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They've expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

RA Sushi 474 Broadway (at Fifth), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder "Oriental" decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food's a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it's fun anyway. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, afford-

able wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/04)

Sadaf 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — N.W. (12/00)

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early



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RESTAURANTS

hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W. (7/04)*

Vincenzo Ristorante Italiano 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181. The specialty at this tourist favorite is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the zestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bino's European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily until 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view, and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials

(3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Point-Point Joint 916 East Eighth Street, National City, 619-474-2866. You're in Little Manila here, heartland of San Diego's Filipino community. So the food has to be authentic. Your problem's going to be choosing. Dozens of dishes with mysterious meats and veggies. You can play safe and choose, say, chicken barbecue on a bamboo spit, chicken *adobo*, or *longaniza* sausage. But you should seek out less familiar choices, too. *Kare-kare* (yam, peanut butter sauce with beef and tripe) is delicious, and so is *dinuguan*, pork in pork blood, also known as "chocolate meat." Want healthy? There's *monggo* (mung beans) with bitter melon leaves, or point to a pile of split, deep-fried fish — *daing na bangus*, vinegar-soaked milk fish, said to be popular with old men with high blood pressure. Lunch, dinner seven days; breakfast Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Lunch and dinner daily. Reservations advised for weekends and pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853.

We haven't got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba's on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They're here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet's method, but there's no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

El Taurino Steak House Sixth Street #7531 (three blocks west of Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Looking for the home of the foot-long steak? At this old-line surf n' turf eatery a (real) wall-mounted bull's head lunges at you; his severed ears and tail hang beside him. But anchors and portholes and *barcas* (boats) stuccoed on the white and green walls also emphasize the menu's "surf" side. It's all very forties. Fine linens, lifer waiters, and unchanged but good food

— like marinated grilled quail, shrimp *al ajillo* (cooked in oil, garlic, and chili), and fish steamed *empapelado* (in parchment paper). A must-try is the signature *cabrería* steak, a thin but foot-long slab with guacamole, beans, onions, jalapeño, tortillas, and soup or salad. On second thought, the *media* (half) *cabrería* should be enough for most. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (9/04)*

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. Three meals, all-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Lonchería La Poca Lucha Municipal Market, Avenida Niños Héroes #105, Tijuana. Venturing to the far end of Tijuana's *Mercado Municipal* is like entering a scene from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Shafts of sun penetrate the dark of an incredible kitchen of great black iron stoves and giant steaming pots, and hoods gathering into black pipes that snake up and out through the roof. But what a welcome! As you walk through the *mercado*, ladies bounce up, enticing you away to their eateries. Hang in there till you reach *Lonchería La Poca Lucha*, "The Small Struggle Lunch Place." Ask for *carne de puerco* (pork), *chiles rellenos*, *bistec ranchero*, or *higado al gusto* (liver), all around \$3. *Pescado frito* (fried fish), *milanesa con papas* (veal with fries), *pollo frito* (fried chicken), and *carne asada* are slightly more. Price includes soup, steaming hot corn tortillas, and a soda. Open seven days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Mariscos el Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is

that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Sundays only, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Saverio's Restaurant Mediterraneo Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #3151 (at Escudrón 201 Street), Zona Rio, Tijuana, 686-6442. When Javier Plascencia Huerta wanted to open an Italian restaurant, he went all the way. He built a complete Tuscan villa right next to venerable Hacienda *Cien Años*. "But then," says Plascencia, "I got interested in what Baja California has to offer." The result: an Italian *palazzo* offering an interesting and changing fusion of Mediterranean-Baja food with dishes like roasted baby octopus, local oysters cooked on the mesquite grill, mesquite-grilled quail from Ensenada's valley of Guadalupe, mussels cultivated in Baja farms, and a delicious rack of lamb raised in the local San Vicente valley. The restaurant even grows its own herbs. Dish presentation is pure art. One of the tastiest: roast duck breast in a guava sauce with a little burrito of candied leg meat. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (8/04)*

Super Antojitos 4th Street #1810 (between Constitución and Niños Héroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/20)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Babst

brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his "Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated eggplant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — *E.B. (11/03)*

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B. (10/00)*

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B. (4/02)*

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*



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Restless Spirits Find No Rest

Jessie has to “cool his bones” or ectoplasmic mayhem may ensue.

Think you got troubles? Jessie Gordon’s an African-American Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at a San Diego university, one of her department’s brightest lights, in fact. But her thesis advisor, who originally approved her idea, now hates it. Her mumbo-jumbo about spirits and rituals and “unexpected elements” of a culture lacks academic credibility.

For an A.B.D. (“all but the dissertation”) Ph.D. candidate, a rejected topic can make for a living hell, even thoughts of abandoning one’s mortal coil. But in Allan Havis’s *Restless Spirits*, now world premiering at the San Diego Rep, having a thesis shot down’s the least of Jessie’s worries.

She’s haunted by “impossible things.” Like a murdered girl, and her father’s spirit (he committed suicide 17 years ago, and now Jessie has to “cool his bones” or ectoplasmic mayhem may ensue), and a Malaysian *toyol*, a creepy thingy kept in a jar by the evil serial killer David Winchester at Calipatria State Prison, is headed her way (she may not be able to kill it but could ward off its lime green light with hand-held mirror shields). Oh, and her budding loved one, Felix, has started to flake and may be decomposing (he did, or did not, leap off the Coronado Bridge a while back, so don’t trust his guise as a mild-mannered elevator inspector).

What else? Jessie’s having morning sickness and may be pregnant, even though she hasn’t slept with anyone in over a year.

And San Diego’s been no day at the beach lately. Scripps Hospital reports a host of inexplicable miscarriages in the last six months. Also, there have been numerous cases of overnight autism in the local grade schools. And witnesses claim to have seen flickering emanations of children missing for days and years.

So, along with finding a new dissertation topic, Jessie has to save San Diego, forgive her father, fight the *toyol*, make peace with her mother, confront the evil Winchester in prison, somehow stop Felix from decomposing, and hope Chantelle Van Buren, the missing Del Mar girl thought to be one of Winchester’s victims, can ascend to heaven — either that or become Jessie’s daughter.

Restless Spirits contains at least eight separate plays, so many that no single strand gets developed at all. Snippets of scenes mention a place — Old Town, Seaport Village, the International House of Pancakes get name-dropped, but not realized — then mention a situation, then give a brief lecture on anthropological phenomena, then move on. And everything’s told only once, which makes the storyline(s) near impossible to follow. *Spirits* is as restless as its title. It unfolds like a series of lists.

Havis and the Rep interviewed 200 San Diegans of varied ethnicities to discover the diversity of local spirituality. What an amazing idea. What a great life’s work! And San Diego is haunted (though anyone who says so gets as marginalized as a “9/11 conspiracy nut”). Sit in the Whaley or Montezuma Houses at night, or at the battlefield of San Pasqual when the breeze freshens — or have a loved one who’s passed away come to you in a dream: there’s more to heaven and earth, Horatio.

The ghost story may be the simplest form of all. Clean, precise (no matter who does the telling), it trusts itself and heads straight for the good stuff. But rather than distill them, Havis’s script wants to honor, it seems, every tale he heard: the “look, I’ve done my homework” syndrome. Thus it expands and inundates when a much sharper focus is needed. And far too often it substitutes anthropology for drama, a choice that makes it difficult for the audience to suspend disbelief.

For the Rep, Robin Sanford Roberts’s set sits under the Coronado Bridge, but odd angles also suggest an ancient Roman aqueduct or even a



Karole Foreman, April Doctolero in *Restless Spirits*

Restless Spirits, by Allan Havis

San Diego Repertory Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown
Directed by Sam Woodhouse; cast: Karole Foreman, Raul Cardona, Jim Chovick, April Doctolero, Zoe Eprile, Sylvia M’Lafi Thompson, Bibi Valderrama, Kinan Valdez, Weldell W. Wright; scenic design, Robin Sanford Roberts; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; costumes, Melanie Watnick; sound, George Ye; choreography, Jean Isaacs

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dragon’s lair. Jennifer Setlow’s myriad lighting effects rinse the white concrete with ghostly grays, and her slides tattoo the walls with local scenery. George Ye’s sounds, from street to subterranean, complete the picture.

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But even with such capable design elements, the Rep doesn't make the big climactic scenes work. Jessie's long-awaited confrontations with evil's various agents demand the magic realism of Gabriel García Márquez. Instead they get contrived, by-the-numbers stagings. The drama, these scenes reveal, has been melodrama all along.

The performance style's also at odds with the material. Director Sam Woodhouse has encouraged a broad, presentational approach: external acting with comic flourishes embellishes rather than just tells the story. The countless scenes unfold like a soap opera that, with a burning urge to entertain, at times mocks its subject.

And what a waste of a splendid cast! The San Diego Theatre Critics gave the Rep a much-deserved special award for 30 years of presenting ethnically diverse theater. And if the Rep is San Diego's "cultural town hall," then Karole Foreman's one of its founders. A star who eschews the spotlight, Foreman's enhanced many a Rep show. And as "second sighted" Jessie — more a pin cushion than a part — Foreman almost brings credibility to Jessie's ultra-heroic achievements. Best of show: choreographed by Jean Isaacs, Foreman does two dances that

metamorphose her into something palpably mystical.

The supporting cast — Kinnan Valdez, strong and humble as Felix; Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson (who could be the cultural town hall's mayor); Jim Chovick, who makes the killer Winchester a warm and fuzzy Hannibal Lecter (singing a song from *Beauty and the Beast*?); elastic April Doctolero; Raul Cardona, Zoe Epile, Bibi Valderama, and newcomer Wendell W. Wright (bring him, and his commanding presence, back!!!) — all deserve Aesthetic Purple Hearts for bravery above and beyond the pale. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Biedermann and the Firebugs

If serial arsonists burn buildings every day in your fair city, and two guys start rolling barrels of gasoline up to your attic, then two plus two equals...hel-LOW??? To say that Sepp and Willi are the pyromaniacs doesn't give away the plot of Max Frisch's acerbic comedy. From the get-go it's obvious to all except Gottleib Biedermann, self-proclaimed "man of honor" (who turns out to be, or should, as smarmy as the firebugs). He would rather look away than cry foul.

Cygnnet Theatre has defanged the play but still has much to offer, from Eric Lotze's expressive lighting to performances by Daren Scott and Joshua Everett Johnson as the sleazy arsonists (who, in the epilogue, which Cygnnet cut, turn out to be Beelzebub and Satan). And Tim Irving gives a detailed, funny performance as Biedermann. If anything, however, he's too endearing and way too human. But to Frisch, Biedermann's an entitled bourgeois monster who should roast in hell. Irving's natural warmth could charm vipers. This makes his character a comic victim rather than the brunt of Frisch's *epater* — i.e. squish — *le bourgeois* venom. Another problem's probably been solved by now, but on opening night the chorus of firemen spoke crucial lines in slurs, especially the clincher, "Call it fate, they tell you, and ask no questions. But stupidity alone can undo our all-too-mortal citizens."

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, 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.

The Dining Room

Vista's Broadway Theatre stages A.R. Gurney Jr.'s drama about an East Coast institution and the amount of life lived in it. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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

Dead man walking — free. Taken from court transcripts, interviews, and case files, Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen's docudrama follows the fates of six Death Row inmates wrongly convicted of capital crimes. Each was released after facing death (often within sight of the electric chair) for years. But just how free is that? Though it could have spent more time on the re-entry shock of the condemned — the Lazarus Effect? — and that it went deeper into fewer victims, *Exonerated*'s an important work. And at Lynx Performance, it can be quite moving. The play's become a national event, performed by stars, script in hand, as a staged reading. Lynx director Al Germani and a game, though uneven ensemble give it a full performance. This makes for stark immediacy. As does the production's reverse theater-in-the-round configuration. The audience faces the condemned, a row of actors in folding chairs. Behind the audience three condemners sit on elevated seats. As overhead lamps illumine and shroud them in darkness, they turn circumstance, racial profiling, and judicial expediency into injustice.

Worth a try.

LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE, ROSE CANYON, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9; THURSDAY AT 9:15 P.M. 619-280-2641.

Gum

Karen Hartman's grim, poetic, at times funny drama begins with the

experimental Rahmi and her innocent younger sister Lina, and a stick of Juicy Fruit they aren't supposed to chew. What would be mundane in one culture is forbidden in theirs, since Western gum's allegedly laced with an aphrodisiac. As one unwraps the stick and removes her black face veil, she promises to "swallow if they come." Set in an unnamed Middle Eastern country that uses genital mutilation to punish women (i.e., Egypt), *Gum* shows the profound effects of repression on the two sisters. The play's been accused of stereotyping, and even though the UCSD production frames it with respect for Islamic culture in the form of somber prayers, a disturbing suggestion remains. It, and the production, however, are also emotionally charged. Vocally matched, especially when they sing Linda Vickerman's haunting songs, Liz Elkins's Rahmi and Hilary Ward's Lina move on an inexorable path to tragedy (and Ward, who wears glasses and often hides her face behind a headscarf and veil, tells most of the story with amazingly expressive eyes). Under Chay Yew's direction, and performed on Elsi Thompson's box set courtyard, the acting's as terse as Hartman's script. But having key moments way downstage creates major sightline problems. *Gum* plays through this weekend. I recommend it but also suggest you sit as close as possible to the actors.

Worth a try.

MANDELL WEISS FORUM STUDIO, UCSD, THROUGH FEBRUARY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

Halpern and Johnson

Lionel Goldstein's comedy-drama, about two men with a woman in common, nudges toward the Big Questions (Can one person ever know another? "Can one spouse ever

provide all the needs of another?" Aren't some things better left unsaid?), but the overly long script thins them out. Pugnacious Joe Halpern was married to Flo, now deceased, for 50 years. During that time she had a platonic relationship with thoughtful Dennis Johnson, a CPA. Near a wishing well at a park, Johnson confesses his attachment to "Florence" (who in many ways is the play's most interesting character). Like *The Odd Couple*, *Halpern and Johnson* splits the two men the way sexist males split women: one is spirit, the other flesh. And the slowly evolving scenes beg for tightening. The evening makes for a long sit, but one relieved by the expert performances of Robert Grossman, as the feisty Halpern, and especially Jonathan McMurtry as the soft-spoken, passive (yet aggressive) Johnson, whose inability to marry Florence was "not what God wanted." Using deft minimalist acting, McMurtry has found more interiors to the character than exist in the script. Marty Burnett's parkland set, though too brightly lit, partakes of real and storybook elements. And Jeanne Reith's costumes, as expected from the Critics' Circle Award-winner for 2005, define character — frumpy for Halpern, precise three-piece suit for Johnson — in an instant.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, 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

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The Most Happy Fella

Moonlight Stage Productions offers Frank Loesser's popular musical about Tony, an aging winemaker in the Napa Valley, and his mail-order wife-to-be. Kathy Brombacher and Don and Bonnie Ward co-directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, THROUGH FEBRUARY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Much Ado About Nothing

Aquila Theatre turns Shakespeare's comedy into a spoof of James Bond spy movies. You half expect Mike Myers to cameo, licking his chops and saying "shagadelic" or "groovy, bay-bay, groovy." Casting a retro-'60s, mod/rocker aura around the play makes some sense. The plot's a series of plottings (nothing moves in Messina, it seems, until someone is duped into action; and that action becomes much ado about nothing). The atmosphere of intrigue and surveillance also fits the play — and current events. But it's impossible to imagine Beatrice dressing like a Charlie's Angel cat-woman to lure a lover (her forte is not giving in, to the dominant culture, or anything else). Aquila, a ten-year-old British-American troupe, has become renowned as a classical ensemble, and its production shows why. Everyone in the cast gives sharp, precise readings. The performances of Kathryn Merry, as Hero, and John Lavelle, as Claudio, are a surprise. The young lovers usually get played as passive, airhead foils to Beatrice and Benedick. Here they're human

beings caught in a maze of lies, and they do not like it. *Much Ado* usually gets staged as a star vehicle. In keeping with its ensemble emphasis, Aquila doesn't spike the reticent lovers. As a result, Anthony Cochrane's Benedick and Jessica Boever's Beatrice feel toned down, just another part of the show rather than headliners. And though these well-spoken actors connect verbally, they never quite fall into love. The set's a bare floor, a large black square with a red border, and a huge Union Jack behind. The only prop's a red BMW mini-Cooper: "Mini-Me"? **Worth a try.**

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, UCSD, 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 Theatre-Sports (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," "Shake-speare," "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.

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she's seen everything (then her family, reading newspapers, suddenly floats into the air). Zoe, her, guide, and the audience are in for extraordinary treats and, surprisingly, more mundane sections than usual. Though the music's loud as ever, the show also has dull spots. People walk on and off wearing the latest fashion — hybrid-weird — and there are two audience-participation scenes that are mildly funny but feel like filler between the special acts. The languid pace conjures up the opposite of the old military expression, "Hurry up and wait." You want to shout, "Hurry up and spellbind." But then out come the "diablos," or 17 Slavic artists shaping human towers, and your notion of the humanly possible demands re-thinking.

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trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show.

(Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

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Steven Soderbergh does not sell many tickets by himself.

Seldom has so small a film created so big a flap. The flap, to be sure, has nothing whatever to do with the film itself, identified on the poster as “another Steven Soderbergh experience,” though the wary customer will know that there is a wide range of experience between *Ocean’s Eleven* and *Solaris*, between *Erin Brockovich* and *Full Frontal*, between *Traffic* and *Schizopolis*.

The present experience, under the heading of *Bubble*, is an exercise in frugality. An hour and a quarter in length. A strummy solo guitar for background music. A chamber-sized ensemble of nonprofessional actors in awkward semi-improvised dialogues, flat and unaffected, certifiably unhistrionic, yet not so much natural as forcibly constrained. (Excepting only the real police detective who authoritatively plays a police detective.) A doll-factory locale in the Ohio hinterlands worth maybe five, ten minutes of documentary shots in the Errol Morris vein. A shred of a plot, a kind of a triangle, an offscreen murder, a microscopic motive. A conscious striving, all around, for banality and bleakness and an accidental achieving

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of condescension. A digital camera backed up to the farthest corner of the room, maximizing and exaggerating its distance through a wide-angle lens. A “high-definition” video image evolved above the complaint zone, safely into the comfort zone, still below the commendation zone. A bubble, a bauble, a bust.

The flap, as you will know, owes everything to the marketing strategy of releasing the film simultaneously in theaters and on cable TV and DVD, slamming shut the traditional “window” between those outlets. The film industry, which as a whole has been narrowing the window inch by inch in its impatience to turn a profit, is understood to be quaking in fear or quivering in fury at the final closing of the gap. It must be the principle of the thing, and never mind how flexible the principle has been till now. Soderbergh could of course feel justified in supposing that the last leap — the last little baby step — was no more than a logical extension, a logical conclusion. And the cries of outrage would doubtless have come better from people whose fingerprints were not all



Bubble

over the window frame.

Bubble is not the type of film that was going to cause any size of flap on its own merits, and as a test case for the new distribution strategy it leaves a lot to be desired. The theaters (Landmark), the cable channel (HDNet),

and the DVD company (Magnolia) are all under the same ownership (Mark Cuban, better known as the vociferous owner of the Dallas Mavericks basketball franchise), so the deal must have gone down smoothly. Any loss to the theaters would theoretically be

made up in gains in the other areas, unless perhaps the audience was as revulsed as the industry at the very idea, and opted to boycott the entire enterprise. At least one rival theater chain, you might have noticed, stepped forward to announce it would refuse to exhibit the



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bergh, as some of his past "experiences" have taught us, does not sell many tickets by himself. He does not sell many tickets even with George Clooney as a front man unless accompanied also by Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, and Julia Roberts. (Compare *Solaris* and *Ocean's Eleven*.) Inarguably, the filmmaker has now positioned himself as the harbinger of things to come, the vanguard of a revolution. That,

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at any rate, would be the flattering way to put it. A less flattering way would be to call him as big a sellout here as he was in *Ocean's Eleven* and *...Twelve*, a knuckler-under. It pains me a little to say that about a director I respect. It would be so much more convenient if the filmmaker who had positioned himself as the harbinger of these particular things, the vanguard of this exact revolution, were someone I already despised.

The possibility that the public might be turned off by a film released in this fashion, even apart from its complete lack of other attractions, does not seem all that far-fetched. The direct-to-video designation has always had an aura of Low Class about it, whether the production started out with that designation humbly in mind or got demoted thereto before its theatrical release. The deliberate strategy to equate movies and video, the removal of any hierarchical distinction between them, can only further erode the luster, the glamour of movies, even if this will be hard to measure on the evidence of a movie so innately devoid of luster and glamour. Then again, the ways in which videos and DVDs have all along been eroding the luster and glamour of movies have always been hard to measure.

Soderbergh reportedly has a deal to deliver five more digital films for similar marketing purposes, and we'll see what comes of it. Five films, even ones as casually tossed off as this first one, will take a good bit of time, plenty of time for all parties to lose interest. It is still far too soon to panic. *Bubble* frankly does not have much of the look about it of a Danton, a Lenin. And the Powers That Be do not yet appear on the brink of becoming the Powers That Were. There have been rare cases, prior to this, of films reaching the big screen after their unveilings on video and cable (John Dahl's *Red Rock West* comes prominently to mind), and without having any significant effect on the tilt of the earth's axis. Life went on as we knew it. Too, the window between the theatrical release and DVD release has in effect been closed already in countless cases of foreign films and indies that follow no concentrated pattern of release. (Like some second-run blockbuster squeezing out a last box-office dollar, Costa-Gavras's *Amen* exited a local art theater a heartbeat before it entered the video store. Netflix, I am told, made Wong Kar-wai's *2046* available by mail well ahead of its arrival on a big screen.) Those, needless to say, are not the sorts of films over which Hollywood loses any sleep. Nor is *Bubble* the sort. Were it not for the imprimatur of Steven Soderbergh, it would have blown by without notice. (It will have blown by, even given that imprimatur, after a brief two weeks.) You may say, or Soderbergh will be glad to say it for you, that it now seems inevitable that a major studio production with big-name stars will be released under the same model as *Bubble*. But this could prove to be inevitable in the same way as the appearance of big-name stars in a porn film was thought to be inevitable. You might be waiting a long, long time. ■

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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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hoodwinked — A fractured fairy tale, the Red Riding Hood tale, told in a fractured narrative after the fashion of stuff like *Pulp Fiction*, *Go*, *Snatch*, *Sin City*, with a dash of *Rashomon*, a whisper of *Citizen Kane*. The intersections of four narrative lines, from four differing points of view, are fun to spot; and the minor character of a banjo-picking bluegrass billy goat, who can say hardly anything without singing it, is truly funny. The bottom-drawer computer animation sets a useful low standard, a base baseline, against which to measure the quality-controlled slickness of Disney or DreamWorks: the nearest thing today to a George Pal Puppetoon in arthritic rigidity. Co-writers and directors Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards, and Tony Leech can fully match the big boys, though, in shoot-from-the-hip hipness. If that's what you want from your fairy tales. With the voices of Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Patrick Warburton, David Ogden Stiers. 2006.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; VOGUE)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Imagine Me and You — The writing and directing debut of Ol Parker is a lightweight love-at-first-sight lesbian romantic comedy about the instantaneous connection between a bride midway up the aisle and the nuptial flower arranger. Piper Perabo and Lena Headey are attractive, sympathetic figures from any sexual perspective; and Matthew Goode as the bridegroom doesn't make things easy on them by virtue of being a decent chap. But then in the end he does make things easy on them by virtue of being a whatever-makes-you-happy chap. The dismal predictability includes the traditional race-to-the-airport climax. 2006.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Last Holiday — 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 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 hydro-electric 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.” Which is 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. Timothy Hutton, Alicia Witt, Jane Adams, Giancarlo Esposito. 2006.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10)

Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World — Albert Brooks, director, writer, star, returns to top form, and for the first time since his first film, *Real Life*, literally portrays “himself,” though one would hope not altogether accurately. The idea of the film is self-evidently an inspired one. The

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The SDJFF selection committee reviews hundreds of films in its search for outstanding features, documentaries, and shorts for its annual festival. Recently, extraordinary private and public support of the Israeli film industry has resulted in a surge of excellent local films. For inspiration, I suggest *Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi*. Sixteen-year-old Shlomi is caretaker and mediator of his dysfunctional family. He feeds his grandfather, bathes him, and listens to his fictitious stories from WWII. He tries to make peace between his estranged father and angry mother. His life changes when he falls for the girl next door, and his teacher discovers he's a mathematical genius. *Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi* is a heartwarming family comedy and a story about discovering, through the power of love, that the sky's the limit.

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JUDITH FRIEDEL

Chair, San Diego Jewish Film Festival

Another Israeli film, but this one offering action adventure, is *Walk on Water*, by director Eytan Fox. Fox also directed the acclaimed short feature *Yossi and Jagger*, an unusual love story between two Israeli soldiers stationed in an Israeli outpost on the Lebanese border. In *Walk on Water*, Eyal is a highly trained assassin for Mossad, the Israeli Intelligence Agency. He's assigned to shadow Axel, a young German whose grandfather is a notorious Nazi war criminal. At first Eyal is bored with the assignment, but he soon warms to Axel's bright enthusiasm and intellect, even overcoming his own homophobia when he realizes Axel's gay. The film becomes an emotional thriller when the action moves to Berlin in pursuit of Axel's grandfather.

WALK ON WATER (Israel/Berlin) 2004, Sony Pictures
List price: \$29.95
YOSSI AND JAGGER (Israel) 2002, Strand Home Video
List price: \$29.99

JACQUELINE ANNE SIEGEL

Producer, San Diego Jewish Film Festival, www.lfjcc.org/sdjff

Radu Mihaileanu directed *Train of Life*, about inhabitants of a small Jewish village in 1941 Central Europe that organizes a fake deportation train so they can escape the Nazis. His new film, *Live and Become*, is a transforming drama opening this year's festival. Drawing on personal childhood experiences, it creates an epic story of identity, sacrifice, love, and survival. A Christian mother forces her young son, Shlomo, to declare himself Jewish in order to be included in Operation Moses, the Israeli rescue mission enabling Ethiopian Jews to escape the famine of the mid-eighties. Shlomo arrives in Israel, where he's adopted by a French Sephardic family. He must learn to live with the complexities of race and religion in a rapidly changing world, all the time yearning to be reunited with his mother.

TRAIN OF LIFE (France/Israel) 1998, Sunfilm
List price: \$30.80 (available only in import PAL format)
LIVE AND BECOME (a.k.a. *Va, Vis et Deviens*) (France/Israel) 2004, Les Films du Losange
List price: \$35.45 (available only in import PAL format)

ery.” He always ought to have been. He should surely be hereafter. It could no doubt be alleged that the limitation of all of Brooks's films, and this one no exception, is his obsessive concern with self and little else. But in mitigation it could be answered that the other principal characters on display, while few in number and not deeply probed, are astutely cast and played: John Carroll Lynch and Jon Tenney as the stolid, imperturbable State Department flunkies assigned as chaperones, and Sheetal Sheth as the endearingly enthusiastic but uncomprehending Hindu amanuensis. The further, the deeper mitigation of Brooks's self-concern is of course his self-satire. If he spends most of his time looking at and into himself (instead of for comedy in the Muslim world), at least he's not satisfied with what he sees. 2006.

★★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Match Point — Didactic illustration, by Woody Allen, of the role of luck in human affairs, taking as its central metaphor a ball clipping the top of the net in a game of tennis, freeze-framed indecisively in midair. The story traces the progress of a lowborn Irish tennis pro (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers), not quite good enough to have held his own on the circuit with Sampras and Agassi, interested now in life's finer

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things — literature, art, opera — and wanting to “do something special, you know, make a contribution,” but led by happenstance into the British upper class, into the affections of a sweet-natured, uncomplicated heiress (Emily Mortimer), into the family business, into a pact, if you will, with Mephistopheles, and into a bit of a sticky wicket. His prospective brother-in-law’s American fiancée (Scarlett Johansson), a struggling actress but an accomplished flirt, has a certain something that his own lady-

love lacks: “Did anyone ever tell you you have extremely sensual lips?” And Jonathan Rhys-Meyers should know! These two pairs of lips appear destined to meet. The developments to this point and beyond unfold organically, efficiently, covering a lot of ground swiftly yet without hurry, in the craftsmanly manner of Golden Age Hollywood. They hold, even if they do not tightly grip, your interest. At a full two hours, however, this is the longest Woody Allen film to date, and when it eventually enters the realm of a thriller, it starts to slow down, to drag, to grind. The British milieu and accents serve as an effective, a brilliant disguise for Allen’s familiar rhythms and idioms, yet you can’t help but wonder how well the film would hold your interest if

you stumbled into it without knowing what — or rather, whom — you were seeing. For all its polish and proficiency, the film depends desperately on your awareness that it’s Allen and your search for substantiation. For recognition. It’s a sure cure for your increasing boredom with him. Matthew Goode, Brian Cox, Penelope Wilton. 2005. ★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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. ● (ENCINITAS 8; GASLAMP 15)

Mrs. Henderson Presents — Portrait of a Plucky Old Lady, a screen species that tends more often than not to be British, a subspecies that tends these days to be Judi Dench. She — Dame Judi — plays here, very playfully indeed, a well-bred widow

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from WWII-era London, who, with time and money on her hands, purchases and refurbishes the derelict Windmill Theatre in the West End, and, with the head-butting collaboration of a Jewish impresario (Bob Hoskins, in fine fettle), institutes the “radical idea” of nonstop music-hall performances: *Revue*deville. When her competition catches up with that idea, she advances another step ahead, a step in the direction of Paris, a step toward their *Moulin Rouge* namesake: “Why don’t we get rid of the clothes? Let’s have naked girls!” But the only way around the censorious Lord Chamberlain (Christopher Guest, probably having more fun than his character ought to be having) is to compromise on a rule of no

movement: so-called *tableaux vivants*, to preserve an air of Frenchness. The results, copiously illustrated, are chastely, charmingly, nostalgically, elegantly erotic, and the fastidious period reproduction extends even to the shapes and sizes of the boobs. (It extends as well to the moral code: the unmarried girl who gets herself pregnant promptly gets herself killed.) All in all, a well-crafted film from the erratic Stephen Frears, a film that fully accomplishes its aims, modest though those may be. 2005.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Munich — Steven Spielberg's profoundly pessimistic account of the terrorist mas-

sacre 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

strains 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.

★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Nanny McPhee — A Mary Poppins for the Tim Burton era. Magical powers, for sure, but also a bulbous nose, a bucktooth, a unibrow, and two hairy moles, all of which disappear one by one as she imparts her Five Lessons to the “very clever but

very, very, *very* naughty” seven children of a widowed undertaker. Emma Thompson, who also wrote the script, is remarkably restrained beneath the icky makeup, leaving the lusty caricature in the capable hands of Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, and Angela Lansbury. The good-looking as well as good-acting Colin Firth and Kelly Macdonald round out a strong cast. Directed by Kirk Jones. 2006.

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crets of the Past (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun.;
Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00,
2:00, 4:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun.
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Mystic India** (Not
Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00,
3:00, 5:00, 7:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

4005 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15)
 7:55, 10:35 Sat., -Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55,
 10:35; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri.
 (11:40, 2:15, 4:50) 7:25, 10:00 Sat., -Sun. (11:40,
 2:15) 4:50, 7:25, 10:00; **Brokeback Mountain**
 (R) Fri., -Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:05, 10:25; **Capote**
 (R) Fri., -Sun. 10:25; **Curious George** (G) Fri.
 (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50 Sat., -Sun. (12:30,
 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; **Final Destination 3** (R)
 Fri. (11:35, 2:05, 2:35, 4:35, 5:05) 7:05, 7:35,
 9:35, 10:05 Sat., -Sun. (11:35, 2:05, 2:35) 4:35,
 5:05, 7:05, 7:35, 9:35, 10:05; **Firewall** (PG-13)
 Fri. (11:30, 11:50, 2:20, 2:40, 5:00, 5:20) 7:55,
 8:15, 10:30, 10:55 Sat., -Sun. (11:30, 11:50, 2:20,
 2:40) 5:00, 5:20, 7:55, 8:15, 10:30, 10:55; **Funny**
With Dick and Jane (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 3:05,
 5:35) 8:05 Sat., -Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05;
Hoodwinked (PG) Fri. (11:55, 2:15, 4:35) 7:00
 Sat., -Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:35, 7:00; **King Kong**
 (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. 9:25; **Last Holiday** (PG-13)
 Fri., -Sun. 10:35; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.
 (11:35, 2:10, 4:45) 7:20, 9:55 Sat., -Sun. (11:35,
 2:10) 4:45, 7:20, 9:55; **Something New**
 (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. 9:25; **The Chronicles of**
Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the
Wardrobe (PG) Fri., -Sun. (12:45, 3:55) 7:10;
The New World (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. (11:35);
The Pink Panther (PG) Fri. (11:45, 12:15,
 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15
 Sat., -Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15,
 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Underworld Evolution**
 (R) Fri. (11:40, 2:25, 5:10) 7:55, 10:40
 Sat., -Sun. (11:40, 2:25) 5:10, 7:55, 10:40;
When a Stranger Calls (PG-13) Fri. (12:05,
 12:35, 2:30, 3:00, 4:55, 5:25) 7:20, 7:50, 9:45,
 10:20 Sat., -Sun. (12:05, 12:35, 2:30, 3:00) 4:55,
 5:25, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13) Fri., -Sun.
 (1:20, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; **Curious George**
 (G) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45 Sat., -Sun.
 (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; **Final Des-
 tination 3** (R) Fri., -Sun. (12:55, 3:30) 5:50,
 8:20, 10:30; **Firewalk** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:00,
 7:30, 9:55 Sat., -Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 7:30,
 9:55; **Match Point** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:35, 7:20,
 10:10 Sat., -Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:35, 7:20, 10:10;
Nanny McPhee (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00,
 9:25 Sat., -Sun. (11:30, 2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25;
Something New (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:50,
 7:15, 9:35 Sat., -Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15,
 9:35; **The Matador** (R) Fri., -Sun. (12:30, 3:00)
 5:20, 8:00, 10:15; **The Pink Panther** (PG)
 Fri., -Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; **When a
 Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri., -Sun. (12:45,
 3:05) 5:35, 7:45, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Brokeback Mountain (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:45,
 7:40, 10:30 Sat. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:30
 Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:40; **Capote** (R) Fri.
 (2:05) 4:30, 7:15, 9:55 Sat. (11:30, 2:05) 4:30,
 7:15, 9:55 Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:30, 7:15; **Curious
 George** (G) Fri. (2:15) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20 Sat.
 (11:45, 2:15) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20 Sun. (11:45, 2:15)
 4:40, 7:00; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri. (1:05,
 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05 Sat. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35,
 7:50, 10:05 Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50;
Woodstock (PG) Fri. (1:10, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20,
 9:30 Sat. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
 Sun. (11:10, 1:10, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20; **The Pink
 Panther** (PG) Fri. (2:30) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sat.
 (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:15, 2:40)

5:05, 7:30; **Walk the Line** (PG-13) Fri., -Sat.
(1:00) 4:15, 7:10, 10:15 Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:10;
When a Stranger Calls (PG-13) Fri. (1:35,
3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25 Sat. (11:25, 1:35, 3:45)
5:55, 8:10, 10:25 Sun. (11:25, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55,
8:10

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road
Annapolis (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:40, 5:10)
 7:55, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:10, 7:55,
 10:30; **Big Momma's House 2** (PG-13) Fri.
 (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50
 2:15) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **Brokeback Mountain**
 (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:10, 10:15 Sat.,-Sun.

(11:24:5) 4:05, 7:10, 10:15; **Curious George** (G)
 Fri. (11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00) 9:30 Sat., -Sun.
 (11:40, 2:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; **End of the Spear**
 (PG-13) Fri. (4:10) 10:20 Sat., -Sun. 4:10,
 10:20; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri. (12:00,
 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30) 7:30, 8:00, 10:00,
 10:30 Sat., -Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00) 5:00,
 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Firewall** (PG-13)
 Fri. (11:40, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35 Sat., -Sun.
 (11:40, 2:20) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; **Glorious Road**
 (PG) Fri., -Sun. 9:35; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.
 (11:55, 2:10, 4:35) 6:55 Sat., -Sun. (11:55, 2:10)
 4:35, 6:55; **Mrs. Henderson Presents** (R) Fri.
 (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25 Sat., -Sun. (12:05,
 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; **Nanny McPhee** (PG)
 Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55 Sat., -Sun.

(11:50, 2:25; 4:50, 7:25, 9:55; **Something New** (PG-13) (Fri., -Sun. (2:50) 8:05; **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (PG) (Fri., -Sun. (12:20) 7:05; **The Pink Panther** (PG) (Fri. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15 Sat., -Sun. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45) 4:45, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Underworld: Evolution** (R) (Fri. (12:10, 5:25) 10:40 Sat., -Sun. (12:10) 5:25, 10:40; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) (Fri. (12:35, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:05 Sat., -Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05

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Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun.
 2:15, 9:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:30,
 7:30; **King Kong** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00

WAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The New World — Two-and-a-quarter-hour history lesson, trimmed down from two and a half after its initial release, on John Smith and Pocahontas, and the latter’s marriage to another, John Rolfe, and her intended sojourn in England which became instead her eternal rest. Terrence Malick’s account is not a love story, or not just (“Love — shall we deny it when it visits us?”), but rather a vision of utopian idealism (“I shall make a new start, a fresh beginning”) and the ineluctable progress of America from its native innocence (“They are gentle, loving, faithful, lacking in all guile or trickery”) to its imported corruption (“Lord, they’re gone away from You, they have not hearkened to Your voice”). No one could deny that Malick has a vision, or at the very least a favorite shot: a solitary person adrift in a sea of tall grass or grain, engulfed by nature, enraptured in a state of childlike wonder, wandering around confusedly as if trying to remember where he might have mislaid his script. Large chunks of the words in a very sparse screenplay have been dubbed onto the soundtrack later, in murmurous, barely audible voice-overs from more than one narrator. (Most, if not all, of the parenthetical quotations above come from these first-person ruminations.) The employment of multiple narrators is of course a modernist storytelling device which Malick seized upon in *The Thin Red Line* — an advance on the solo, subliterate female narrators of his *Badlands* and *Days of Heaven* — and it sounds all the more anachronistic, all the more preten-



When a Stranger Calls

tious, in a setting of the early 17th Century than in one of the Second World War. Despite the bigness of the budget (the excellent set of the frontier fort must have cost a mint by itself), this is a bona fide art film, one whose jump cuts — very tiny jumps — cannot juice up its stagnant pace, one whose integrity is declared most clearly in its ineptitude. It’s too earnest, it seems to say, to be bothered with entertainment. Colin Farrell, Q’orianka Kilcher, Christian

Bale, Christopher Plummer, David Thewlis. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Pink Panther — Steve Martin takes a turn as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau, directed by Shawn Levy. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;

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IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Big Momma’s House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:10; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:55; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 11:35; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:30; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 7:30, 10:50; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 9:15

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Big Momma’s House 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10 Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:20, 10:15 Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:20; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:35 Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00 Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:30 Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10; **Memoirs of a Geisha** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (12:35, 3:40) 7:00, 10:05 Sun. (12:35, 3:40) 7:00; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (2:00) 5:05, 7:25; **Something New** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35 Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:50 Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:45, 3:50) 6:00, 8:20, 10:35 Sun. (1:45, 3:50) 6:00, 8:20

ESCONDIDO

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Galaxy 6

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Curious George (G) Fri. (2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri. (3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.

(3:15) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:00; **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 1:30; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri. (3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat. 11:15 (3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (3:45) 6:15, 8:30

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Big Momma’s House 2 (PG-13) Fri. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:15 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Brokeback Mountain** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Curious George** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Final Destination 3** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **Firewall** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Glory Road** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 8:00; **Hoodwinked** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00; **Last Holiday** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:30 (4:15) 9:30 Sun. 11:30 (4:15); **Nanny McPhee** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:15; **Roach Approach: The Mane Event** (Not Rated) Sat.,-Sun. 12:45; **Something New** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 2:00, 7:00; **The Pink Panther** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; **When a Stranger Calls** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00 Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45

RAMONA

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San Marcos 18

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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 Hol-

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lander. 2005.
★★ (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Something New — Sanaa Lathan and Simon Baker in an interracial romantic comedy by first-time director Sanaa Hamri. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; MISSION VALLEY 7; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada — Tommy Lee Jones directs himself in a slight variation on the last act of *Lonesome Dove*, once more hauling the carcass of a close friend on horseback to his chosen resting place. This time he has the unwilling help of the friend’s killer, a carpetbagging Border Patrolman from Cincinnati, who is made as unsympathetic as possible, brutalizing Mexican illegals, reading

Hustler on the job, forcing himself on his wife from behind when she’s trying to fix dinner and watch her favorite soap. The story is told nonsequentially and a touch incoherently, but Jones has a knowing eye for Tex-Mex squalor and ugliness, and he sniffs out some pungent gruesome details: e.g., setting the corpse’s head on fire to beat back an attack of ants. With Barry Pepper, Julio Cedillo, Dwight Yoakam, January Jones, Melissa Leo. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/10)

Thumbsucker — A new metaphor (preferable to *Bedwetter* no doubt) for the plight of the misfit, a coming-of-age tale, even a coming-to-confidence tale, concerning a feminine teenage boy (Lou Pucci, a blend of Johnny Depp and Scarlett Johansson) who hasn’t yet weaned himself off his thumb. The first feature film of Mike Mills falls between the two stools of the sharply satirical and the mushily sensitive. Falls with a splat. Tilda Swinton, Vincent D’Onofrio, Vince Vaughn, Keanu Reeves, Kelli Garner, Benjamin Bratt. 2005.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2/13, 6:30 P.M.)

Transamerica — Conventional road movie and male-bonding movie despite the unconventional natures of the fellow travelers, a druggy street hustler en route to Hollywood for a career in gay porn, and a pre-op transsexual, a week away from his “reassignment” surgery, who his young companion does not at first realize is a man, much less realize is his — the companion’s — long-lost father. It boasts a flat tire of a script, or anyhow a low-on-air tire (from first-time writer and director Duncan Tucker), but also a fascinating, disorienting performance by Felicity Huffman in a gender-blurring no-man’s-land, moving as if she were balancing a jug of water on her head, talking in a tranquilized monotone, stiffening her face into a fragile mask, generally acting like she has a gun at her back, all very understandable for someone who lives in breathless dread of being found out. Kevin Zegers, Fionnula Flanagan, Burt Young, Elizabeth Peña. 2005.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Underworld Evolution — Kate Beckinsale, back again in the blue-hued sequel as the black-leather vampiress and werewolf-slayer, demonstrates fidelity if not taste: the director, Len Wiseman, is her hubby. Fi-

delity in this case could indicate no taste as well. With Scott Speedman, Derek Jacobi, Steven Mackintosh, and Bill Nighy. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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)

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 breastroker’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.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20)

When a Stranger Calls — Simon West’s remake of a decent little well-structured somber thriller, vintage 1979, incidentally increases the budget, the scale, the affluence, and the sound effects, while dragging things out interminably and destroying the structure. Camilla Belle, Brian Geraghty, Katie Cassidy, Clark Gregg. 2006.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18;

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The White Countess — A James Ivory film, and a posthumous film for his longtime producer Ismail Merchant, on which their longtime screenwriter, Ruth Praver Jhabvala, was supplanted by the novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, whose *Remains of the Day* yielded 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 the masterly cinematographer, Wong Kar-wai’s main man, Christopher Doyle. It has a redolent romantic setting, Shanghai in the mid-to-late Thirties, a crossroads of political intrigue, a gathering place 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 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. And 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,” to be financed with winnings

from the racetrack and hosted by, as well named after, the debased Russian noble, The White Countess of the title. Somehow the heady brew 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. Vanessa Redgrave, Lynn Redgrave, Hiroyuki Sanada. 2005.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 2/9)

The World’s Fastest Indian — Roger Donaldson’s indulgent, ingratiating character sketch of New Zealander Burt Munro (an oddly cast Anthony Hopkins, feigning extroversion), on a mid-Sixties pilgrimage to the hallowed ground of the Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, where, battling a bad heart and a bad prostate, he hopes to set a land-speed record on his retooled 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Life-affirming, feel-goody, yes, but not too obnoxious about it. With Diane Ladd, Christopher Lawford, Chris Williams. 2005.
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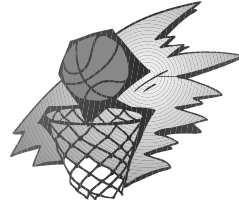
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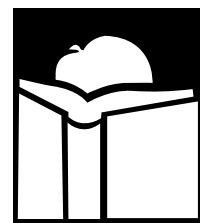
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Shanleigh Pogorcelski
Service Rep
Poway

I'd probably want to fly everywhere because I hate traffic. I moved out here from L.A., and the traffic's definitely better out here in San Diego. I try to position myself well to deal with the least amount of traffic. I'm not going to fly around in a skirt or while wearing a dress, and if it were helpful to use, I'd use it, but I wouldn't quit my day job or anything. I'd just kind of use it to get around; my boyfriend lives out of town. I don't know if I'd want to see all that [with x-ray vision]; things move around and gravity takes over. It'd be kind of awkward. You can pretty much see my emotions on my face, so you could see whether I liked or didn't like what I saw.



Brandon Kessler
Project Manager
Poway

I wouldn't be flying because everybody says flying. How about, like, teleporting. You have to figure out if you get to keep your clothes or not [when teleporting]. I wouldn't want the super power of laser beams out of my eyes if they can't do anything; if they were like those laser pens with the little red light, I wouldn't want that. I wouldn't want to be Inspector Gadget because you don't know what part of him is real. I wouldn't turn down superhuman strength.



Sharon Kessler
Teacher
Poway

I guess I'd want to be super strong. I'd just want to be super strong, so maybe my students would be more scared of me. Teleporting would be awesome; I could go long distance, like back to Dallas to visit family. If I were super strong or could teleport, I would definitely use it to help people. I don't have much experience fighting crime. Those Wolverine claw things are cool, but they might hurt. Super-fast healing abilities would be pretty cool, I'd use that.



Dan Levier
Head Waiter
El Cajon

I believe the super power of healing would be the ultimate and being able to heal people of sickness and diseases, mental illness, and have the ability to make limbs grow back. I would definitely quit my job and heal 24/7 as long as I could. I would give the gift of healing for free, and being a Christian, it'd be an honor and a privilege to have that capability. I used to be a comedian, but now I'm a waiter. I think people would support me as a healer and I'd travel the world; what a dream to be able to travel and do that.



Sean Hess
Musician
Ocean Beach

It would probably be the ability to fly like Superman. I mean, yeah, sure, I'd use it to the greater good, for my own reasons and to help people. If I wanted to go somewhere, go across the ocean, like Europe. I probably wouldn't [use flying as any kind of job]. I don't know what kind of crime I could fight by flying. I honestly think all super powers are stupid 'cause it's just science fiction and it's not going to happen.



Jody Mitchell
Student
Pacific Beach

I'd want to have as many wishes as I could have. If I could grant myself wishes, I'd wish for money and someone to do my homework. I'd like super-persuasive powers. It wouldn't be fun to be a super-strong female. I wouldn't want to see through people's clothes; it'd be just too much. If I could have more than one [power], I'd fly, and maybe invisibility. When you see people you don't want to see, or when you're in a situation and you realize that you shouldn't be there, [invisibility would be a good power to have]. I think some people do have super powers.

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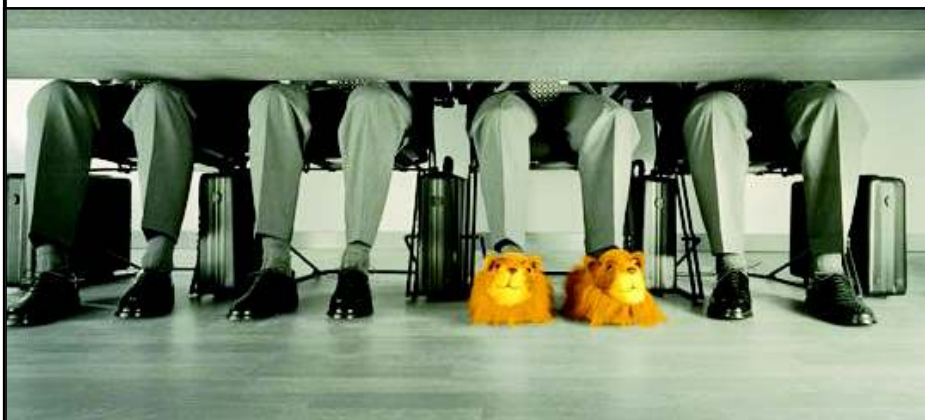
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PATHWORK DISCUSSION, "Meaning of the Human Struggle," February 27, 7-9pm, 4716 32nd Street, San Diego, CA 92116. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. For information call 619-296-9046.

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FRIENDSHIP. Clairemont, female, 53, retired pharmacist, positive attitude, fitness enthusiast, dancing, movie, dining, concert. Seeking nonsmoker pals in exploration of mutually enriching/fulfilling platonic friendship. (2/15) ☎50016

COUNTRY FANS. Female, mid-50, seeks friends, male or female, who enjoy listening or dancing to country music, dining, movies, happy hours. (2/22) ☎50028

FRIENDSHIP. Chula Vista female, 68, healthy, active. Hoping for gal pal to share occasional eating out, walks, getting to know each other and build friendship. (2/22) ☎50046

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SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (2/22) ☎50707

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN, Mexican, 5'8", 142lbs fun, sexy, loving, educated. Looking to meet attractive Caucasian man, age 39-50 years, fun, loving, romantic for

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MEN! PUT THE REMOTE AWAY and call this very attractive, size 12, blonde/green, 5'6", nonsmoker, North County woman, 50s. You are selective, attractive, sweet. (2/22) ☎50708

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, sensitive, down to earth lady, 53, wanting to share movies, dining out, walks, simple life with a special gentleman to enjoy happiness together. (2/15) ☎50679

ARE YOU CONSIDERATE, intelligent, handsome, sense of humor, gentleman, 52-62, who desires friendship, romance, adventure? This 57, smart, sexy, sweet lady wants to meet you! (2/15) ☎50690

37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", slender, brunette/blue eyes, attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47 years, for relationship. Must be presentable. (2/15) ☎50688

MY FIRST PRIORITY is you. If you are 59+, tall, cheerful with plenty of time to play; very pretty, nice-figured lady awaits your call. (2/15) ☎50683

ASIAN, SEXY, UNIQUE, slim, great legs, curvaceous figure, elegant, professional, childless, homeowner. Desires 35+, stable Caucasian gentleman, nonsmoker, fun, fit. Let's explore some adventures together. (2/22) ☎50713

PRETTY ASIAN, Personable, youthful, fit. Seeking educated white 52-58; financially, emotionally secure, generous, for serious relationship, companionship. Travel, get-away, movies, conversation. Smoke-, drink-free. (2/22) ☎50704

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN LADY, slim, happy, caring, gentle. Seeking sincere, easygoing and loving caucasian gentleman. Nonsmoker, no drugs. Let's explore what life has to offer. (2/15) ☎50689

Pie and Ice Cream
Pacific Beach lady, 50s, looking for gentleman for coffee. I am 5'2", 125lbs. I like writing, pie, ice cream. Men with disabilities are OK. (2/22) ☎50692

SPIRITUAL, VERY ATTRACTIVE, growth oriented, educated, holistic lifestyle, compassionate, heart connected, your best friend. Fit, 5'6", slender, blonde, loving, artist, musical, outdoors oriented, beach lover. (2/15) ☎50684

HAPPY CONTENT WOMAN loves the ocean. Seeking honest, mature, enlightened man to enjoy weekend walks, conversation, nature, friendship. Prefer ages 44-55, with similar interests. (2/22) ☎50706

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN professional, 45, 120lbs., 5'4", love outdoor, outgoing, financially secure homeowner. Seeking professional, nonsmoking, 45-55-year-old male. (2/22) ☎50711

EX-LIBERAL, ATTRACTIVE, Slim, engaging, 40ish-looking agnostic into making art. Seeking fit, non-ideologue baby-boomer individualist, for hot philosophical/political dialoguing, films, walks, theatre, healthy dining. (2/15) ☎50680

ATTRACTIVE SINGLE, White, very young 50s, looks 40s, secure, good shape 5'1, 125lbs. Searching white, mature, secure, generous, happy, genuine gentleman for

monogamous relationship. (2/22) ☎50693

CONSERVATIVELY WILD, paradox. Zany, unconventional, easygoing Asian, single female, 40. Loves outdoors, ocean, adventure, spirituality, snuggling, quiet times. Seeking authentic, happy, single male, soulmate, 35-45. (2/15) ☎50677

UNIQUE BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, intelligent, genuine, striking, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, hot figure, 48. Desires extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere single gentleman who appreciates the best. (2/15) ☎50673

FRIENDLY, SWEET LADY, slim, 35, 5'6", 135lbs., Latina. Seeking attractive professional gentleman, slim, tall, loyal. Enjoy conversation, music, dancing, walks, kids. 35-42, friendship. No drugs. (2/22) ☎50712

HAPPY, HEALTHY, HUMOROUS, I am 30-something, been in San Diego for 5 years. Seeking fun and adventure or just calm, drama-free friendship. (2/15) ☎50676

HONEST, 35 YEARS, green eyes, brown hair, 5'8", plus size, loving. Seeking a man, 35-42, romantic, honest, knows how to treat a lady, likes kids. (2/15) ☎50687

THE PICTURE FRAME hangs empty on the wall designed to embrace images of my absentee love! I await, 48-62. Inspired by music, song, dance, romance. (2/22) ☎50698

MATURE MAN WANTED by 40-year-old attractive, independent brunette. Seeking successful, educated, white male, 40-55, for romance, movies, museums, theatre, beach, dining. Nonsmoker. (2/22) ☎50716

BE MY VALENTINE! Alluring, adventurous, auburn, 5'6-1/2", 40. Seeking clean-cut, handsome, trim, mellow, romantic, 30-45, sober, nonsmoking, sweetie! Please, love dogs, movies, amusement parks. (2/22) ☎50710

WANT A FRIEND? Me too! Active, attractive, warm, slim lady. Seeking man 60+ for walks, talks, travel, film, homelife and fun. (2/22) ☎50702

ATTRACTIVE, SPIRITUAL lady, 60s. Like dancing, movie, theater, traveling, studying philosophy. Seeking spiritual, kind, nonsmoker gentleman for long-term relationship. No pets please. (2/15) ☎50671

VALENTINE, WHERE ART THOU? I'm 5'7", caucasian, slender, mature woman. Seeking tall, caucasian, nonsmoker, young-in-heart, senior man for long-term companionship and friendship. (2/15) ☎50685

QUIET, 47, WHITE, little chunky, looking for a friend, maybe more, blue jean t-shirt girl, like outdoors, fishing, camping, love animals, very likable person. (2/22) ☎50694

EUROPEAN LADY, wants to meet interesting man, 47-57 for fun, friendship, maybe more. Me: attractive, sexy blonde, 54, 5'4", 147lbs., music, movies, books, cats, dogs. (2/15) ☎50672

COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar, gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genuine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Village. 50-70 if useful. (2/15) ☎50674

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ATTRACTIVE RETIRED NAVY widow, blonde, blue, warm, creative, intelligent, spiritual. Enjoy healthy lifestyle, cruises, swimming, horticulture, cultural activities. Seeking Christian gentleman companion, British background. (2/15) ☎50670

FEMALE, 53, OCEANSIDE. Seeking long relationship, born again Christian. Traveling, fishing with boat a plus, humor, loyal, conversation responsible, 5', very thin, nonjudgemental. (2/15) ☎50668

FREE-SPIRITED FEMALE seeking guy pal in 40s to enjoy friendship, movies, white-water rafting, spicy foods, evenings out and occasional I dare yous. (2/22) ☎50705

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, Petite, German girl, new in town. Seeking friends or gentleman for romance, not over 65, nonsmoker. (2/22) ☎50697

SEEKING MY VALENTINE, 43-52, sincere, romantic for a possible relationship. Me 48, Cubana, 5'5", sincere, passionate, loving. Seeking that special gentleman. Is that you. (2/15) ☎50678

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN single mom, 40, East County, size 18. Looking to meet hispanic/caucasian man for possible relationship. I'm not looking for an occasional thing. (2/15) ☎50675

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN, integrity, loyalty, never married, no kids, gourmet cook, artist, author, educated, athletic, dancer. You: never married, fit, quality, animal lover, compassionate, communicative. (2/15) ☎50691

SEXY BLACK LADY, easygoing, mellow attitude. Loves reggae, good listener, very lovable. Seeking tall, honest, open-minded white male, 36-45, for fun, romance, relationship. (2/22) ☎50714

COSTA RICAN BEAUTY. Be mine for Valentine's Day. Professional, 45, love cooking. Need man, honest, car, work, long-term, 45 to 65. (2/22) ☎50709

PETITE, BLONDE, 41. Looking for guy friends to dance, hang out, watch movies. No smokers, light drink okay. Must like dogs. (2/22) ☎50699

LATIN EDUCATED MALE WANTED, degreed, 45-55, 5'9"-6'2", fit, Christian, financially secure. Like arts, traveling, family life; lasting relationship. Me: professional Mexican lady, 48, 6', 132lbs. (2/15) ☎50686

CHRISTIAN LADY, 61, 5'9" blonde, attractive, intelligent, fun. Seeking nonsmoker, tall caucasian Christian gentleman for occasional church music, conversation, TV sports, walks in central SD. (2/22) ☎50695

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, SHAPELY, 26 years, African-American. Seeking a financially successful, caring, white male, 50+, for mutually fulfilling friendship. Let me spoil you. (2/22) ☎50718

LOOKING FOR MY SPECIAL Valentine. If you're cupid, call me! Sweet, beautiful blonde seeks a love connection with attractive, successful male. (2/22) ☎50703

50, ATTRACTIVE, 5'6", fit lady. Seeking attractive, fun-loving, financially secure, caucasian male companion, 50-56,

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GOOD ATTITUDE, senior lady, happy, attractive, enjoy dancing, movies, travel. Looking for single man, 56-65, romantic, sincere, for long-term relationship. (2/22) ☎50696

VERY OUTGOING, Attractive, warm personality, nonsmoker, 59, Jewish, tall, slim. Seeks similar man for companionship. (2/22) ☎50700

VALENTINE: BE MINE. 13 years living on the Colorado River makes me open to any experience. You are athletic, 6' tall, 40s. La Mesa area. (2/15) ☎50682

SINCERE, HAPPY, HEALTHY Latina lady, 40s. Looking for just one good man to date, possibly fall in love with. Must be sincere, fun, honest. (2/22) ☎50719

MEN SEEKING WOMEN MATCHES

YOUNG GIFTED AND BLACK? Young as me, anyway? White, 51, homeowner, veteran, non-Republican, master's degree, big, strong, it's all good! Lighten up, try something new. (2/22) ☎50839

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male-fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (2/22) ☎50045

BRITISH GENTLEMAN, 5'4", 130lbs., businessman. Seeking sincere and attractive lady. Nonsmoker, petite, for conversation, friendship, romance. Enjoy music, movies, theater, golf, travel. Age/race open. (2/15) ☎50026

ORIENTAL SWEETHEART WHO would like to enjoy the company of this handsome, playful, light skin African-American, 49, 175lbs., with strong hands and soft lips. (2/15) ☎50005

I AM 34, I LOVE SPORTS, football, soccer, body boarding, poker and any other

sport you can think of. Looking for a nice Asian lady. (2/15) ☎50012

ATTRACTED TO CHUBBY Cherubs, 200+. This white 53 old is very romantic and loves to cuddle. You're white/hispanic 40-60 attractive, available, no smoke. (2/22) ☎50052

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 70 years, retired, love to travel, movies, desert, cruises, stable finance, East County. Looking for a nice lady. (2/15) ☎50011

ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, Sensitive, affectionate, white male, 54, easygoing, financially secure, tall, unencumbered, playful thoughtful. Seeking female, any age, for dining, closeness, conversation, travel, love, intimacy. (2/22) ☎50048

6'1, 180, 30s. Great home, job, life, noticed something missing from life. Want to date fun outgoing female, 25-40, who want a great, honest guy. (2/15) ☎49998

GOOD-LOOKING CAUCASIAN. Looking for adventurous, spontaneous, attractive lady, for relationship, traveling, romance, dining out, best friends. Me: 6'3", 240lbs., 43, very caring. (2/15) ☎50017

TALL, ECTOMORPHIC, White geek. Seeks bespectacled ebony nerd for retina-shattering spotlight-lit lams dinners, and skin-diver-finned frogs through moonlit swamps. (2/15) ☎50002

NICE GUYS FINISH LAST? Ready to discover my wild man in a positive growing, memorable friendship. Into metaphysics, shamanic healing, thinking outside boxes. Humor, depth. (2/22) ☎50051

TALL LATINO, Handsome gentleman. Romantic, affectionate, family oriented, sincere. Looking for 45-55 slender, attractive, sexy woman. Looking for relationship long term, non-smoker, South Bay area. (2/22) ☎50053

62, WHITE MALE retired. Looking for lady for fun walks, casino, weekend trips, grandkids, boating, fishing, golf. (2/22) ☎50036

ATTRACTIVE WIDOWER, TALL, handsome, healthy, virile, educated, retired businessowner, homeowner, affluent, financially secure. Seeking attractive, affectionate, sensual, full, voluptuous lady,

45-65, dates, fun, romance, genuine. (2/22) ☎50034

HAPPY NEW YEAR, LADIES. This male, mid-40s, 6'4", chef is seeking Latina or black female, 30-45, for lots of fun, movies, long walks on beach. (2/15) ☎50024

YOUNG AT HEART, retired widower in North County San Diego. Seeking 50ish lady for long-term relationship. 5'10", tall, 165lbs., considerate, caring, loving. (2/22) ☎50032

BOYISH, GOOD LOOKS, 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic, college educated, professional. Enjoy surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim, 35+ friends first. (2/15) ☎50023

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54, 6'3", interested in meeting down to earth, nonsmoking, good humor, honest female, 40-55, 5'8" 145lbs, speak French, Italian, Spanish. Must be attractive, 25-35. (2/15) ☎50000

IVORY MALE, Seeking Ebony female who likes being spoiled with love, honesty, and simple romance. Me attractive, 43, tall, shaved head, hazel eyes, big heart. (2/22) ☎50042

LOOKING FOR LOVE, Or fun? I'm looking for someone, too. Movies, tennis, drinks, hikes and so on. You, athletic, honest, kissable, no games. (2/15) ☎50003

ROMANTIC, SINGLE, HONEST Italian, hard worker. Seeking lady, 35-50, to enjoy life, long-term relationship. Nonsmoker/drinker, race unimportant. Enjoy music, travel, dining and more. (2/22) ☎50035

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly female. (2/15) ☎50009

37-YEAR-OLD sophisticated, outgoing. Seeking voluptuous white female. Enjoy flying, movies, politics, talk radio. Spiritual, down to earth. Must be tall. (2/22) ☎50040

GIRLFRIEND WANTED, Qualifications: must like pampering, dinners, honesty, romantic times, leading to super relationship. 60s guy age? Race open. Be my Valentine forever. (2/22) ☎50041

HANDSOME AFRICAN AMERICAN, Christian senior, 5'-7", 145lbs. I am seeking an attractive Christian lady, physically fit, small to medium size, 50-60, race open. (2/15) ☎49997

HANDSOME, 39, 5'10", financially secure, searching for soul mate, nonsmoker or drugs. Enjoy traveling, hiking, poetry, caucasian or Latina, English speaking, Christian, healthy, family oriented. (2/22) ☎50029

POSITIVE, HEALTHY, evolving man, attractive, 54, 5'11", slim, blue/brown. Enjoy nature, hiking, music, massage. Seeking slim woman, 40-55, for fun activities and stimulating conversation. (2/22) ☎50033

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, 52, divorced, healthy, fit. Enjoy life, travel, theater, concerts, movies, all sports, clean, neat, homeowner, a gentleman lives alone with pets. (2/15) ☎50021

GOOD HEARTED BIKER seeks woman, 35-46, for possibly serious relationship. Love hugs and kisses. Ready to give all my heart. Call me. (2/15) ☎50019

MEAT AND POTATOES MAN seeks a friend. May lead into more. Call and leave your phone number. (2/15) ☎50006

DECENT GENTLEMAN, 49, articulate, romantically creative. Seeking smart, independent, thinking woman with humor. Desire to listen, be emotionally attentive. Enjoy nature, hiking, movies, dancing, art. (2/22) ☎50037

ATTORNEY, 54, seeks single white female, 45-49, nonsmoker, slender, smart, playful, for fun, romance, all that is good between men and woman. Call now. (2/15) ☎50022

VOLUPTUOUS, All important caucasian, 55-70+, others need not respond. Gentleman, 66, gray hair, tall, good shape, healthy, retired, financially stable, walks, movies, TV, simple life. (2/22) ☎50049

TERI HATCHER? No thanks. Just looking for a 40-60-year-old siren who is relatively attractive, intelligent, humorous and awaiting our summer together. (2/15) ☎50015

WHITE MALE, 37, 6'1", charming, romantic and fun. Seeking 25-35, stable, attractive, affectionate woman who likes to laugh and enjoy time together. (2/22) ☎50058

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! (2/22) ☎50031

HANDSOME, PHYSICALLY FIT black male, 5'7", 165lbs., 62, loving, romantic, very down to earth, with an easygoing nature. Enjoy spending time with my sweetheart. (2/15) ☎50020

YOUNG 60-YEAR-OLD MAN in North County. Seeking a nice woman with good sense of humor, nonsmoker, who likes herself and her life. (2/22) ☎50030

PASSIONATE, HONEST, humorous, intelligent, psychologically minded, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy rock music, movies, coffeehouses, nature. Seeking intelligent, adventurous, communicative, for friendship, possible relationship. (2/15) ☎50010

NORTH COUNTY BACHELOR! Trim, great shape, educated, good appearance, financially secure, homeowner. Early 50s, childless, brown, blue, 5'9", 150lbs. You, 40ish, attractive, not overweight, available! (2/15) ☎49999

LADY COUNTERPART COMPANION, Sought by nonsmoking, unencumbered senior gentleman. Friendship first, then possible relationship. Loves travel, cruising, music, good foods, wines, whatever makes us happy. (2/15) ☎50008

HAVE TWO HORSES. I need to fill a saddle, home-ranch owner Vista, 49, white male, engineer. Can you ride, camp and enjoy the outdoors. (2/15) ☎50007

EASYGOING, 55, looks 45, 5'10", 185lbs., multiple homeowner, travel, sports, concerts, movies, sport cars. You: slim, smart, beauty, to share great experiences. (2/15) ☎49995

VOLUPTUOUS LADY, Wanted by handsome male. Must be beautiful, classy, fun, intelligent. I'm musical, creative, sentimental, eclectic, funny as hell. Love people, person bar hopper. (2/22) ☎50055

BLUEGRASS, TALL MALE seeks positive, maybe artsy, outdoor adventure, travel, local fun, affectionate, maybe sing or play

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GENTLEMAN, 40s, 6', 175lbs., non-smoker/nondrinker, living by spiritual principles. Seeking affinity with adorable, affectionate, sensual soul. You're petite/shapely with dark hair. (2/22) ☎50043

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 51, 6'1", 190lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Seeking mature, sublime, curvaceous, beautiful woman to show her the respect and devotion she requires. (2/22) ☎50050

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IF 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. (2/15) ☎50027

ADVENTUROUS, SPONTANEOUS, passionate, lover. Looking for an equal partner to share his love of the outdoors! Must love dogs and want to camp and travel. (2/15) ☎50014

STOPI! ATTRACTIVE LATINO, 44, young at heart, financially secure professional, very affectionate, passionate, romantic, loving, humorous, fun, 5'8", 155lbs. Seeking affectionate woman, any nationality. (2/22) ☎50044

LOW MAINTANCE BLACK, Gentleman with moral, high-value, adventurous, happy, spontaneous, positive, playful, have many interests. I am passionate, outgoing, fun, great catch. Seek white female. (2/15) ☎50004

SINCERE GENTLEMAN, 79. Enjoys bridge, dancing, theatre, music, occasional trips, movies. Seeking like-minded lady. Must be tall, heavy set, thoughtful and cheerful. (2/15) ☎50018

SINGLE DAD, With little girl looking for a lasting relationship, please be slender and nice. I am 48, 160 blonde blue, my daughter is 8. (2/22) ☎50054

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Polite, funny, hardworking and fit male, 6'2", 210lbs., clean-cut. Seeking sincere lady, 50+, with good heart for committed relationship, fun, and caring. Thank you. (2/22) ☎50057

ARE YOU SINGLE, around 30-something, healthy, Italianish, reliable, affectionate, financially responsible, Christian, childless, but ready for family now with similar, secure, mature, monogamous, retired widower? (2/15) ☎50025

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COLLEGE AREA/ALLIED GARDENS. Male/Female, nonsmoker, to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet residential area, 2.5 miles from Mission Valley, gated complex, washer/dryer, dishwasher in unit. Off-street parking/garage, pool/jacuzzi, \$525/month, 619-287-6805.

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Clue: X marks the spot where our beach used to be

Describe this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a Reader T-shirt. E-mail to NameThis Place@SanDiegoReader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to Reader, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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GOLDEN HILL. \$450, utilities included. \$300 deposit. Large, quiet. Centrally located. 2 private bedroom apartments. Share bath and kitchen. 2224 E Street. Appointment necessary. 619-584-5900.

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Across

- Asimov or Stern
- Comical bit
- Girl in Eliot's "Romola"
- Biblical gift
- "Either you do it ____ will!"
- Pursue relentlessly
- "The Republic" philosopher
- All ____ sudden
- Nine: Prefix
- MacGraw of "Love Story"
- Pollock, e.g.
- "One Mic" rapper
- ALT or ESC
- ____ in "iguana"
- Roulette bet
- Day of the wk.
- Notable time
- Bonds stat
- Idyllic setting
- ____ Diego
- Pester relentlessly
- "____ Song of Sixpence"
- Word said while pointing
- Is ____ (probably will)
- Novel ending?
- III, to Jr.
- Choreographer Lubovitch
- ____ Carlo
- Like TV channels above 13: Abbr.
- Actor Buscemi
- Tiny colonist
- Pol with a six-yr. term
- Summer sign
- Duracell size
- Fan sound
- FedEx rival
- Boston hockey great Bobby
- Friday or Bilko: Abbr.
- Lemon or lime drink
- Medical research agency.
- 4th- to 6th-century Chinese dynasty
- Ocean State sch.
- Looked over larcenously
- Put frosting on
- It's a wrap
- Popular Caribbean island
- Neighbor of Swed.
- 100-meter dash, e.g.
- Have a feeling
- Golfer Ernie
- Sixth in Sicily

Down

- Hampers
- Plans for college courses
- 1958 play whose title is taken from a Langston Hughes poem
- Singer Garfunkel

- Dessert with a cherry on top
- 1966 Beatles tune
- Kennel sound
- North American plants known to grow 12 feet tall
- 1926 Ernest Hemingway novel which inspired this puzzle's theme
- Long time
- What some scuba divers dive for
- Show disrespect for
- Very recently
- Poetic tribute
- "I see!"
- Clock std.
- "I'm impressed!"
- Vanna's partner
- Salsa instruments
- How "Fear Factor" stunts are performed
- Hobo
- Corrode
- Prefix with center
- Before, in verse
- "This is only a test" org.
- Hogan or Klink: Abbr.
- "____ Maria"

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- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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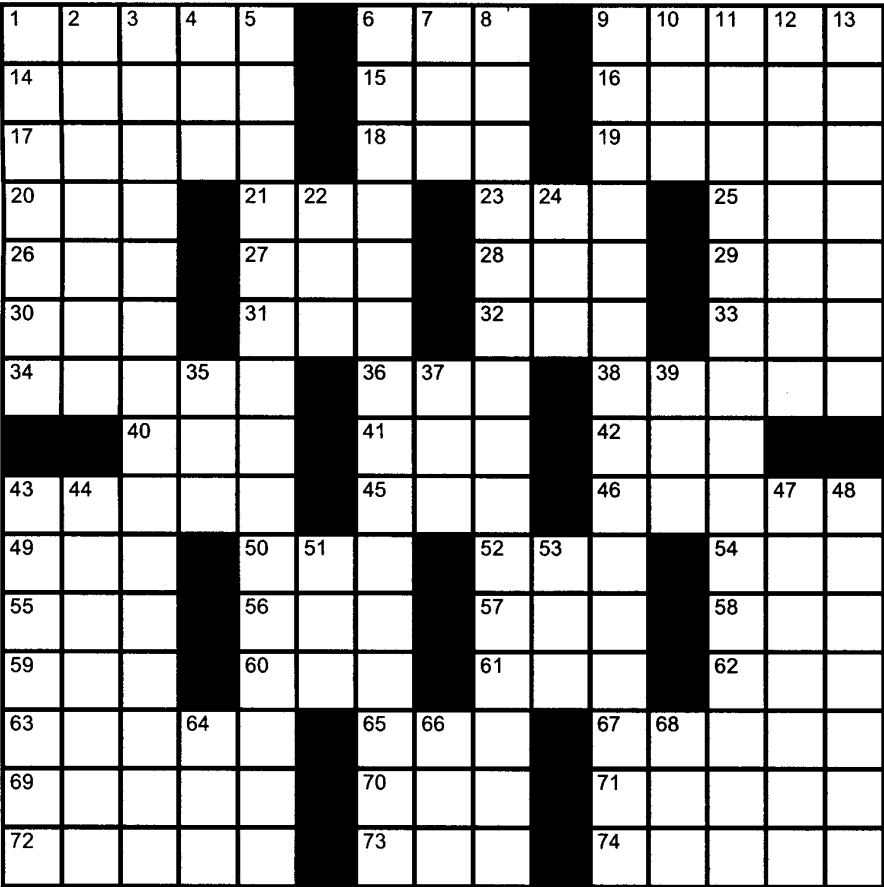
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Of the 190 entrants, 182 were correct. The winners are:

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- Greg Del Campo, *Temecula*
- Laura A. White, *San Diego*
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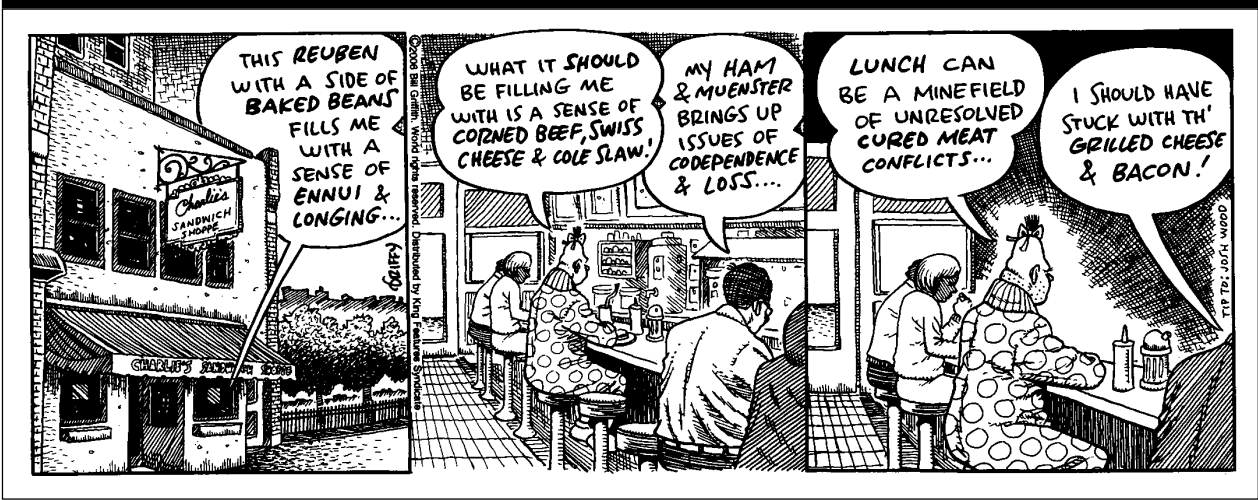
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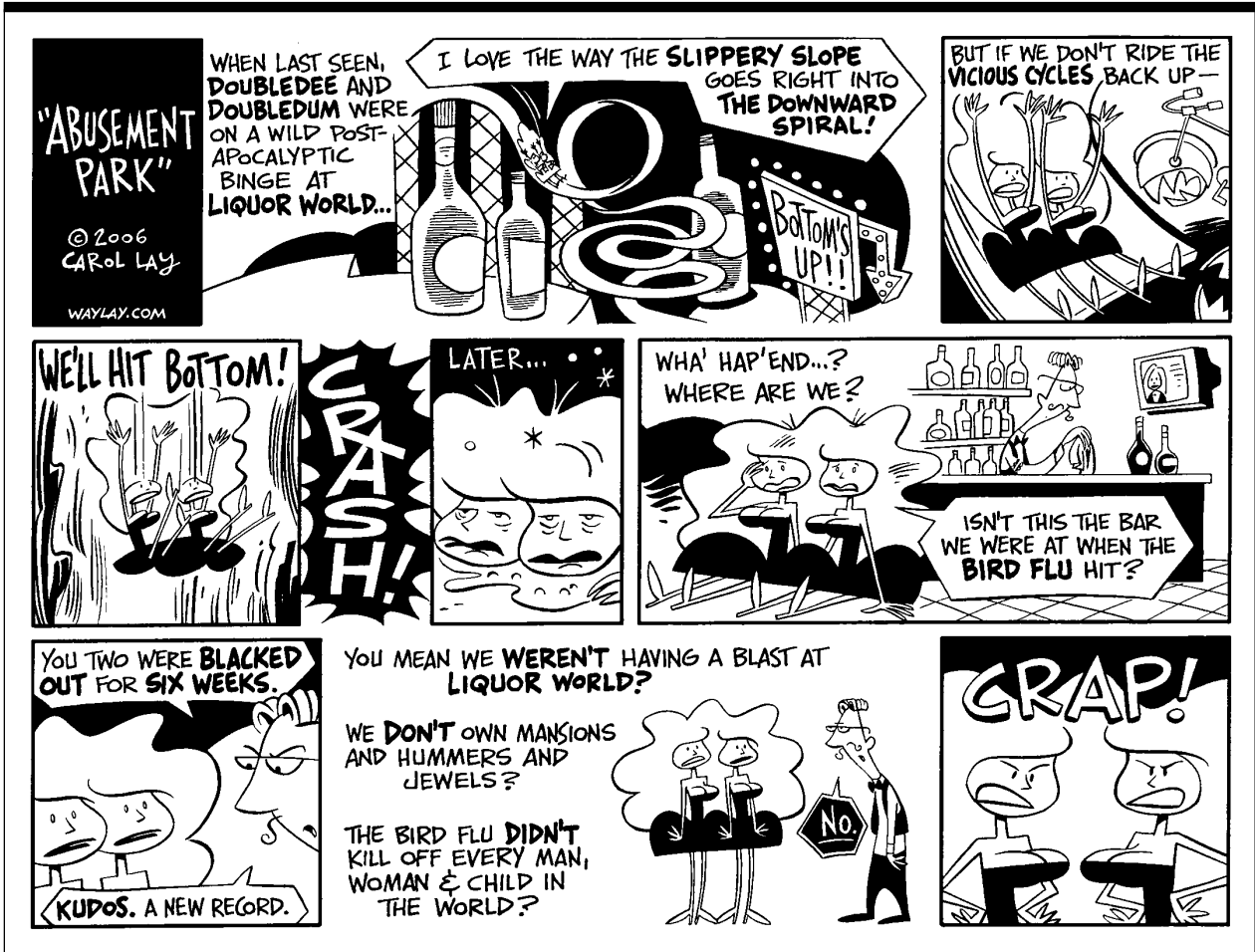
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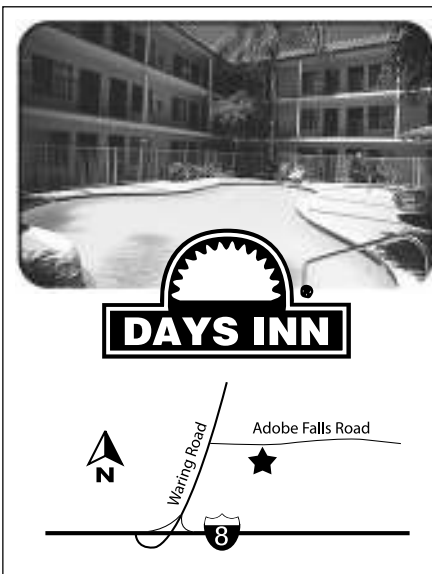
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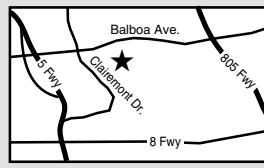
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LEAD STORY

— With the nation at war, some Pentagon officials believe that one way to reduce military families’ stress is to teach them to laugh. Its “laugh-ter instructor,” retired Army Col. James Scott, holds therapeutic sessions around the country with National Guard families that feature walk- ing like a penguin and blurring, “ha ha hee hee and ho ho,” according to a January *USA Today* story. Said Scott, “The guiding principle is to laugh for no reason [which is] one of the reasons it works so well for military families.”

Compelling Explanations

— After her 11-year-old son was suspended twice for bringing a loaded handgun to school, Linnea C. Holdren, 43, said the matter was beyond her control. “I can’t lock up his guns,” she told police. “They belong to him, and he has a right to use them whenever he wants to use them.” (The boy was expelled in January, and Holdren, who is a teacher at her son’s Shickshinny, Pa., elementary school, has been charged with felony endangerment.)

— Denmark’s government ruled in 2001 that institutionalized citizens have the right to have sex and that caregivers must take them to visit prostitutes. (Prostitution is legal in Denmark.) According to a January dispatch from Aarhus, Denmark, in London’s *Observer*, Mr. Torben Vegener Hansen, 59, who has cerebral palsy and lives at home on government assistance, is challenging the government also to pay for prosti- tutes to make house calls, claiming that he is unable to have sex manually because of his ill- ness and must be accorded this “human right” by a service similar to the government’s meals- on-wheels program.

— Scotland Yard agreed in January to pay the equivalent of about \$52,000 to London police Sgt. Leslie Turner to settle Turner’s claim that the reason he failed in a 2004 assignment was that he had been “overpromoted” to the job because he is black. Turner said he had been given a job as a guard for Prince Charles, and then for

Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, without ade- quate training and, as a result, made mistakes that caused him to be reassigned.

Science on the Cutting Edge

— Two physicians, in a December note in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, wrote glowingly of the ability of the Super Soaker Max- D 5000 squirt weapon to quickly and safely loosen severely impacted ear wax (knowledge learned from an emergency use when no stan- dard ear-syringing equipment was available). In fact, they wrote, since the Super Soaker holds much more water than the standard equipment, using it would actually shorten patients’ office visits. (However, the Super Soaker was not antic- ipated for medical use; its awkward design assured that patient and doctor would be drenched by excess spray.)

— *The Island of Dr. Moreau* Comes to Life: (1) Recently opened archives in Moscow show that in the 1920s Soviet dictator Josef Stalin ordered his top animal-breeding scientist to cre- ate interspecies “super warriors.” Stalin’s half- men, half-apes would be “invincible,” “insen- sitive to pain” and “indifferent about the qual- ity of food they eat.” (2) The Associated Press reported in October that Japan’s Nippon Tele- graph & Telephone Corp., in the course of video-game research, is developing a joystick- controlled headset that disorients humans and makes them move in certain ways (a benign “vir- tual dance experience,” according to one researcher, with potential uses such as keep- ing the elderly from falling).

— Researchers for Finland’s Helsinki Univer- sity of Technology’s Air Guitar Project recently demonstrated software that allows a player’s finger movements along the imaginary instru- ment to be set to music from a library of guitar sounds. According to a November *New Scien- tist* report, the virtual guitar hero wears special gloves, allowing his gestures to be tracked by camera. Researcher Aki Kanerva expects play- ers to develop a distinct air guitar style.

Editors Gone to Pot

— Researcher Jean-Louis Martin of the Uni- versite Claude Bernard in Lyon, France, found (for a December *British Medical Journal* article) that consuming cannabis (marijuana) doubled motorists’ likelihood of a fatal auto collision, and alarming news headlines about the report followed. Less prominently noted in the article, and consequently in news reports, was that drivers impaired by alcohol were six times more likely than an unimpaired driver to have a fatal collision, thus suggesting that the generally ille- gal drug, cannabis, is only one-third as danger- ous for drivers as the legal drug, alcohol.

People with Issues

— In January, a parrot named Greeny inherited a half-million-dollar property in Boulder County, Colo., through an elaborate trust fund after its owners, Patricia Borosik, 49, and Paul James Stewart Scott, 54, committed suicide. If Scott had lived a few more days, he would have had to report to court to be sentenced for offering \$13,000 to two underage girls to have sex with him and then to asphyxiate him with a pillow.

Least Competent Criminals

— Not Cut Out for a Life of Crime: (1) Three men who police say stole a car in San Jose, Calif., in October and drove it to Chico, Calif., were arrested in Chico when police caught them try- ing to break into that same car because they had locked the keys inside (or thought they had, since Chico police officer Jose Lara said he found the keys in one of the men’s pockets). (2) Adam Ruiz, 29, was arrested in Buffalo, N.Y., in January after he showed up at work as a trainee at the same Burger King he had allegedly robbed the week before.

Recurring Themes

— More Courtroom Defendants Employing Ridiculous Legal Theories: Gregory Ignatius Armstrong, 42, was indicted for bankruptcy fraud in Greenbelt, Md., in December for claiming that he is a sovereign nation with unlimited con-

tract powers and is thus owed \$500,000 in copy- right royalties by anyone who uses his name (in one case, by his postal service supervisor who wrote him concerning absences from work). . . . Oliver Clifton Hudson and Gregory Banks refused to attend their federal drug-conspiracy trial in Bal- timore in November because they deny that the government has jurisdiction over their “flesh and blood.” Hudson, for example, said the indict- ment against him was void because it listed his name in all capital letters, when the correct des- ignation is “Oliver Clifton: Hudson.”

No Longer Weird

— Adding to the list of stories that were for- merly weird but which now occur with such fre- quency that they must be retired from circula- tion: (75) People who are so enticed by the money they can make selling scrap-metal cop- per that they break into electrical substations to steal wire, at night, and touch the wrong thing, as the man did in Bellmead, Texas, two days before Christmas. (He “never even knew what hit him,” said a utility employee.) (76) Animals in mating season (especially deer) that crash into homes and storefronts in their search for sex, as did deer that appeared in January in an Evansville, Ind., video store and an Arkansas City, Kan., elemen- tary school.

Even a Broken Clock Is Right Twice a Day

— A Saratoga Springs, N.Y., telemarketer per- haps saved the life of an 85-year-old man in Ridott, Ill., in December when she dialed his number. The man had fallen the night before and spent the night outside freezing. Suffering from hypothermia, he had struggled to crawl back inside, and, although still unable to make an outgoing call, he managed to pick up the ring- ing phone and ask for help.

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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

Fragments of the conversation of P. Ferrari, the Last Dairyman.... "I was born in that house right there, went to school with all these people, dairy farmers, truck farmers — lots of Oriental truck farmers. Oh, they're all gone now. Bulldozed out by the freeway in '49 and then the stadium. Yeah, my father bought this land in 1896 from some Greek. My mother used to take the milk into town in a horse and buggy. Now you can't even sell milk unless you belong to the Pool."

— "A FAREWELL TO FARMS," *Jacquelynne Garner*,
February 5, 1976

Twenty-Five Years Ago

An automobile moving at 55 miles per hour requires 21 minutes to travel up Interstate 5 from downtown San Diego to the Carmel Valley Road exit. Two gas stations and a Sambo's restaurant. Looking eastward from one of the gas stations you can see the round hump of Black Mountain a few miles distant.

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first subdivision.

— "APPEARING SOON: 40,000 PEOPLE,"
Gordon Smith, February 12, 1981

Twenty Years Ago

The old guy over on court one was causing a scene again, threatening to smash his \$200 tennis racket. He had hearing aids in both ears, glasses thick as headlights, legs that looked sturdy, and hair tinted a garish red that was growing out gray around the ears.

Bobby Riggs wanted a handicap in the upcoming doubles match.... "I can't remember when I been in such bad shape," he whined. "I got tendonitis in my wrist — I hadda have two shots this morning for the pain!"

— "GREAT TOP SPIN NEVER STOPS," *Steve Sorensen*,
February 13, 1986

Fifteen Years Ago

Attempting at once to squeeze between liquor-swilling limelights yet not encourage conversation was...perennial fundraiser/formal-wear poster boy ROLF BENIRSCHKE...while fat-farm heir ALEX SZEKELY, on the *otra mano*, proffered FREE HUGS to all comers — this lucky miss included!

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dynamo-that-I-just-jumped-outta-the-sack-and-haven't-had-time-to-brush-my-hair-yet girlfriends previewed the bistro's *bouffe* offered on cost-conscious and environmentally dangerous STYROFOAM PLATES! Guests had DEEP-FAT-FRIED shrimp and vegetables, glistening with delectable GREASE.

— "LIZ LANG'S ON THE TOWN," *Liz Lang*,
February 14, 1991

Ten Years Ago

I wanted a boy toy; it seems I've found a life partner. Pardon me while I gag!

We even "met cute." Very embarrassing. At the time I was playing a MUD, one of those multi-user-dungeoning deals where you modem in, kill monsters, collect gold, and interact with other computer weenies doing the same thing. He was a Grand Master Sorcerer (the highest level); I was a Grand Master Sorceress. We player-tested a new, way-tough area, and I was slaughtered by a Demonic Priest right before the end of the Quest. He avenged my death. I like to think of myself as a tough old bitch, but, y'know, stuff like that *gets* to me, the same way that flicks like *Terminator 2* and *Robo-Cop* (the first one) choke me up against my will.

— "THIS GUY KNOWS ME LIKE NO ONE EVER HAS,"
Rose Dawn Scott, February 8, 1996



San Diego Reader, February 13, 1986

Five Years Ago

I was vulnerable because I was not dressed in black. I didn't know what to wear to a Peter Murphy concert, so I dressed like I normally do, in blue corduroys, a tan suede coat, and brown shoes. Just a guy, though a little self-conscious that night. This was Peter Murphy after all, the former frontman of the genre-bending band Bauhaus, the group that in the early '80s almost single-handedly inspired the subculture we call goth, for lack of a better name.

— "LEAVE ME ALONE," *Justin Wolff*, February 8, 2001

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Dear Saffron,

My boss assigned me to do a project with a middle manager in another department at our firm. This manager is a respected guy. He and I had been working together for a week when he called in sick. During his absence I needed some papers concerning our project so I called him at home. He told me where to find them in his desk. When I went to get them I noticed that one of the bottom desk drawers, which locks, was open about half an inch. I accidentally bumped it, and it made a funny clinking sound, so I opened the drawer all the way. Inside were about a billion little bottles of booze. Well, not a billion, maybe 40. The kind they give you on air-planes. Some empty, some full. I had a panicky moment, looked around, and saw that no one was watching me, so I nudged the drawer shut and it

clicked and locked. Of course I should not have looked into his drawer, but I did, and now it seems obvious this guy has a drinking problem. I tried to think of one good reason why a man would have a whole drawer at work stuffed with those tiny booze bottles other than that he's drinking on the job, and I couldn't come up with one. Should I tell this guy what I saw? Tell the boss? I don't feel good about doing either of these. I feel super guilty and confused. I never would have known he's having problems if I hadn't looked in his desk. I wish I'd never seen the inside of that drawer.

I'M NOT A SNOOP, HONEST! IN OCEANSIDE

Dear Not A Snoop,

This is a tough one. I think you should say something simple, humane, and discreet to this guy. Tell him that the drawer was left open and that you happened to peer in. Explain that you're not going to tattle on him, but that you like him and are worried by what you saw. It's scary to see all those bottles. It seems like he might be in trouble and need help, and maybe he should try and get some. And what if someone else finds his stash the next time he forgets to lock the drawer? A cleaning lady? The boss? It's not a good idea to have those bottles at work. You've stumbled into a complicated situation. I think that

rather than pretending it didn't happen, you should acknowledge what you saw, express concern, and suggest the drawer be cleaned out and that he get some help. If other problems arise, and they might, you'll have to use your best judgment about who to bring into your confidence and when.

Dear Saffron,

My mother has been an avid opera fan for decades, but since she turned 80 she has begun to fall asleep while attending opera performances. This would not be so bad if she didn't snore. Her snoring is not soft and ladylike, and heads have begun to turn when it happens. She conks out now almost as soon as the lights go down. I live in fear that people are going to complain to the usher about the noise. I poke her in the arm to wake her whenever she drops off, but it's getting worse and for all my jabbing she wakes only momentarily, then drops off again and snores more. I've asked her about it. She denies that she was snoring or says that because we eat dinner before the opera, the food makes her sleepy. I can't make her go without dinner, as she has blood sugar problems. She will not hear of giving up the opera, and I would hate for her to have to, but she is starting to rival the tubas with her snores. Any suggestions?

LA JOLLA MOZART FAN

Dear Mozart Fan,

You and Mom should attend matinees rather than evening performances. She will be more lively and bright-eyed earlier in the day, and you can have supper after the performances. Mom should probably also (if her doctor doesn't object) have an espresso about half an hour before you take your seats so she doesn't disturb other opera patrons by snorting and snuffling her way through *The Magic Flute*.

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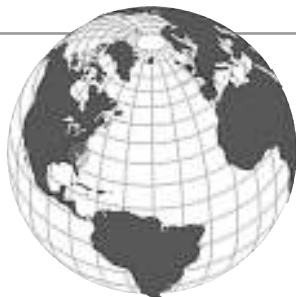
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I glance over at FYE, the music store, and see a bunch of teenagers walking through the aisles. The store has no walls, only windows, so I see everything. In the video section is a young couple browsing through the discs on display. He's tall and blond, she's short and brunette. They're holding hands. They look good together. He spies *Chappelle's Show: Season 2* on the shelf and pounces on it. He talks animatedly as he attempts to describe something (maybe a skit?) to her, all the while laughing. She's not amused and seems a little skeptical about his movie choice. He pleads, and I see her shake her head. I look away from the arguing couple and go back to the group of teenagers who have congregated in the music aisle. I count eight of them and notice that they're all pierced and draped in black from head to toe. The store clerks hover nearby, radios ready.

I see the couple (let's call them Tyler and Bethany) arguing in the movie section. They seem to have reached a stalemate. It appears as though Tyler is insistent upon getting *Chappelle's Show*, and Bethany, *Ocean's 12*. The four store clerks have not left the vicinity of the teenagers and either bla-

tantly stare or cast frequent suspicious glances their way. I look back to Tyler and Bethany and notice that they have caught on to this. Tyler whispers in Bethany's ear, and they both look around them quickly. I figure out what's going on and, delighted, turn my chair around and settle in to watch.

Tyler and Bethany seem to have a plan. They give each other a quick kiss on the lips and head off in different directions, each trying to appear breezy, indifferent. Tyler is standing in front of the family movies keeping an eye on the clerks across the room and then on Bethany. Bethany is standing in the back of the store with the *Chappelle's Show* DVD in her hand, examining it. Tyler sneezes, which I guess is the signal, because Bethany stuffs the movie into her bag.

Bethany saunters back to Tyler, answers his unspoken question with a quick nod, and latches on to his arm. On the other side of the room, the teenagers are starting to get restless, bored, and

a little tired of being scrutinized by the store clerks. The leader of the pack gives the word, and they head toward the exit. Tyler and Bethany are on their way out as well. Bethany looks worried, and I can see that she's starting to have second thoughts. She's dragging her feet and leaning on Tyler. As both parties reach the exit, the alarm goes crazy; everyone starts

ing to be heard. Eventually, calm is restored, and everybody is searched. The teenagers are released with apologies from the store clerks. The police, who had been called to the scene, arrest Bethany, and the DVD is returned. Tyler is nowhere to be found, and I see Bethany weeping and looking around for him as she's led to the cop car.

After the excitement dies down, I get up from my seat and leave the food court. On my way out, I spy Tyler sitting at one of the tables, devouring a plate of Chinese food as he talks on his cell phone. As I walk by him, I hear him recount the story — "Dude, I

bolted out of there as fast as I could. I was *not* trying to get arrested!" How noble. I drive home with a new appreciation for my fiancé and my ability to say "no" and mean it.

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screaming and chaos erupts.

The teenagers are pounced on, and the clerks yell into their radios. Everyone at the exit is stopped, including Tyler and Bethany, as mall security rushes in. Bethany is weeping, Tyler is yelling, the teenagers are cursing, and everyone's try-

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Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. on 1/21/06

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The victim was walking on the bike path, which runs along the bay. She entered a remote area of the bike path and was approached from behind by the suspect. The suspect attacked the victim and attempted to pull her off the bike path. The suspect's attack was violent and no weapon was displayed. The victim fought back and was able to bite the suspect. The suspect received a bite to one of his hands or fingers. The bite was significant and should be visible.

HOMICIDE

Location: [3500] 9th Street, San Marcos
Time/Date: 2:56 p.m. on 1/23/06

Investigation: Deputies were dispatched in response to the call of an assault with a deadly weapon. Once on scene, deputies were immediately directed to the victim, who was lying near the front door of that residence. Deputies and San Marcos firefighters administered first aid to the victim, while other deputies were directed to a house, where it was believed the suspect had fled. At 3:29 p.m. the victim, 41-year-old J. M., was pronounced dead at the scene. At 3:51 p.m., after surrounding the house where the suspect was believed to be, deputies, via a loudspeaker, ordered the suspect to come out. Within a minute the suspect exited the house and was taken into custody.

Early accounts of the incident indicate that the suspect, 32-year-old E.N., came out of his residence armed

with a knife and attacked his neighbor J.M. M. fled to his home, where he died. The motive for this crime is unknown at this time.

CHILD ABUSE

Location: [800] Normark Terrace, Vista
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. on 1/25/06

Summary: Deputies were dispatched to a 911 call to assist three children who suffered numerous injuries, reportedly at the hands of their mother. Deputies contacted the mother, 38-year-old L.B., at the residence. B. showed signs and symptoms of having consumed alcohol or drugs. B. was taken into custody at the scene without incident for felony child abuse for inflicting traumatic physical injuries to her three children. B.'s four-year-old daughter was transported to Children's Hospital by Mercy Air where she was attended to by emergency room doctors and admitted due to injuries to her face and head. B.'s two other daughters, ages 5 and 13, were transported by ambulance to Palomar Hospital for various injuries to their bodies.

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: 18500 Deerhorn Valley Road, Dulzura
Time/Date: 3:20 p.m. on 1/26/06

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DEATH INVESTIGATION

Location: Del Dios Highway at Rancho Drive, unincorporated Escondido
Time/Date: 10:18 p.m. on 1/25/06

Report: Fire units from Rancho Santa Fe responded to a report of a vehicle fire just off Del Dios Highway near Rancho Drive. Upon their arrival, fire personnel found a burning 1992 BMW sedan in flames with a victim sitting in the driver's seat. Fire personnel pulled the victim out of the burning vehicle and began resuscitation efforts. The victim, later identified as 35-year-old J.K., was transported by Mercy Air to the San Diego UCSD Burn Unit for treatment.... J.K. succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced [dead] at approximately 6:00 a.m.

JAMAICAN SWITCH

Location: 1055 Ballantyne Street, El Cajon
Time/Date: 11:00 a.m. on 1/23/06

Résumé of Incident: The victim and his wife were in the Food-4-Less parking lot when Suspect #1, who identified himself as an African immigrant, approached them stating he had obtained a \$100,000 cash settlement as a result of his brother's death in the 9-11 attacks. Suspect #1 asked for directions to a church to help him disburse a portion of his proceeds to charity, while simultaneously showing the victim a large amount of cash. While getting the directions, Suspect #1 asked the victim to help him, instead of the church. The victim agreed to assist and a short time later, Suspect #2, who posed as another person willing to help, contacted them. Suspect #1 asked the victim to show a sign of good faith by giving Suspect #1 several thousand dollars in cash to ensure the victim would properly disburse the proceeds. As they traveled to the victim's bank, Suspect #2 asked them to stop near a local bank, exiting the vehicle and returning a short time later. Suspect #2 gave Suspect #1 several thousand dollars in cash, making the victim believe this was a legitimate proposal. The victim provided Suspect #1 with the good faith money, and a short time later both Suspects used a ruse to separate themselves from the victim and flee.

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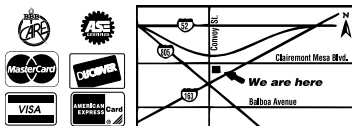
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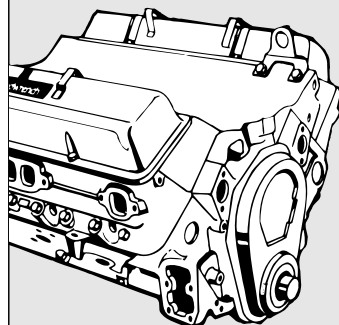
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AT NIGHT THE DOOR ON MY NEIGHBOR'S APARTMENT CLACKED OPEN AND SHUT. All night, the spring-loaded screen swung open — reeeeeeeek — and slammed back shut — *clack!* Marco, the landlord who spoke some English, said that the people in 14 were drug dealers, but he couldn't just throw them out.

"Tha's why de door open and shut during de night," he said and clapped his hands like a garden gate. His gray leather gloves had turned green on the palms and fingers. While I talked to him, he picked weeds from a concrete box of pitiful flowers and vegetables. "I can' do nut-ting," he said, panting and sweating.

Outside Marco's garden were the twisted graffiti streets of Barcelona. Five blocks from the tourist area were the schoolyards, yellow tile doorsteps, and the smell of piss that was bad in December and overbearing in July. Inside the gates, Marco owned the only five-foot-square patch of green vegetation from the dry canal to Las Ramblas.

During the day Marco picked his back yard clean and painted cracked patches on the walls until 3:00 in the afternoon, when he'd sit the seat of his brown polyester pants down on the blue steel chair in the courtyard and pour tall glasses of sangria from stout cardboard boxes. During "futbol" season, he'd look in through the brown screen covering his window and watch the game while he sat in the sun and swatted flies from his sweaty brow.

After work I caught him out there, numb and smiling. "Marco!" I yelled. "Number 14 keeps me up all night. I tell them to be quiet, but they ignore me. You gotta kick them out." Marco's padded brown fingers clutched a thick white cloth that he used to pat his forehead.

"I tell you secret," he said and waved me over to sit in the steel patio chair next to him. He poured sangria into his green plastic mug and slid it over the worn wood table top with chipping and peeling blue paint. I sipped at the dry crimson liquid from his cup and he leaned in close. His breath smelled of fruit and booze, and he said, "Da kid in 14," he looked to me for a sign of recognition. I raised a brow. "Hees father own dis place." Marco's hand waved to signify the complex, his garden, Marco's TV, the steel chairs, the cup, the sangria, and the world. "I take care of it," he rang out. "I work de garden, fix de broke sinks, and after," he said, pointing his finger up. "I sit here, watch futbol, and have a sangria. I don't want no trou-ble. And, that's how it is."

And that's how it was.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
SURVIVOR: PANAMA — EXILE ISLAND
CBS 8:00 P.M.
So the group has been split up into four tribes: young men, older men, young women, and older women. You'd think that the younger groups would have an advantage over the other groups until you

remember this is lame-ass *Survivor* and every week the immunity challenge is going to be something along the lines of "Name All the Symptoms of Menopause and Then Light a Fire."

KATHY GRIFFIN IS...NOT NICOLE KIDMAN
BRAVO 9:00 P.M.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
XX OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
NBC 8:00 P.M.
Sure, anyone can write their name in the snow, but the Olympic Rings? I know what I'm training for come Winter Games XXI.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
BIG DADDY (1999)
USA 5:00 P.M.
Adam Sandler's face makes my butt itch. It's like phantom-limb syndrome experienced by war veterans who've lost a leg.

THE GREEN MILE (1999)
ABC 8:00 P.M.
In this movie, Michael Clarke Duncan cures people of their ailments by sucking it out of them with his mouth. My question is, what if someone has mouth-herpes? If after locking lips and curing the patient of his cold sores, does Mike pull back to reveal an itchy bump on his own yap? Could he pull his lower lip over his top lip and cure himself?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION
ABC 7:00 P.M.
Ty Pennington is like Pee Wee Herman with a Skilsaw and a megaphone.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
40 MOST SHOCKING CELEBRITY MUGSHOTS
VH1 6:00 P.M.



From 40 Most Shocking Celebrity Mugshots

Who was honestly shocked by Gary Busey's bedraggled puss after he got picked up by the cops? About the only thing he could do to aston-ish me now is use "esoteric" correctly in a sentence.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
USA 8:00 P.M.
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Anthony Olivieri: Magician Slapper. Nice to meet you.

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The kind of hope I have to offer him is cynical.

By John Brizzolara

Tomorrow, Friday the 10th, would be my father's 87th birthday. He was born of poor but honest parents, as he always began any bio material for his job at ad agencies, insurance companies, or for new markets for his short fiction and nonfiction. The winter of 1919 was a lean and blustery one in the Windy City. That, I think, was how he described it. A Depression kid, he had a real thing about a refrigerator full of food. With a wife seriously overweight for decades and a family of eight children, this would be a trick for anyone. But coupled with the Depression monkey on his back, he would get "apoplectic" at anything less — his word, and when I found out what it meant, I remember thinking, "He's not apoplectic." When I encountered the words "phlegmatic" and "ironic" and happened upon the phrases "quiet desperation" and "keeps his own counsel," I adopted those when describing him.

He died of an enlarged heart, the same thing likely to take me out, on a fishing trip in September of 1968. He was 49. On my living room wall is an 8-by-10 black-and-white glossy of him in his corporal's uniform. He is seated behind a typewriter. Most pictures of him include the typewriter — and a pipe, though not in this photo. His smile is that of a matinee idol: a cross between Robert Taylor, Cary Grant, Gregory Peck, and JFK's Secretary of State, Robert McNamara. His photo on

the wall is between an illustration of Lamont Cranston, "the Shadow" (he would like that), and an illustration of the Grim Reaper (his weapons: coke spoons, hypodermic needles, and prescription pill jars). An artist I like who did the cover of one of my books also did the illustration. Dad introduced me to *The Shadow*, and, in a sense, the Reaper minus drug paraphernalia.

This photo is dated 1943, just before he was sent to Manila. He is pictured ensconced in some corrugated tin barracks, the editorial office for the base newspaper, *The Horned Toad*. Its nickname is sure to be imagined correctly. His column for the *Toad* was called "Brizz-Bangs" and so were his characteristic turns of phrase, usually malapropisms, zingers of some kind, or often some hilariously bombastic overstatement so grandiose he was frequently taken seriously for Swiftian proposals. One, for example, involved how to employ Japanese POWs small enough, you see, to clean and maintain those hard-to-reach parts in the fuselage or cowl of a B-25 (even bomb bay sections). Only a readership of teenaged, barely literate draftees could find these treatises either offensive or helpful.

Here's a birthday card note for you, Dad.

February 9, 2006

It's me, Dad, Hammschlager. When we next speak you must tell me why that name. I suppose it seemed adorable for some reason. You will have seen M.J. by now, or have visited (did you have to see her through Plexiglas and talk into a telephone?), and she would have told you I got out of BJ's land war in Asia, about the drinking, and about your grandson, my son.

I don't know what to do, Dad. I love him and for good reason. He's a good man though untested in a lot of traditional ways. He's kind and far too smart. You may know all this. We're still left guessing down here and, as you put it, since it's a bet situation, I'm trying to stay with the house odds.

I can't get around the idea that it's my entire fault, the divorce, the booze, and that I'm a bit too quick to blame M.J.'s screwy genes. All of that gets me only so far. I try to steer him toward the idea of a benevolent God with the kind of awful mercy that spared your son and my brother, Paul, from an alcoholic's terrible death by taking him out quickly with a virulent cancer. The kind of hope I have to offer him is cynical, but I wonder if it's really worse than offering him any at all.

I tell him I love him all the time, and I try to listen to him, his brilliant nonsense. His medications help keep him from screaming and babbling in the



The author (middle) with sister and father

shower or trying to take his own life. God help me, on some level I believe I've taken on the insufferable pride of believing I can cure him. I endure the unspoken jokes (by friends who are kind) about the blind leading the blind.

No one seems to know anything about this malady, and what they call schiz-affect is maddeningly incomprehensible to me. His first attempt at romantic love led to violence against him and the shutting down of his emotions. He was never very demonstrative in that way, but now he is in such full retreat that I am fighting this overwhelming compulsion to rail at God. The deity (who else? please) took this kid's affections and transmogrified them into the chilly ramblings of an obese social pariah who sooner believes in comic book magic than the true evidence of things not seen that you helped me to see, the way you did with algebra when I was flunking that too.

I'm asking for your help again. It's not that I'm praying to you, Dad. Just a birthday wish for you: a whole grandson with a whole soul. Anything, anything at all you could do....

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sador — George McGovern lectures and signs *Social Security and the Golden Age: An Essay on the New American Demographic*, Friday, February 10, 7 p.m., in Granzer Hall at Coronado Middle School (550 F Street). Free. 619-459-3247. (CORONADO)

Jazz at the Point, head to Point Loma Nazarene University for concerts on February 10 and 11. Neal Smith Quintet joins PLNU Jazz Band on Friday. \$15 general.

Saturday is Vocal Jazz Night, promising PLNU Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Syncopation jazz ensemble. \$10. Both concerts offered in Crill Hall at 7:30 p.m.; find campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert with Elivia Melodey (40 singing bowls), Native American flutes, didgeridoo, vocals, Saturday, February 11, 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)

"Jimi Hendrix of the Violin"? Seven-time all-Ireland fiddle champion Eileen Ivers is joined by Immigrant Souls and guest Burn-

han Oçal in concert at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), Saturday, February 11, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$38, \$46. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Eight Canadian Brothers and Sisters make up Leahy; the family takes stage to play Celtic-, country-, classical-, pop-influenced music, Saturday, February 11, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). \$37. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Contemporary Folk and Pop Artist Tom Chapin — whose "music spans styles and generations" — performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Jim Belushi and the Sacred Hearts take stage Saturday, Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Tickets begin at \$30. 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

Tenth Annual SuperBowl Blues Fest, Saturday, February 11, 8 p.m., at Humphrey's Concerts on the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Participants include Sue Palmer with Deeja Marie, Len Rainey, Lady Star, Danny Fatback Martinez, others. \$12. 224-3577. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Darwin's Birthday Concerts planned by Dr. Stephen Baird and the Opossums of Truth, Saturday, February 11, 7:30 p.m., in Liebow Auditorium at UCSD School of Medicine (Gilman Drive). \$20. (LA JOLLA)

Busy on Saturday? Band makes "the fight against ignorance more joyful" again on Sunday, February 12, 7 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). \$15 general. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Mid-East Fusion Music by Middle-East Ensemble and bellydancing, Saturday, February 11, 7 p.m., at Acoustic Expressions (2852 University Avenue). \$10. 619-280-9035. (NORTH PARK)

Scottish Acoustic Singer/Songwriter Dougie MacLean plans concert, Sunday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$15. 760-942-3950. (LA JOLLA)

"Shout and Be Joyful!" Spirituals and gospel songs promised when Christ United Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, First Presbyterian Westminster Choir, St. Stephen's Cathedral Church of God in Christ Sanctuary Choir, and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir perform Sunday, February 12, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). 619-232-7513. Offering. (DOWNTOWN)

The Gary LeFebvre Quartet performs at 1:30 p.m. for party hosted by Jazz Association of Greater San Diego (JAG), Sunday, February 12, at Handlery Hotel and Resort (950 Hotel Circle North). \$12. 619-561-1518. (MISSION VALLEY)

A "Persian Aural Feast" showcasing musicians from all over California presenting "many flavors of Persian music," Sunday, February 12, 8 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Musicians include Ashkan Ghafouri, Morteza Yadollahi, Kourosh Taghavi, Faramarz Amiri, many others. \$10. 858-270-7467 or 619-688-0688. (DOWNTOWN)

"Our Sisters' Voices..." A Collaborative Performance of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*, presented Sunday, February 12, at Eveoke Theatre (930 Tenth Avenue). Reception at 6 p.m., curtain up at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Sun and Moon Vision Productions' Women Peace Maker Documentary Project. Tickets: \$20, \$50. 760-822-3764. (DOWNTOWN)

"From My Heart to Your Heart," self-described musical medium Jenifer Whisper presents "songs and messages from the other side" on Sunday, February 12, 1:15 p.m., at First Spiritualist Church (3777 42nd Street). \$12 general. 858-874-8678. (NORTH PARK)

Singing for a Cause, series continues with Brian Benham,

Michael Yugo, Janice Watkins, and Heather Baker on Sunday, February 12, 4-7 p.m., at Metaphor Cafe (258 East Second Avenue). Tickets: \$3, benefiting music programs in Escondido Union School District. 760-747-1882. Group convenes each Sunday in February. (ESCONDIDO)

Jazz is performed by Rob Thorsen Quartet for mini-concert at noon on Monday, February 13, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Pro/Anti-Valentine's Day Poetry Slam, Monday, February 13, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups for poets at 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. Participate by slamming, judging, or vocal support. Donation for spectators. 619-239-3872. (EAST VILLAGE)

Poets "Old and New" beckoned to open-mike poetry night, Monday, February 13, 8 p.m., at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Heart On Valentine Show," Comedy Grill showcases Georgia Jean, Tim Begley, Jermaine Cunningham, Mario Lefiti, Chris Millhouse, musical guest Pavel "Bone" Sfera, Tuesday, February 14, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). For

those 18 and over. Cover: \$5. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

Thriller Author Robert Ferrigno signs, discusses *Prayers for the Assassin*, Thursday, February 16, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Something Strange Is Afoot — this vibraphone/bass/percussion trio performs Thursday, February 16, 12:30 p.m., during Concert Hour series in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Author Jan Rasmussen discusses, signs *Scared Poopless: The Straight Scoop on Dog Care*, Thursday, February 16, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Fingerstyle Guitarist (and ex-Wings guitarist) Laurence Juber performs Thursday, February 16, 9 p.m., at Lestat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). Cover: \$15. 619-282-0437. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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